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LAW WEEK '86 *SBA Welcomes Alumni!*

by **Karmen Johnson**

Greetings from the 1986 Law Week Committee. Law Day activities are in full swing. The hustle and bustle of planning and selling are coming to an end. Sports events such as basketball, raquetball, and tennis are well underway.

Class reunions are being celebrated by the 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 year classes. We expect a large turnout especially for the 10 year class of 1976. This class has organized a committee within itself and has been planning activities in conjunction with the Law Week Committee. Nine hundred invitations to alumni have been mailed and responses are coming in daily.

We anticipate a fun filled week of many activities which include the sports events, a reception, fashion show, talent show, the awards ceremony, party and of course the banquet. The annual Law Day party will be on Friday, March 21st at the Penrith Clubhouse. The Reception, Fashion Show and Banquet on Saturday, March 22nd, will be held at the Sheraton University Center. The Banquet activities are the only activities that cost money to attend but there will also be sweatshirts, tumblers, munchies, beer and wine for sale at the Talent show. The Talent show will be held Friday, March 21st on the law school grounds. Flyers giving the exact time and location of events will be available at the law school. Please come out, enjoy yourself and support a good cause. Profits from Law Week will go to the NCCU School of Law Scholarship Fund.

SEE YOU AT THE FESTIVITIES!

by **Brenda Baldwin**

On behalf of the Student Bar Association at North Carolina Central University, I would like to welcome all alumni and friends back to our law school for our 1986 Law Week Celebration. This year has been full of challenges and many accomplishments by the students.

The Student Bar Association started the year off with activities ranging from orientation, the Martin Luther King, Jr. program, to a speaker's forum featuring as guest speaker Orange County District Attorney, Carl Fox.

The students were involved in every aspect of law and were recognized on a National and Regional level for their participation and diligence. Our school was honored with two distinguished and prestigious awards this year. One was presented by the American Bar Association-Law Student Division. North Carolina Central was also chosen as the recipient of the National VITA Award for conducting the top VITA program in the nation. The school was also the winner of the National Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Competition-Region III Division and will therefore advance to the National Moot Court Competition to be held this August in New York City. During the competition, NCCU served as the host school and thirteen law schools competed. They were from North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia to name a few.

To be assured that these trophies will not go unnoticed, the Student Bar Association has purchased a trophy

case to be placed in the law school to display the new plaques and awards. This case will also include the plaques presented to the SBA from the law fraternities in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as a national holiday.

We the members of the Student Bar Association would like to express our congratulations for a job WELL DONE to the many students who have represented NCCU School of Law in various areas: I. National VITA Award-American Bar Association-Law Student Division: VITA School Coordinator 1984-85, Robin Miele, VITA Coordinator 1985-86, Susan McFadden; Fourth Circuit Regional Coordinator, Brenda Baldwin; Advisor, Jack Johnson.

II. National Appellate Advocacy Moot Court Competition: Elizabeth Stevens, Bill Wolack, and Allen Patterson; Quarter Finalist-Grovetta Nelson, Henry Frye, Jr. and Holly Brown; Advisor, Irving Joyner.

III. Martin Luther King, Jr. Awards and Presentations: Law Journal-Keith Tart, Editor; Moot Court-Grady Jessup, Chairperson; Black Law Students Association-Toni Monroe, President, Constance Walker, 4th Circuit BLSA Coordinator; Phi Delta Phi-Sue McFadden, Magister; Phi Alpha Delta-Nathan Curry, Justice; Delta Theta Phi-Gail Edwards, President.

Special thanks also to Dean Ringer, the law school administration, faculty

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and the students who served on the different faculty committees and especially to the Student Bar Association Executive Board.

Indeed this year, we the Student body have met our challenges and succeeded in many ways. We are very proud of the diligent work put forth by the members of the Law Journal Staff who printed two editions and published several articles this year, the Moot Court Board who hosted the ABA Competition, the student volunteers of VITA and the members of this years Law Week committees. In meeting these challenges, we the student body here at NCCU School of Law have shown that through unity and dedication we can conquer any obstacle that stands before us.

