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craftspeople and civic leaders," stated Gibbs. "We plan to tell the overall history of North Carolina's Black citizens; to cover all geographical areas as it pertains to that story - from Asheville to the coast. We want to tell 'our story' and at the same time have it appeal to all people who are interested in history."

Charlotte Hawkins Brown Memorial State Historic Site will be one of the few Black State Historic Sites in the country. Project director Gibbs expects it to attract people from all across the United States. Its central Piedmont location, right off Interstate 85 near Greensboro, will be an easy access for travelers and history seekers.

Charlotte Hawkins Brown, daughter of a slave, was born in Henderson, North Carolina in 1883. When she was a small child she moved with her parents to Massachusetts where she received her education at the Cambridge English High School and Latin School, and the State Normal School in Salem. There, in an integrated educational system, she excelled and eventually came to the notice of educator Alice Freeman Palmer, president of Wellesley College.

Armed with a new awareness for educating her people, Charlotte returned to North Carolina in 1901 to teach Black children in a church in Sedalia.

## Fleming...

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**Fleming:** Yes. I think that the academic environment at FSU will always continue to improve. I think that's a part of the development of any institution. As you are able to provide a greater variety in the academic environment, as you increase the diversity of background in the environment, and as you are able to bring a greater array of resources to the environment, you improve the total environment. I think also what's referred to as "environment" is dependent upon the attitude and the responsibility of the people within that environment. Our environment will be as

In 1902, she founded Palmer Memorial Institute, naming it after Massachusetts educator Alice Freeman Palmer. Dr. Brown as she was now known, remained president of the institute for 50 years as it grew to become one of the nation's leading preparatory schools for Blacks.

Among the well known graduates of Palmer Memorial Institute are Maria Cole, Dr. Brown's niece and widow of singer Nat "King" Cole; opera singer Carol Brice Cary; actor Mike Evans of the television comedy series "The Jeffersons."; prominent attorney and state representative Mickey Michaux of Durham.

Although the planning and research for Charlotte Hawkins Brown Memorial State Historic Site has been funded by the General Assembly, much more money will be needed to complete the project and to restore the structures at the site. The drive for public support is being led by the Charlotte Hawkins Brown Historical Foundation, with headquarters in Greensboro. This non-profit group seeks to foster a wider preservation, study, and interpretation of North Carolina Black History.

The Charlotte Hawkins Brown Memorial State Historic Site will be a fitting tribute to the accomplishments of an outstanding North Carolinian and the interpretation of Black Cultural History in our state.

good as we make it.

**The Voice** interviewed students in order to get their reaction to the new provost and vice chancellor. The statements were varied; some felt it was a positive move and were glad someone from within the university was appointed. Others felt that the position may have been better filled by an outsider who may have come in with fresh and new ideas.

When asked his reaction to the appointment of Dr. Fleming to the position, the Student Government Association President Curtis Jefferson, Jr. had no comment.

## NACA Announces Prize Papers Competition

The National Association of Campus Activities announces its first Prize Papers Competition offering cash prizes totaling \$1,200, according to Chairman of the Board of Directors Max V. Vest. Open to undergraduate and graduate students, as well as faculty or staff or a business related to the college entertainment market, the competition is designed to recognize outstanding research and opinion papers in the field of campus activities. It demonstrates NACA's increasing interests in educating current and future campus activities professionals, Vest said.

"The Prize Papers Competition represents an important step toward realizing one of NACA's long-range goals of strengthening our educational offerings to membership," Vest said. "This competition will further enhance the image of NACA as an organization interested in innovative ideas and research in the field, while offering staff and students an opportunity to write, be judged by peers and receive a cash award."

Competition papers must be original, unpublished works on a topic about or

related to campus activities programming, such as management, volunteerism, leadership training and development, fine arts, film/video, contemporary entertainment, travel, recreation/leisure, professional development and special constituencies. Papers must be eight to fifteen pages, typed and double-spaced.

