



## Chapter Happenings

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National Council Meeting

July 15

Ms. Alumni Dinner Dance

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Greeting Fellow Eagles,

The last few months have been busy for the chapter. My heartfelt thanks go out to all the members and other volunteers who assisted with the number of chapter events. The Choir Concert Committee did a wonderful job in support of the Spring Concert. It was a very successful program. As always, the Sound Machine Booster Club closed the year out with a banquet for the bands. Awards were presented to students and band supporters. The Durham Chapter received a plaque for its support of the NCCU bands. The event was a semi-formal affair and the students looked wonderful.

During the National Alumni Annual meeting, Dennis Ellis was recognized as Runner-up Alumnus of the Year! The Durham Chapter received a plaque as Chapter of the Year Runner-up. We should all be proud of these accomplishments.

In closing, it's hard to believe a year has already come and gone since I became the chapter president. It has been a year of learning and growing. I'm looking forward to continuing

*Debra*

### **Chapter Meeting Dates**

June 21, 2006: @ 7:00 PM Chapter Meeting

June 24, 2006: @ 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM Chapter Retreat

Aug 16, 2006: @ 7:00 PM Chapter Meeting

Aug 24, 2006: @ 6:30 PM Executive Committee Meeting

### **Ms. Alumni Updates**

This year's campaign for the 2006 Ms. Alumni contest has begun. Our candidate is Ms. Angela Gooding Thornton (class of 1992). You can find out more about Angela by going to the chapter website: <http://www.nccudurhameagles.com>

To kickoff the fundraising, a dinner dance will be held on Saturday July 15, 2006, at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park, NC. Tickets are \$50 per person, which includes dinner.



There will be a DJ and cash bar. Please help make this event successful by purchasing and selling tickets. Our goal is to sell 100 tickets. A portion of the ticket is tax deductible

Additionally, rooms are available (to event attendees) at a special rate of \$78. To reserve a room, call 1-800-325-3535 and tell the operator that you are with the NCCU Alumni dinner dance party.

The Mr./Ms. Alumni raffle tickets are available for distribution. All chapter members are asked to help with the sale of raffle tickets. Contact Danisa Baker ([dmonbaker@yahoo.com](mailto:dmonbaker@yahoo.com)) to request raffle tickets.

Other planned events are:

- Yard Sale sometime in July or August
- Silent raffle in August/September
- [Fuddruckers](#) NCCU nights (dates TBD)
- Another dinner dance sometime in the fall

Please support the Durham Chapter and Ms. Angela Gooding Thornton by attending these events and assisting in raffle ticket sales.

### Let's Go Out to the Ballgame!



We had such a good time last year; we decided to do it again. Join other chapter members at the August 11, 2006 Durhams Bull baseball game.

Contact Floyd Ferebee at 471-2323 to reserve your ticket. Tickets must be purchased by June 21<sup>st</sup> to ensure seats together.

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### National Alumni Happenings

The National Alumni Annual meeting was held on May 5, 2006. New officers for the national organization were announced and installed.

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| President      | Richard Smith      |
| Vice President | Tania Butler-Davis |
| Secretary      | Joan Vann-Johnson  |
| Treasurer      | Warren Leggett     |





### **Around the Yard**

The James E. Shepard statue is all cleaned up and back on the NCCU campus with a more distinctive look than ever.

The statue was taken away to receive a complete overhaul. It has received a protective formulated coating to preserve it for many years to come. Karkadoulis Bronze Art, a company in Cincinnati, Ohio, cleaned the statue and returned it a month ahead of schedule and a day before the 2006 spring commencement ceremony.

NCCU faculty, staff, students, and alumni said they were ecstatic to see the James E. Shepard statue returned back to where it belongs.

“Dr. Shepard looks good.” said Norma Petway, director of NCCU Alumni Relations and a graduate of NCCU “I witnessed the statue being placed back; I felt like history was being made all over again. I notice details I did see before such as the Mason lapel pin on Dr. Shepard’s suit and the detailed designs in his suit. Dr. Shepard looks as though he has come to life. Dr. Shepard is back where he belongs.”

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### **Class of 2006**

The class of May 2006 holds the honor of being the largest graduating class! Congratulations to all graduates. As the new Eagles who have been released and are about to start the next chapter in your lives, we encourage you to reach back and participate in the Alumni Association. Both local and the national levels will greatly benefit from the energy, knowledge, and skills possessed by our new alumni.

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### **School of Business Regains Accreditation**

In just four months, North Carolina Central University has regained its School of Business accreditation from the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP).