New Staff Member

For those who have noticed, NCCU School of Law has a new staff member. She is Michelle Davis and you can usually see her at the reception desk along with Ms. Totten. Michelle is a Tampa, Fla. native and has lived in Durham for 14 months. Before coming to Durham she worked as a legal secretary for Stull and Heidt law office in Tampa.

About being at Central Michelle says she really likes working here and being around the students because it motivates her to further pursue her own education. She feels that most of the students are very dedicated, progressive and will make good lawyers.

Michelle says she has been very warmly welcomed by the staff and administration. She says "Dean Ringer is especially nice and makes everyone feel as if they are someone important." About Central in general, she believes that there are many opportunities open to the students and especially minorities. Coming from Tampa has been an adjustment says Michelle but she is getting used to the slower pace of Durham.

On behalf of the student body, welcome Michelle!

Moot Court Wins!

The North Carolina Central University School of Law Moot Court Board won the National Appellate Advocacy Competition for Region III, held at the law school from Feb. 20-22, 1986. The winning team members are Elizabeth Stevens, Bill Wolack, and Allen Patterson. This team and the Board's advisor, Irving Joyner, will participate on the national level in New York City in August. The competition is sponsored by the American Bar Association and is hosted by various schools in each region.

Joining the team from NCCU will be the second place team from Washington College of Law, American University in Washington, D.C. Both teams were excellent advocates and should advance well in the nationals.

Although they did not qualify for the national competition, Grovetta Nelson, Henry Frye, Jr. and Holly Brown proved to be stiff competition for their opponents.

Other schools participating were: William and Mary, Marshall Wythe School of Law, Campbell University School of Law, Washington and Lee School of Law, West Virginia School of Law, University of South Carolina School of Law and Wake Forest School of Law.

3L's, only 34 more school days till graduation!



New Face in the Library

Since May 1985, Ms. Delores BoMarc has served as Acting Law Librarian for NCCU School of Law. Mrs. BoMarc is a native of upstate New York (Elmira). She has one daughter. She received her B.S. degree from Tennessee State University, her library degree (M.L.S.) from Vanderbilt University and her law degree (J.D.) from State University of New York at Buffalo.

Before obtaining her law degree, Ms. BoMarc had served as a public librarian for many years. She has also served in the U.S. Military as a librarian and has spent time in France, Germany, Korea and Japan.

For the past two years Ms. BoMarc was employed as Assistant Law Librarian at the University of Louisville (KY.) When asked how she saw NCCU after being at a much larger law school she replied "Central is much smaller, the student body is very diverse and the students have different questions concerning library materials." Overall she says her adjustment to NCCU has been a smooth one and the students are pretty nice.

This is Ms. BoMarc's first time in North Carolina and she says she really likes the weather. "After spending several winters in Buffalo, I love the weather here!"

Ms. BoMarc says the library will basically remain as before with the same set-up. Her staff will be offering formalized West Law training during the day and at night to any interested students. The law school has purchased three new West Law terminals in order to implement this training.

Other New Faculty

This school year has also seen the addition of several other new faculty members. Professors Wright-Hunt, Amana, Thigpen, Calmore and Johnson will be interviewed in the near future. Also with us this year is alumni Ms. Cappalletti.

by Stephen Kearney

Each year brings something different to North Carolina Central University School of Law. More often than not this takes the form of new students, new professors and in the case of the new Physical Education Complex, new buildings. Last fall the School of Law implemented a separate placement and recruitment office and a new director of that office, Alumnus Mr. Glenn Adams.

During an interview with Mr. Adams, he had this to say: "This office is basically a new creation. Acting Dean Ringer saw a need for a separate position of placement and recruitment because prior to this year the position was combined with many others handled by Dean Luney. After discussing the post with Dean Ringer, I decided to accept the job because I also felt there were problems in the placement area and I saw the position as a chance to give something back to NCCU."

