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Dear Fellow Eagle,

My name is Tomeika Bowden and I am a proud member of the class of 2000, and also serve as Chairperson of the Public Awareness Committee. It is the committee's mission to keep the alumni community involved and informed about NCCU. We have revised the e-newsletter to effectively serve our purpose of keeping our alumni constituents enlightened about this institution.

Quick Links

- Athletics Website
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National Alumni Officers

Officers 2006-08	
Richard Smith	President
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This is my first official communication to you after attending the National Alumni Associations' council meeting last month. If you have never been to a council or annual meeting you should definitely plan to attend. It is one day that alumni agree to disagree and conduct University business --and it's all for the love of dear ole' NCCU!

Chancellor Nelms addressed the alumni body prior to lunch and his message left the word 'strategic' resounding in my head. Fellow eagles we need to get on board, do our part, and follow our Chancellor's vision.

This alumni e-newsletter is a communication vehicle to help keep you informed, involved, and invigorated about NCCU! Please share your ideas, thoughts, and suggestions for improvement. The alumni communication can only become better if you do your part and get involved.

In Truth and Service,

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Joan Vann-Johnson	Secretary
Warren Leggett	Treasurer
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National News

January Council Meeting Recap

On January 19th the National Alumni Officers and chapter representatives met to discuss University matters. Here are the highlights:

President Smith met with the Board of Trustees where he highlighted three core program areas for the National Alumni. The three areas are membership, fundraising and student recruitment.

Retention is a high priority for the institution. Approxiametly 497 students were suspended at the start of the semester. It is imperative we recruit more committed students.

A 100th Anniversary committee has been formed. They are located in the Lee Biology building. The committee has been charged with planning activities starting in July 1, 2009-July 1, 2010.

The membership campaign has launched a national membership drive. The money raised will focus on aiding the athletics department.

The fundraising committee will focus on two initiatives: launching a NCCU Alumni Product line and conducting the annual raffle. The deadline for the spring raffle will be on April 26, 2008, and each ticket will cost \$30.

The Memorials and Awards Committee will launched its annual alumni contest.

This year is election year for the National Alumni. The nomination committee will mail ballots to all financial members in April, and new officers will be installed on May 10th.

The Public Awareness and Technology committee will host a teleconference in March with all chapter representatives.



University News

Chancellor Nelms Inauguration

On February 22nd at 10am in McDougald-McLendon Gymnasium, Dr. Charlie Nelms will officially be installed as the tenth chancellor of NCCU. Dr. Nelms is committed to student success, as NCCU is the fastest-growing campus, and currently enrolls more than 8,500 students.

Installation festivities kick-off on Tuesday, February 19th and continue until February 22nd. Click on the link for details. <http://web.nccu.edu/law/news/InstallationActivities.pdf>

Faculty Member Spotlight

Kyle Serba, Associate Athletics Director for Media Relations



Do you get the play-by-play sports updates via email or text? Did you listen to the NCCU vs. Utah game via the internet on January 22nd? What did you think of the photos showing the majestic view of the Utah Valley? If you seen, read, or heard about it....Kyle is the person to thank.

As Associate Athletics Director for Media Relations, Kyle is responsible for coordinating the media relations, advertising and promotions efforts for the entire athletics department. He is a native of Clifton Park, New York, and was named Director of Sports Information at NCCU in August 1994. Serba was inducted into the NCCU Alex M. Rivera Athletic Hall of Fame for his service to the NCCU athletics department in 2006.

Kyle graduated from Utica College of Syracuse University in 1991 with a bachelor's degree in Public Relations and Journalism, along with a minor in Speech Communications. As an undergraduate, he worked as the sports editor of the student newspaper and as a sports broadcaster for the student radio station. Serba was also a four-year starter on the Utica College Pioneer baseball team, and was named team captain and second-team All-New York State his senior season at shortstop. His contributions to the Utica College campus were rewarded with the 1991 Dean's Student Life Award.

After graduation, Serba became a freelance public relations assistant for the New York State Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and Institute for Non-Violence, producing their monthly newsletter and

organizing an awards banquet for the NFL's Buffalo Bills. During that time, he also wrote feature articles for the Capital District Business Review, a weekly business newspaper in Albany, N.Y. Serba and his wife, Dea, are the proud parents of three children: Solomon, Sofia and Stella.

Thank you Kyle for your relentless efforts to keep the Eagle Community excited and involved in NCCU Athletics!

Chapter of the Month

Next Month...NC's Sampson County Chapter

Is your chapter doing great things for the University and the local community? If so, the alumni community should know. Please email news@nccualumni.org for more information about how to feature your chapter.

Alumni Poll

Speak your mind.

Across America there seems to be a surge, with record breaking turnout, of people running to the polls to exercise their right to vote. Do you think the National Alumni Association has the ability to cause a surge amongst the unfinancial and inactive graduates? If yes, how?

Sound off by sending comments to news@nccualumni.org. Comments will appear in the March newsletter.

Calendar of Events

Chapter Events

Raleigh-Wake, NC: NCCU vs. Winston-Salem Pre-game Event March 15, 2008 11:30-1pm
Holiday Inn Brownstone Hotel, Raleigh. The cost is \$20 per person. We only have fifty (50) seats

available. Please RSVP to kendiggin@yahoo.com or call 919-773-4483. Make check payable to: NCCU-Raleigh Wake Chapter and mail to P.O. Box 1331, Raleigh, NC 27602. Checks must be received by March 7, 2008.

Washington, DC: Save the date: Annual Scholarship Gala will be held on April 26, 2008
Baltimore, MD: The Baltimore Chapter will host the Touring Choir on March 8, 2008.

Regional Events

Alumni Meetings

Region I April 19th New York
Region II April 26th Dallas, TX
Region III March 29th Atlanta, GA
Region IV March 15th Wilson, NC

University Events

Chancellor's Inauguration February 22, 2008 10am McDougald Gymnasium
University Bus Tour March 6-16, 2008
MEAC Bonus Basketball Game at RBC NCCU vs. WSSU
March 15, 2008 Tipoff: 4:30pm
Homecoming 2008-November 1, 2008 Reserve your room NOW!
Spring Graduation May 10, 2008

It's a great time to recruit an Eagle and to donate to the Eagles' nest!