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NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF LAW ALUMNI NEWSLETTER



July, 1998

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Alumni News Brief

School of Law Reunion

North Carolina Central University School of Law will host its first reunion scheduled for Friday, August 28 and Saturday, August 29, 1998. Several activities are planned, including a CLE, Alumni Mentoring Session, and a Durham Bulls game on Friday evening, followed by golf, tennis, children's activities and a picnic on Saturday morning and afternoon. The reunion will conclude with a reception and dinner on Saturday evening. All alumni, former and current faculty and staff are invited. We are very excited about the planning and feedback we have received from alumni thus far, and encourage everyone to attend.

Ernie Barnes Painting Dedicated

Artist Ernie Barnes, along with President of Tetragram, Ltd., Donna Arnold, presented one of Barnes' paintings, *The Advocate*, to the School of Law during the ninth annual James E. Shepard Society Banquet at the Radisson Governors Inn in Research Triangle Park, NC. Mrs. Arnold dedicated the painting to the school in memory of her late husband, movie and TV producer, Danny Arnold. Both were patrons of Barnes' work. Barnes is a native of Durham, NC and an NCCU alumnus. Articles about the dedication appeared in the News and Observer, and June 15, 1998 edition of *JET* Magazine.



Meet Your Association Leaders....

Tracy Hicks Barley, President

President, 1997-present; Secretary of Board 1995-1997; Board Member 1994. Winston Salem State University, B.A.; NCCU School of Law, J.D.

Former Director of Recruitment at NCCU School of Law. Currently, partner at Pillmon-Daye & Barley in Durham, N.C.; practices primarily Worker's Compensation, Employment Law and Juvenile Law.

Kären Fraiser Alston, Board Member

Hampton Institute, B.A. in Chemistry; NCCU School of Law, J.D.

Former Law Clerk to Justice Robert Orr of the North Carolina Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Currently, Associate with the Law Offices of James D. "Butch" Williams in Durham, N.C.; practicing primarily Immigration and Family Law.

Kathy Everett, Secretary

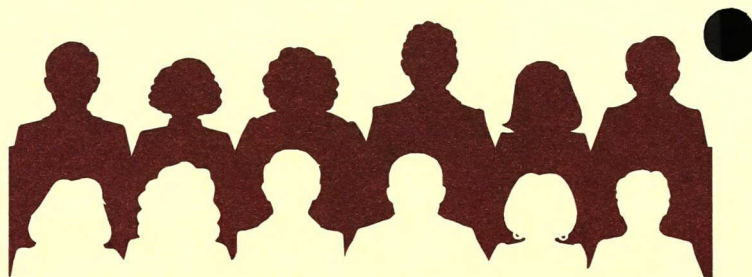
Board Member, 1996-97: N.C. A&T State University, B.S.; NCCU, M.S. and J.D. Admitted to the North Carolina and District of Columbia State Bars.

Currently, Associate at Roberti, Wittenberg, Holtkamp & Lauffer, P.A. in Durham, N.C.; practices in the areas of Social Security Disability and Worker's Compensation.

Charles K. Blackmon, Board Member, Chair of Revenue Committee

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, B.S.; NCCU School of Law, J.D. Admitted to North Carolina and Pennsylvania State Bars.

Former Associate at Dessen, Moses & Sheinoff in Philadelphia and currently a partner at Whitfield, Blackmon and Morse, L.L.P. in Greensboro. Practices primarily Personal Injury and Criminal Defense.



Interested in Serving?

The Alumni Association Committees want you! Please contact Alumni Association President Tracy Hicks Barley at (919) 956-9440 or any of the Committee Chairpersons listed below:

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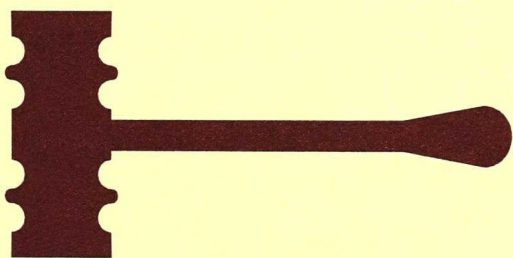
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CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Lenita Webb '97 and Sammy Webb '98 on the birth of their daughter, Juanita N'Jeri Webb born February 12, 1998.

