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PLEASE TYPE ALL WEEKLY NEWS ITEMS AND SUBMIT BY 12:00 NOON FRIDAY AFTERNOON BEFORE MONDAY AFTERNOON PRESS TIME.

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ELECTION RESULTS 2001 - 2002 ACADEMIC YEAR

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President: Keisha Wright
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Class of 2003

President: Hugh Harris
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SBA Rep: Melody Cunningham

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President: Dorothy Hairston
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Secretary: Carrie Clodfelter
Treasurer: Tabbie Phillips
SBA Rep: Al Quinlan
SBA Rep: Savannah Bowie
TRIAL ADVOCACY
MARY WRIGHT
FINALISTS

1st Place: Lisa Johnson-Tonkins
2nd Place: Matt Hill
3rd Place: Meeka Singletary
4th Place: Candace Allred

WILLIE GARY
COMPETITION
FINALISTS

1st Place: Michael Phillips
2nd Place: Gerald Walden
3rd Place: Angela Seabrooks

CONGRATULATIONS
TO ALL OF THE
FINALISTS!

YOU ALL DID AN
EXCELLENT JOB!!

OFFICE OF
RECRUITMENT
NEWS

On Monday, April 2nd, the School of Law hosted its Spring Open House for the Day Program for prospective legal eagles. Thirty-seven visitors participated in this event and learned a lot about the admissions process and our day and joint degree programs. Several visitors who were undecided about applying to our law school when they arrived had decided to apply by the time the event ended.

Thank you to all who helped make this event such a success. Special thanks go to the student tour guides and the excellent student panelists who lead a discussion on “Balancing Law School with Other Obligations.”

Faculty and Staff:

Dean Janice Mills
Assistant Dean Douglas Jackie Faucett, Admissions Coordinator
Renee Hill, Associate Dean Nichelle Perry, Director of Academic Support
Lisa Morgan, Director of Career Placement
Dr. Mary Phillips, Associate Dean, School of Business
Lionel Parker, Associate Dean, School of Library Science

Tour Guides:
Robin Knight
Valerie Fearnsttington
Dorothy Hairston
Angela Graham-McGyver
Tia Boss

Panelists:
Steven Motta
Angela Graham-Mcgyver
Vaughn Monroe
Jamal Reinhardt
Scott Ussery

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Annette Treece
Valerie Fearnsttington
Jamal Reinhardt

Office of Recruitment

The Open House for the Evening Program will be held on April 25th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the Moot Courtroom. Please pass this information to your friends, family and colleagues. We are relying on you to send us some great future NCCU School of Law students.

Office of Recruitment

PROSPECTIVE TUTORS

Students who are interested in tutoring should complete an application and turn it in by the end of the week. Those students who turned in tutor applications should sign up for an interview with Attorney Perry. A sign up sheet is posted on her door. If you have any questions, please stop by or e-mail nperry@wpo.nccu.edu.
The following students should see Lydia Lavelle in Room 201-C as soon as possible:
CAMILLE BANKS
JACQUELINE DISANTIS
CHRISTOPHER TRUMP

DURHAM LAW CAMP

Students! Are you interested in helping Attorneys Nichelle Perry and Lydia Lavelle coordinate their annual Durham Law Camp? The camp is for students grade 7-12 and will be held at the NCCU School of Law June 25th - 29th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. Students selected will receive compensation. If interested, please see Nichelle Perry in Room 216, or Lydia Lavelle in Room 201-C.

LAW WEEK

The Law Week Committee would like to thank all of the students, faculty, staff, and alumni who helped make Law Week 2001 a huge success!

Once Again, THANK YOU!

Keisha L. Wright
Law Week 2001 Coordinator

BAR REVIEW SCHOLARSHIP

Interested in receiving a $1,000.00 scholarship to assist with the cost of taking the Bar this summer? Apply for a North Carolina Central University School of Law Alumni Association Bar Review Scholarship. The Alumni Association is offering bar review scholarships to qualifying third year students. Applicants are selected based on financial need and their statement of intention. The Statement of Intention should answer the following questions: Why you want to obtain a license to practice law? What are your short and long term career plans? How do you feel North Carolina Central University School of Law has prepared you for the practice of law? Applications are available from Lydia Lavelle in Room 201-C. Completed applications should be returned to Lydia Lavelle by April 20th.

REGISTRATION

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CHANGE:

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The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina is accepting applications for paid internships in the Clerk’s Office in Raleigh. Interns will assist the Clerk and Deputy Clerks in a variety of projects including upgrading of automation systems, records management and other tasks related to the operation of the Court. The internships shall be for a minimum of one month and a maximum of two months between the months of May and August. If you are interested in applying with the Clerk’s Office, mail or fax a cover letter and resume to the following address: Mr. David W. Daniel; Clerk, U.S. District Court; P.O. Box 25670; Raleigh, NC 27611; ATTN: Intern Program. Fax: 919-856-4251.

