

Reporting on HBCUs

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Using student voices

- Engage with Experts
- Visit Campuses
- Diversify Sources

Noelvie (no last name given), a sophomore biology student, expressed concerns about how these new precautions will affect her and other students' favorite time of the year, GHOE.

"The real question is, what's going to happen during GHOE when so many individuals who aren't students come to A&T for homecoming?" Noelvie said. "People get killed



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yearly, and it's never addressed, but they would rather address something as minor as a skating event on a public campus."

According to Giogette Gbenyon, a junior visual media design student, before Neomobliflife got to set up the Skate and Paint event, officers told them they couldn't congregate at the student center.

"The police officers started conversing with Neomobliflife members, and I joined that conversation," Gbenyon said. "Several other students and I addressed our concerns about them restricting what makes the student center what it is for us."

Gbenyon continued to share how much the student center means to her and how Neomobliflife has created an atmosphere that students enjoy.

"The student center is where Neomobliflife hosts successful campus events," Gbenyon said. "Events like on Valentine's Day felt so magical being out there with everyone, vibing, listening to music, and enjoying the community."



Finding patterns

It isn't uncommon
on most
campuses!!

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How are HBCUs handling unprecedented demand for mental health services?



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Anthony Hines, a senior at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, suffered from anxiety and depression during his first year of college, in 2020. He was stressed about the cost of his tuition, and it was his first time living away from home.

When Hines learned that the counseling services available would be at no cost, he took action — but within a matter of weeks, he stopped attending sessions with all three of his assigned therapists because he felt like neither of them could help him.

“By the time I was matched with someone I liked, she told me that we only had about

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Courtesy of Charnequa Kennedy

As college counseling centers work to support students through these challenging times, non-clinical staff have faced a crisis of their own: feeling unequipped.

“A barrier is certainly a change in mindset because often the thought is, I can’t respond to someone because I’m not trained as a clinician,” Kennedy said.

She recognizes that there are many different ways people can be helpful and supportive in other ways, including referrals.

“We provide opportunities for our students to get the resources they need, even if we can’t diagnose or access a particular situation by opening them up to the community and hosting mental health fairs and wellness days,” Kennedy said.

Kennedy says that North Carolina Central has a “reasonable response time that covers roughly 85% of student needs.”

Reliable data

- **Pew Research Center**
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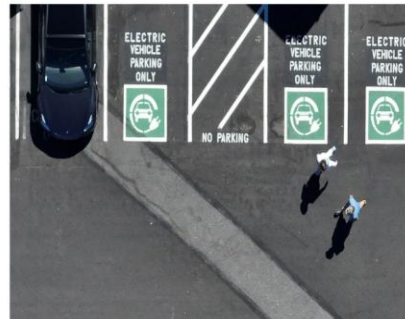
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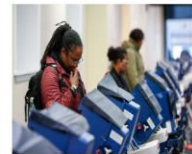
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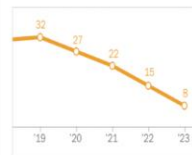
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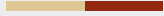


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