“We are extremely pleased about this news,” said Chancellor James H. Ammons. “The time frame in which our accreditation was regained says a lot about the leadership in the School of Business and the commitment of the faculty, staff and students. In four months, we completed a process that normally takes from 12 to 18 months. Throughout this process, we were confident that our program was comprehensive and met the standards outlines by ACBSP. The regaining of our accreditation validates our position.”

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## NCCU Alumni Night at Fuddruckers

The next Chapter benefit night at Fuddruckers restaurant will be July 21<sup>st</sup>. This is the night we would normally have a chapter meeting. Show your support for the Durham Chapter by dining with us on April 21<sup>st</sup> at Fuddruckers restaurant. Wear your NCCU colors; cut out the coupon below and give it to the cashier when ordering your meal. The chapter will receive 20% of the sales. Extra coupons have been included to give to other people you know.

NCCU Alumni Night at Fuddruckers Restaurant

Join us!

Socialize with fellow Eagles and support the Durham Chapter at the same time.

**July 19, 2006 ~ 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

1809 Martin Luther King Pkwy Durham, NC 27707

Present this coupon when you order your food.

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## Spring Choir Concert



Thank you to all who supported the Spring Choir Concert. The concert was wonderful and well attended. Your generous support has allowed the chapter to make a \$500.00 contribution to the choirs.

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## Graduation Concession Sale

The concession stand fundraiser during the May 6<sup>th</sup> commencement was very successful. The profits from this year's fundraiser will greatly benefit the chapter's activities for the university and students.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came out on Friday and Saturday.



## 2006-2007 Chapter Executive Team

New officers for the chapter were elected during the April meeting.

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| President               | Debra Taylor  |
| Vice President          | Chevella Thomas   |
| Recording Secretary     | Jackie Beatty-Smith   |
| Corresponding Secretary | Deborah Breese  |
| Treasurer               | Lena Dunston  |
| Financial Secretary     | Gerri Thompson  |
| Parliamentarian         | Dennis Ellis  |
| Members-at-large        | Lisa Smallwood Howell, Georgia Jones, Eurydice Williams Smith |

Installation of new officers will take place at the June 21<sup>st</sup> chapter meeting.

### 2006 Chapter Retreat

June 24<sup>th</sup>

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10am – 2 pm

Location to be announced at  
the June chapter meeting.

Come to rejuvenate, learn,  
and set directions for the  
upcoming year.

Lunch provided

RSVP by June 21st

### Eagle Associates Mixer

*Alumni from the classes  
of 1980 to the present...*

We're taking a break for the summer.  
Be sure to watch this space for the next  
mixer in the fall.

## Reminder - Alumni Business Owners

The chapter is attempting to create a directory of area Alumni business owners. This directory will serve several purposes, as well as aid both the Alumni Association and the business. If you are a business owner, give us some feedback by sending us a note. If you are interested in assisting with this project, let us know that too.

### Membership Matters

The NCCU Durham Chapter membership year is July 1<sup>st</sup> – June 30<sup>th</sup>. Memberships for the upcoming year are being received now.

The current number of financial Durham Chapter members is 184. The target for this year is 250. Being a member provides financial support for chapter events along with increasing our presence with the university and community. Membership dues are received throughout the year. However, the membership year is based on a fiscal calendar (July – June).

Cut the following form and mail your membership dues today!

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| <i>NCCU Alumni Association,<br/>Inc</i> | <b>Membership Form</b><br>July 2006- June 2007 |
| <b>Durham Chapter</b>                   |  |

\_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address, City, State, Zip)

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Memberships \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

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| Annual Dues<br>\$25.00 (local)<br>\$50.00 (national) |
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Make Checks Payable to: NCCU Alumni Assoc., Inc., Durham Chapter

Mail to: NCCU Alumni Association, Durham Chapter  
P.O. Box 19802  
Durham, NC 27707





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Durham, NC 27707**

**Connecting to reach new heights**

## Mission

The Mission of this organization is to increase the popularity of our common interests regarding NC Central University. We hope to add new alumni association members, so we will be able to grow and expand. We also want to have fun, fellowship and excitement when we are together and working on projects. By developing community networking relationships and friendships, our organization will become even stronger.

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### **Chapter 2005-2006 Goals**

- ❖ Connect with new students
- ❖ Connect with current and potential alumni
- ❖ Connect with the NCCU senior class
- ❖ Connect with the university
- ❖ Connection with the community

Chapter members are working hard to meet our current chapter goals. We've held a food drive to connect with the Durham community. The chapter sponsored several events to connect with area alumni. The chapter sponsored a Young Alumni Mixer in the spring. The membership committee has been making personal contact with area alumni to encourage membership in the chapter. The chapter provided refreshments for parents during the student enrollment reception. While we have made some

connections, there is more to do. We need your continued support to make the Durham Chapter the dynamic organization it can be.