Schools' history preserved on the web

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DURHAM -- The "elusive 1960" N.C. Central University yearbook isn't elusive any more.

An article appeared earlier this year in The Herald-Sun about the NCCU archives department searching for the one missing yearbook from its collection -- what archivist Andre Vann called "the elusive 1960."

The yearbooks, dating from the first one in 1929, were being digitized, by the North Carolina Digital Heritage Center, and put online. The absence of the 1960 edition -- published during the 50th anniversary of the school -- kept the collection from being complete.

But the newspaper report was seen by the university’s former director of alumni affairs, Bill Evans, a member of the class of 1961 at the school.

"He saw the article, called me and said about the 1960 yearbook, 'Andre, I have that,'" Evans said. "I'm going to personally bring it over and give it to you."

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he said. "I hope this works out -- it's such valuable material and we are more than happy to help get it online and out to a wider audience."

Vann agreed.

"A program like this really helps to bring our history alive, and makes it available to the public," he said. "It’s transformative. The more we have out about our history and culture, the more folks will understand that history and see its relevance."

All the yearbooks -- variously called, over the years, "The N.C.C. Eagle," "The Maroon and Gray," "The Campus Echo Review" and since 1952, "The Eagle" -- now can be viewed online, at web.nccu.edu/shepardlibrary/redirect/NCCUYearbooks.html. The newspapers can be viewed at digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers/north-carolina-central-university-student-newspaper.
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