Mr. Adams went on to discuss the responsibilities he undertook upon accepting the job as placement and recruitment director; "I see my responsibility as being two-fold, as a recruitment director, I am always looking for the best students to come to NCCU. There has however, been a decrease in the overall number of applications to the Law School. There are studies out now that there is an oversaturation of lawyers so more students are going into the technical fields. As placement director, I am seeking out employers. I believe the jobs are there and I am trying to locate them."

When asked about the job placement outlook for North Carolina, Mr. Adams said "the outlook is good, the jobs are out there, if you are willing to go to the right places. There is an oversaturation of lawyers in the triangle area and in the larger cities in North Carolina but if a person was willing to go east they could have a very successful law practice." Adams was quick to point out that his role is only part of the picture in getting a job. "I do not get you the job, I simply put you in contact with the employers. It is up to each individual to get the employer to hire them."

There exists the notion that NCCU graduates will have a tough time finding employment when they have to go up against graduates from the other four law schools in the state. Adams pointed out that things in that respect are changing. "The sentiment about NCCU is slowly changing. We have people in areas we have not had them in before and our graduates are doing very competent jobs. We are performing and the new sentiment is that employers lose nothing in hiring NCCU law graduates" says Adams.

Adams stresses that the summer of the second year is a very important time for law students because it is then that students should seek out internships. Most employers will hire from their summer internship programs.

Adams, a 1984 graduate of NCCU School of Law lives here in Durham and is licensed to practice in North Carolina. His wife, Lt. Gale Adams, is in the Navy JAG Corp. and is stationed in Norfolk, Va.

Adams urges all students to visit his office on the second floor of the law school concerning any questions or problems about jobs on internships and to especially watch the bulletin boards for job announcements.

Law Week Kickoff!

Law Week was kicked off with a speaker's forum held Thursday, March 20, 1986 in the Moot Court Room. There were two guest speakers.

Also on Thursday the sports event of the year got underway as the 1L and 2L's teamed up against the 3L's and faculty in basketball. The game raged on for about thirty minutes, both teams played defensively, the faculty looked exhausted and many shot were taken to the Hoop (and missed). It was a very exciting game. J.C. Cole coached the 1L-2L team. There was a large cheering section including faculty and students. The winning team was the 1L-2L's. This game was followed by the 1L v. 2L mens basketball game. They played a quite brutal game. The winning team was the 1L men.

This months 2L Spotlight is on Elizabeth Stevens. Elizabeth is a 1982 graduate of UNC where she majored in Political Science. Elizabeth's father worked for the department of defense and she was able to travel a great deal when she was younger. She has visited Bangkok and Thailand and says she is interested in International affairs. She chose to study law because she wanted to do something challenging. In undergrad she took courses in French and Russian and spoke both very fluently.

Elizabeth says she came to North Carolina Central on the advice of one of her undergraduate professors. Elizabeth is from Edenton, N.C. but had been living in Durham. The idea of remaining in Durham and the possibility of obtaining minority presence financial aid prompted her to apply to Central.

Since being here at Central, Elizabeth finds that there is a warm, cohesive attitude among the students and faculty. She especially likes people and feels that the faculty really cares about the school itself. She appreciates the small ratio of student-teacher, the easy one-on-one access and the open door policy of the professors. She firmly believes that the faculty is concerned about the students and what they do and are not just concerned with statistical averages.

The main thing that Elizabeth thinks the law school should improve upon is climate control! Since Elizabeth is especially interested in International law, she also feels that the school should have a selection of international law courses to choose from.

The advice that Elizabeth would like to give to those seeking a legal career is: "You have to do it because YOU want to do it, not because someone else wants you to. You have to make that extra effort to be good for YOURSELF, only then can you succeed."

by T. Monroe

The 1986 Vita Program has begun. The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program is a non-profit assistance program for those persons who are low income (you students can come), handicapped or senior citizens. This year's supervisor here at Central is 3L Sue McFadden. The program operates every Saturday from 10:30 am until 4:30 pm in the law school basement.