Gwen Gardner Burston '87 and her husband William Burston on the birth of their daughter, Olivia Nicole Burston born February 13, 1998.

Myra Leake '97 and John "Randy" Griffin '98 on their engagement. A September '99 wedding is planned.

Vershenia Ballance '95 and Marvin Moody on their recent marriage April 11, 1998.

Alan McSurely '87, a ten year civil rights attorney, for winning two Supreme Court cases, and on the birth of his seventh child, Quinn Soleil Osment, born September 12, 1996.

Kyle Harrell '97 and Shirley Skyers '98 (December) on their recent marriage May 30, 1998.

Mark Clayborne '88 for being named National Big Brother of the Year, sponsored by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of America.

Peter F. Rogers, Esq. '76 on his election November 4, 1997 to a ten year term on the Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania. He is serving on the same court as the Honorable Rayford A. Means '79.

Belynda Hairston '96 and Michael White on their marriage February 14, 1998.

Toni Hale '98 and Milton Burgess on their engagement. A September 1998 wedding is planned.

Alison Newman '93 for inventing a new toy "Smooch the Pooch," which Mattel will begin selling in September, 1998.

WELL DONE!

Congratulations to the Recipients of the
1998 Alumni Bar Review Course
Scholarships

Stephanie Britt
Shelley Coelho
Erica Johnson
Rhonda Wallace

A special congratulations is extended to **Professor Grady Jessup** for accepting the position as the new Clinical Director for the School of Law, effective July 1, 1998. Also, many thanks to Professor Thomas M. Ringer for the outstanding job he has done as the Director of the Clinic for over fifteen years.

We wish both of them well.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION



Jamila N. Bennou '96 has recently accepted a position with Duke University School of Law in the Office of External Relations working with fundraising for the Capital Campaign. She is also doing some part-time private practice work with Simmons Law Firm in Raleigh.

Harold W. Cogdell, Jr. '96, formerly of the Mecklenburg County D.A.'s Office, has entered a solo practice, concentrating in state and federal criminal defense, and business and commercial litigation.

Tony Dessausure '96 is an Assistant Public Defender in Richland County, Columbia, SC.

Wray Harrison, '97 has entered into private practice, and is also teaching Business Law at Louisburg College in their weekend program.

Alison Newman '93 is a Senior Associate with the law firm of King, Kitrick, Jackson & Troncone in Brick, New Jersey.

Meredith A. Shuford '97 has become associated with the firm of Lewis & Shuford, P.A., practicing in the areas of criminal law, personal injury, family law and real estate.

Gerald Spruill, '96 has opened his own practice in Murfreesboro, NC, with an emphasis in criminal and traffic law.

Deborah A. Washington '97 is working for Legal Services in Jacksonville, Florida.

Charisse M. Higgins '97 is an Assistant District Attorney in Brooklyn, New York.

Dara M. Kendall '97 is a Patent Attorney with Proctor & Gamble.

Beverly Scarlett '93 has joined the Orange County District Attorney's Office.

Stephen A. Bibey '97 opened a solo practice in October, 1997 in Carthage, North Carolina, and will concentrate in the areas of criminal and juvenile law.

Gwen Gardner Burston '87 recently became the Director of Employee Services at UNC Chapel Hill, Department of Human Resources in November, 1997.

John W. Cox '97 has opened a private practice in Hickory, North Carolina.

Jason B. Crump '97 is associated with the Law Firm of Theaoseus T. Clayton, P.A. in Warrenton, NC.

Hellen P. Harlston '90 is now associated with the firm of Peter G. Angelos as a trial attorney in Asbestos litigation.

Steven B. Phillips '93 has become a Senior Patent Attorney with Northern Telecom in Research Triangle Park.

P. Angelicia Simmons '96 is employed with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice.

Travis H. Simpson '97 has entered into private practice in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Evadne Smith-Little '96 has become a partner with the law firm Crawford & Smith-Little in Hamlet, NC, and the firm recently celebrated the grand opening of its new office. **Derek Crawford** is a '91 graduate of the NCCU School of Law.