Do you need help paying back your student loans? Denise Long, Executive Director of the North Carolina Legal Education Assistance Foundation (NCLEAF), will visit our campus on Thursday, April 19, to discuss their loan forgiveness program. NCLEAF was formed in 1989 as the nation’s first statewide loan repayment assistance program for attorneys working in public service careers. Since the first funding cycle in 1991, NCLEAF has provided over $626,000 in loan repayment assistance to 109 public service attorneys. Ms. Long will be set up at a table just outside the lobby from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please come and meet Ms. Long and find out whether you are eligible for loan repayment assistance.

The law firm of Burns, Doane, Swecker & Mathis, Research Triangle Park, seeks to hire an evening student for a full-time year-round position as a patent law clerk. Students with an engineering background are preferred. The deadline for interested evening students to submit a resume to Attorney Morgan or Dean Meddock is Thursday, April 12th.

The Miami-Dade County State Attorney’s Office is accepting resumes from students graduating this May for employment as Assistant State Attorneys beginning August 2001. Applicants must have completed a “School Practice Program” and sit for the July 2001 Florida Bar Examination, which will allow you to qualify for post-graduation certification in accordance with Florida Bar Rule 11. (Florida Bar Rule 11 states that “A law school practice program is a credit bearing clinical program coordinated by a law school in which students directly provide representation to clients in litigation [in any court or administrative tribunal] under the supervision of a lawyer or in which students appeared on behalf of certain government agencies in criminal or civil matters.”) With this certification, graduates are permitted to appear in court prior to bar admission. The certification is valid for one year from the date of graduation from law school. This will enable anyone needing to retake the Florida Bar exam in February of 2002 to continue their employment with the State Attorney’s Office until their certification expires. Starting annual salary is $29,000 with excellent benefits. Interested students should sign-up and submit a resume and Dade County Attorney questionnaire (available in the Career Services Office) to the Career Services by April 10, 2001. A representative of the State Attorney’s office will conduct interviews on campus, depending upon the number of interested applicants.

N.C. State University’s Office of Legal Affairs is currently looking to employ a Law Clerk/Legal Research Assistant with at least two years of law school experience. The person must have excellent legal research, writing and computer skills (proficient with the internet and legal resource software) and be interested in higher education legal issues. The position will earn $13 per hour and the hours are negotiable but a minimum of 10 hours per week is required. The primary assignment will be to research and draft short explanations of higher education topics. Interested students should send a cover letter, resume, one writing sample, college and law school transcripts, and one reference to Mary Elizabeth Kurz, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, North Carolina State University, Office of Legal Affairs, Campus Box 7008, Raleigh, NC 27695-7008.

The Law Office of Roberta Edwards, Greenville, NC, seeks to hire a law clerk for the summer. Interested first, second and third year evening students should submit a resume and cover letter to Attorney Brian Ricci, P.O. Box 326, Greenville, NC 27835 or you may fax your information to him at 252-752-1016. The firm practices primarily in the areas of plaintiff-side workers’ compensation, personal injury and social security disability. The compensation for this position is $400 per week, DOE. The deadline to submit your resume and cover letter is April 10, 2001.
Vandeventer Black, LLP, a fifty lawyer Virginia and North Carolina AV-rated firm has an opening for an associate attorney for their new Raleigh office. The seek to hire an associate to work in the area of general commercial law. The firm offers an excellent benefits package including a 401k plan and competitive salary. Interested parties should forward a resume including references, transcript and writing sample to R. John Barrett, Esq. at Vandeventer Black, LLP, 500 World Trade Center, Norfolk VA 23510 or fax to 757-446-8670.

The Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina, Inc., seeks applicants for the position of staff attorney. Staff attorneys have the opportunity to do aggressive advocacy on behalf of low-income people. Each staff attorney handles a general caseload consisting primarily of employment, public housing, private landlord/tenant and consumer cases. Desired qualifications include experience in practicing law, experience in poverty law, a demonstrated commitment to working with low-income people and willingness to work collegially, sharing questions and litigation strategies. An applicant must be licensed to practice in North Carolina or registered for the July 2001 North Carolina Bar Examination. Salary and benefits $28,000, depending on experience. Review of applications will begin on April 9, 2001. To apply, send a letter explaining why you want to work in a legal services office, your resume, a writing sample and a list of at least three persons qualified to comment on your professional ability to: Jean L. Witherspoon, Office manager; The Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina, Inc.; 216 West Fourth Street, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

The Center for Death Penalty Litigation, Inc. is seeking students to research case-specific information on the 214 men and women on North Carolina’s death row. Students will review case files at their offices in Durham and at other attorneys’ offices in North Carolina. Information sought includes dates of motions and hearings, issues argued at trial and on appeal, and identifying the various defense attorneys, prosecutors and judges at different stages. Training will be provided. Students will be compensated at an hourly rate (to be determined) and for any relevant expenses. For more information, please contact: Anne Bleyman at 919-956-9545 or by email at anne@cdpl.org.

DuPont has sponsored a legal minority Job Fair for law students for the past eight years as part of an effort to recruit talented students, with an interest in increasing the number of lawyers of color represented in their law firms and primary legal services companies. NCCU School of Law has been selected as a participating school. You are urged to consider applying for an invitation to one of the minority job fairs. An email with additional information on this job fair has been forwarded to you.

The Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations, Aiken, SC, is seeking applications for a law clerk. Applicants must graduate from a law school accredited by the ABA not later than June 30, 2001. Admission to the bar is not required for the law clerk position, however, upon admission to the bar of any state, the individual will be promoted to a GS-11 attorney position with promotion potential to a GS-14. The employee would work in a wide range of legal fields, including, but not limited to: environmental law, contracts, administrative law, EEO and federal personnel law. Information on the Department of Energy is available at http://www.energy.gov and at http://www.sro.gov. The applications/resumes must be postmarked no later than April 11, 2001. For more information, visit their website or see the full announcement on file in the Career Services Office.

The Office of the District Attorney in Rockingham County, NC seeks to hire an assistant district attorney. The person selected for this position will prosecute criminal cases in administrative, juvenile, district and superior courts, and should expect extensive jury trial work. This is a multi-task oriented position. Applicant must have excellent communication skills and enjoy dealing with all types of people. Public relations skills helpful. Community involvement is necessary. Applicants licensed in North Carolina are preferred, but applications from those sitting to take the July North Carolina Bar Examination will be accepted. Salary DOE. All state benefits. Send resume to District Attorney B.J. Foster, P.O. Box 35, Wentworth, NC 27375. NO PHONE CALLS. Closing date is May 4, 2001.

A small downtown Raleigh law firm is looking for a current second year law student for immediate part-time and summer work in the field of family law. Please send...
a resume and hourly rate to: Marshall Dubree & Taylor; P.O. Box 564; Raleigh, NC 27602.

*Attorney E. Yvonne Pugh, Raleigh, is accepting resumes from second year students for a summer intern position. Interested students should send a resume and cover letter to Attorney Pugh at P.O. Box 28630; Raleigh, NC 27611 or you may email her at yvonne@evpughlaw.com.

Get Prepped seeks to hire a part-time LSAT teacher for a 12 month contract. Seeking law students or recent graduates to teach LSAT preparation classes. Classes are conducted for weekends per year. The next class is June 2 - 3, 2001. Each of the four weekend classes requires a full Saturday and Sunday of teaching and approximately 8 - 14 hours in advance of marketing, administration and class prep. Apart from classes, the hours are flexible. Compensation is $16.55 - 33.79 per hour. For more information and application, read the full job description at www.GetPrepped.com/job.html.

Legal Services of the Coastal Plains, Ahoskie, NC, is an organization that provides free civil legal assistance to low-income persons in Bertie, Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton, Pasquotank and Perquimans counties. They seek to hire a full-time staff attorney. Responsibilities include interviewing and providing legal representation and advice to low-income clients; handling cases in various areas of law, including family, employment, housing, consumer, public benefits and other areas of LSCP’s practice; representing LSCP’s clients in judicial and administrative hearings; providing outreach and legal education; and other responsibilities that may be assigned. Interested 3Ls should send a resume, writing sample and names of three references to: Search Committee, Legal Services of the Coastal Plains, P.O. Box 564, Ahoskie, NC 27910.

The Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. (NRDC), a leading nonprofit environmental group with over 400,000 members, seeks a recent law or masters graduate to be the first Josephine Merck Environmental policy Fellow in NRDC’s New York office. This two year position is available starting August 1, 2001. The new Fellow will join a staff of more than 180, which includes lawyers, scientists, and policy analysts who work to protect public health and the environment through advocacy and education. The Fellow will work on issues related to urban areas and climate change. There will also be extensive opportunities to learn about all NRDC program areas including Water & Coastal, Urban, Land, Air & Energy, International, Nuclear, and Health and the Environment. Relevant experience in public policy and/or environmental protection and a demonstrated commitment to nonprofit work is a plus. Applicants should send a letter, resume, writing sample, list of references, and salary requirements to the following address by May 1, 2001: Josephine Merck Fellowship, Natural Resources Defense Council, 40 West 20th Street, New York, NY 10011 or by email to fellowships@nrdc.org. Please do not contact NRDC about the position by phone or fax. For further information, please visit their website at www.nrdc.org.

The Honorable Howard T. Snyder, United States Magistrate Judge for the U.S. District Court - Middle District of Florida, seeks to hire a judicial clerk for a two year term available May 2002. To qualify for the position, one must be a law school graduate at the time of appointment with academic standing with the upper third of the class, possess excellent research, writing and communication skills, possess good character, maturity, and willingness to work long hours. Experience on the editorial board of law review, moot court, and/or publication of noteworthy article is preferred. Bar membership is also preferred, but not required for appointment. Applicants should submit a cover letter, current resume with class ranking, honors, transcripts, and writing samples to the Honorable Howard T. Snyder, US Magistrate Judge, Attn. Federal Clerkship, P.O. Box 649, Jacksonville, Florida 32201. All resumes must be received by 5:00 p.m., Friday, April 27, 2001. No facsimiles will be accepted.