The program is strictly volunteer so any student having an interest in assisting with income taxes can contact Sue McFadden or any of the supervisors. This year's supervisors are Debbie Willis, Toni Monroe, Greg Hughes and Jane Carter. Volunteers are Regina Newell, Michael King, Anita Quigless, Michael Hockaday, Anita Earp, Alan Bedford, Thomas Bell, Janice Joyner, and Kendall Page.

Editorial

This editorial is geared as being a mass appeal to those students who fail to become involved in school activities for the following reasons: too tired, too busy, too lazy, not interested, and whatever other excuses you can develop. The time is now for you to become interested and to become involved in your school! Granted, law school is demanding, it is frustrating and should be your main priority at this time but it is also important that you become aware of what goes on and around your school. Whether you join a fraternity, work on the SBA committees, on the school newsletter or simply volunteer with VITA, get involved. There are many worthwhile causes that law students can pursue and make significant contributions to. There are many volunteer organizations that can use a willing body. Life is more than a paycheck. Volunteering and getting involved go hand in hand with serving the public. You chose a career in law for the purpose of better serving the public in a legal capacity. Your service will not be very efficient if you are not aware of what is going on around you to become aware, you must become involved. As a law student I truly know that time restraints are severely limited, but I simply suggest: while you are here get involved!

by T. Monroe

The 3L Spotlight this month is on LaJuene McMillan. LaJuene is from Memphis, Tenn. and attended Lane College where she earned her B.S. in Sociology with a minor in Business. LaJuene says she came to law school because she was concerned with learning as much as she could possibly learn about the laws that govern our lives from day to day and because she wanted to be in a position to help people.

Before coming to law school LaJuene worked as a tour guide at Graceland Enterprises, Inc. in Memphis, Tenn., the home of the late Elvis Presley. As a tour guide she had to learn all about the eight rooms that she was responsible for showing to the public. The house has twenty-one rooms in all. She also had to know all about Elvis's life up until the time of his death. LaJuene says she worked as a tour guide because she basically needed a job and because she had inside connections with Graceland Enterprises, Inc. LaJuene recalls that she really enjoyed working at Graceland because she had the opportunity to meet people from all over the world. She met people from Germany, Australia, England, Belgium, France and Sweden. She also met many famous people such as Al Jarreau, the Stray Cats, Rick Springfield and many soap opera stars.

What LaJuene finds most rewarding about law school is that it has altered her entire way of thinking. It has been very beneficial to her in that she no longer addresses extraneous issues, she goes straight to the point. Law school has also disciplined her a great deal which has helped her to mature mentally.

LaJuene says she came to North Carolina Central to pursue law at the advice of a friend who graduated two years ago. Her main concerns at this time are graduating, passing the bar and finding a judicial clerkship. Her main interest in law is in the criminal area. This past summer LaJuene worked for a private firm in Tenn. and says she gained valuable experience in civil law. After graduation, LaJuene would like to return to Tenn. to practice law but does not rule out Ohio, Georgia or Mississippi. She does not, however, have any desire to practice in North Carolina.

LaJuene has these words of advice for anyone wanting to become a lawyer: "Consider yourself disciplined and dedicated, because law is a jealous mistress. Have a desire to really learn the law." LaJuene recommends North Carolina Central for a good legal education. "Once you get past that first year... you have a good chance to make it."

Phi Delta Phi

Congratulations to the new inductees of Phi Delta Phi. Last semester approximately thirty new members were inducted. The officers for the 1985-86 year are: Magister-Sue McFadden, Vice-Magister-Greg Hughes, Exchequer-Jane Carter, Clerk-Holly Brown, Historian-Michael Duane.

Delta Theta Phi

Congratulations also to the latest members of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity: Valarie Macklin and Carolyn Ogarro-Moore.

The members of Delta Theta Phi would also like to thank everyone who helped make the Valentine's Day Candy-Gram sale a big success!

Phi Alpha Delta

A late congratulations to the latest members of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity who were inducted last semester. Those members are: 1L's Robert Bembry, III, Ivory Carr, Mark Clayborne, Vashti Davis, Stacy Harrison, James Rogers, Renee Scott; 2L's Sega Howell, Arnita Porter, Sondra Foy; and 3L LaJuene McMillan.