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Wanted: Students for Leadership Positions!

As the first two weeks of the 2002 fall semester come to a close, Student Bar Association officials are disseminating information to 1L and 3L students about upcoming elections.

At a 1L informational meeting on August 30, SBA President Melaniece Bardley explained the procedure for running for class offices to the 1Ls. Bardley also talked with the 3L class about the need to fill four positions not filled in last spring's election.

Citing the bylaws, she explained that any person interested in running for office needs to have a nomination petition signed by 20% of the voting population. Therefore, candidates running for 1L class office positions—President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and SBA Representatives (2)—need to have 26 signatures. Candidates running for 3L office positions—Secretary, Treasurer and SBA Representatives (2)—need to have 14 signatures. Nomination petitions are available from Bardley or from Dean Lavelle in Room 201-C. Bardley and 3L Vice President Melody Cunningham serve on the Elections Committee.

Key dates regarding the election process:
- Campaigning begins Tues., Sept. 3.
- Election speeches are scheduled for the Moot Courtroom on Thurs., Sept. 5 at 2:15pm for 1Ls and 2:45pm for 3Ls. Voting will take place on Monday, Sept. 9 from 12-1pm and 2-3pm in the back foyer.

What is Phi Delta Phi? ...

Phi Delta Phi is a national legal fraternity formed for the purpose of promoting "a higher standard of professionalism, ethics and culture" in law schools.

NCCU School of Law has a Phi Delta Phi chapter, the "Turner Inn" which was formed in 1978. The Inn has been inactive in recent years but Province President (and NCCU Law Professor) Victoria Carter '97 would like to speak to students about making the fraternity active again. See her at the Organization Fair on Weds., Sept. 4!
ELECTION MONITORS NEEDED!
The North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers seeks volunteers to assist in monitoring the 2002 N.C. primary elections and providing info to voters. Commit two hours on Sept. 10 to help this cause! For more info, contact Professor Joyner in Room 124, by phone at 560-6293, or by e-mail at ijoyner@wpo.nccu.edu.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT! ...

Renee Franklin Hill was born in Saint Louis, Missouri and raised in Detroit, Michigan. She received her B.S. in Psychology from Brown University in 1979 and her J.D. from Harvard University in 1982.

Prior to joining the NCCU family, Dean Hill practiced law in several law firms located in California and Washington, D.C. She also served as an Assistant Bar Counsel in Washington, D.C. where she prosecuted lawyers for ethical violations. She has taught a number of courses in the curriculum including Torts, Professional Responsibility, Business Associations, Administrative Law and Remedies.

She is very active in the Law School and University community and has served as Assistant Dean for Students, Assistant Dean for Development, Chair of the Faculty Grievance Committee and many activities too numerous to mention. She has been project investigator for several grants including a grant that supports adolescent parents attending the undergraduate program and a grant that supports the Juvenile Law Clinic.

She has served on a number of community boards including the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina, the Common Sense Foundation and Planned Parenthood for Orange and Durham counties. She is a member of the State Bar’s Ethics Committee. She is licensed to practice law in California, Washington, D.C. and North Carolina.

Dean Hill enjoys hiking and camping and has pitched her tent across the country in such states as Arizona and Maine.

Dean Hill is a “people person” and enjoys meeting students through the school’s open door policy. She may be contacted by phone at 919-530-6171.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION NEWS:

STUDENTS:
Please check your mailbox for Law Journal Acceptance letters this week with our first organizational meeting scheduled for Monday, Sept. 9th at 6:00pm the Law Journal Office. This meeting is mandatory to attend!

Thanks, Andrew Cookson

WOMEN’S CAUCUS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:
Any students interested in joining the Women’s Caucus should attend an organizational meeting on Weds., Sept. 4, at 4:00pm in the Moot Courtroom. We are excited about revitalizing this important group! For more information, see 3L Meeka Singletary.

2L CLASS:
Please turn in your surveys to a Class Officer on Tues., Sept. 3 or Weds., Sept. 4.