Tracey Cline '89, formerly associated with the firm of James Rogers, has returned to the District Attorney's Office in Durham, North Carolina.

Avery Lowrey '97 is an Assistant District Attorney in Bronx, New York.

Marcus L. Woodson '97 is in private practice.

Jamal Summey '97 is an Assistant District Attorney in Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Karen Pope '96 is working with the National Adoption Council in Washington, DC.

ANNUAL FUND CONTRIBUTORS

Many thanks to the following persons who have contributed to the Annual Fund Drive since the last edition of the Newsletter.

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Irma Clement '94

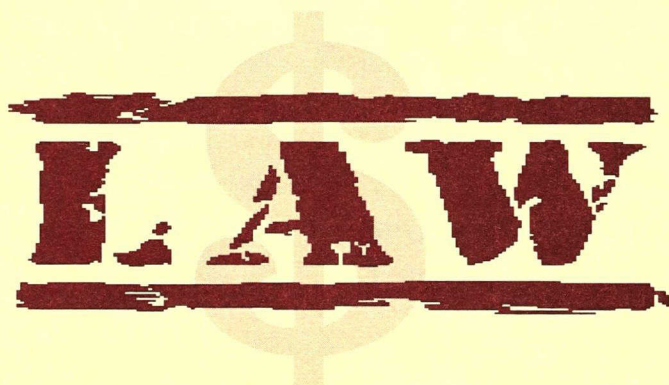
FRIEND'S CLUB

John Logsdon '95
Steven B. Phillips '93

DUES PAID MEMBERS

The Alumni Association wishes to recognize the following persons who have, since the last edition of the Newsletter, paid their 1998 Alumni dues.

Irma Clement '94
Maola Jones '87
Eleanor Kinnaird '92
John M. Logsdon '95
Steven B. Phillips '93



Congratulations also to the following persons whose names were not included in the previous listing as having passed a Bar Exam in 1997.

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|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Tango D. Barham | Jamila N. Bennou |
| Stephen A. Bibey | Everett K. Chandler |
| Charisse M. Higgins | Dara M. Kendall |
| Avery M. Lowery | Marcus L. Woodson |
| Therese Tomlinson-Smith | |

FEBRUARY 1998 BAR RESULTS

Congratulations to the following persons whose names we have received as successfully completing a Bar exam in February.

If we do not have your name listed, please complete the "News Form" and let us know so that we can include it in the next edition of the Newsletter.

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| Wendy Bartos | Joel C. Cunningham |
| Stellyne E. Curtis | Princess F. Henryhand |
| Dana Jones | Tanya Locklair |
| Karen Pope | Jamal Summey |

We would like to thank those Alumni who have made a contribution in support of the Trial Advocacy Board. These contributions will be used to help with the Board's expenses. To make further contributions, please contact Grady Jessup at (919) 560-5253.

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ALUMNI DUES DRIVE

Dues for the 1997-98 year are \$40.00 for persons who graduated in or after 1992 and \$50.00 for those persons who graduated in or before 1991. Dues are waived for members of the class of 1997 for the 1997-98 year. Become an active member of the Alumni Association by providing the following information and sending it with your check to:

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_____ I am a member of the class of 1997 so my dues are waived for this year.
(However, I would like to enclose my contribution to the annual fund)

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ANNUAL FUND DRIVE

_____ YES! Please count me in as a contributor to the 1997-98 Annual Fund Drive.
(Monies received from the Annual Alumni Association Fund Drive are used to fund scholarships, research assistants and other important projects.)

GIFT CATEGORIES

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| GOLDEN EAGLE | \$5,000.00 | SILVER EAGLE | \$2,500.00 |
| BRONZE EAGLE | \$1,000.00 | DEAN'S CLUB | \$ 500.00 |
| PATRON'S CLUB | \$ 250.00 | FRIEND'S CLUB | \$ 100.00 |
| | | GRADUATE'S CLUB | \$ 50.00 |

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- Cum Laude



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