Cash prizes of \$250 and \$150 will be awarded for first and second place winners, respectively, in each of the three categories of undergraduate, graduate, faculty or professional staff. Papers will be judged by an anonymous panel on these criteria: originality and research, usefulness and applicability to the field of campus activities, content, composition and writing style, and thoroughness.

Entry deadline for the competition is July 1, 1985. Winners will be announced on or about September 1, 1985, and winning entries will be published in a Prize Papers Competition issue of *Programming* in December 1985. For further information, contact NACA, P.O. Box 6828, Columbia, S.C. 29260, 803-782-7121.

## Rescue Black Colleges

Educators, public officials and citizens from across the country participated in a two-day conference on education conducted by the Congressional Black' Caucus (CBC) Education Braintrust during the CBC Legislative Weekend, Congressman Major R. Owens (D-NY-12) reported today.

At the conclusion of the education workshops, Congressman Owens said it was imperative that the ideas and conclusions generated by the discussions be followed up with action. "After meeting with the presidents of Black colleges, with public school administrators, teachers, state legislators, and others who are concerned with education, I am convinced that a trumpet of urgency must be sounded, a state of emergency must be declared in the Black community. Both Black leaders and the general Black community must assign the highest priority and efforts to save Black colleges and universities and the same priority to the salvation and improvement of the public school systems of our nation.

"The conference was a tremendous success in terms of the number of people and the quality of participation," Rep. Owens said. "But I am greatly concerned about the failures in the educational system we discussed during the conference. I came away from these workshops and meetings with a sense of urgency, perhaps even alarm, that we have so much to do to correct the inefficiencies, the inequities, the

ineffectiveness of American education."

As Chairman of the CBC Education Braintrust, Rep. Owens led four of the five workshops organized for the CBC Legislative Weekend. During one session, he told the participants: "We are a nation at risk as far as the state of education in mainstream America is concerned, and as Blacks we are a people at risk within a nation at risk."

The Congressman, a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, said, "Education must be made our number one priority. It is the key to employment, to economic development. Education is the key to empowerment."

The Education Braintrust program, which under Rep. Owens' leadership this year was expanded for the first time to two days of workshops and other activities, focused on empowerment. The title of the final workshop was "Education Networking: Pathway to Power." Leaders in the field of education and related organizations, such as Ms. Effie Jones of American Association of School Administrators (AASA), Dr. Phil Robinson of Association of School Curriculum Development, Dr. E.J. Josey from American Library Association and Dr. Donald Clark from Bureau of Educational Planning and Testing spoke to a standing room only audience.

## "College Money Available"

RALEIGH—A number of North Carolina students and parents who need money for college have been drawn to recent classified ads running in local newspapers.

If student financial assistance is needed, who would not be attracted by an offer such as: "College Money Available. Interest free while in school. 10-year payback begins 6 mos. after graduation at 8% simple interest."

A toll-free number is included in these ads. What you get when you call, however, is not a central lender such as North Carolina's College Foundation, Inc., but an agent for an out-of-state insurance company.

The offer in the ad is for a Guaranteed Student Loan (GSL), with the agent doing the paperwork for those who buy insurance policies. The problem with such advertising is that this funding is available without the insurance tie-in, and that is not always made clear to the consumer.

College Foundation Inc. (CFI) in Raleigh was chartered in 1955 under the N.C. Nonprofit Corporation Act for the purpose of assisting North Carolina students in paying for educational expenses beyond high school.

In 1985, the 30th year of service of CFI, total loans made will hit the \$300 million mark, involving more than 100,000 students. All any student or parent of a student has to do to receive one of these loans is to meet the state and federal eligibility requirements.

These loans are funded by North Carolina banks, with CFI serving as the central lender in the state for financial institutions, educational institutions and other organizations who are investors in the N.C. Insured Student Loan (NCISL) and the N.C. PLUS (parent) Loan Program.

CFI uses the "insured" term, but it is the same loan as the Guaranteed Student Loan, in federal terminology. These loans are available to those who establish North Carolina residency, whether they attend in-state or out-of-state colleges, or public or private institutions.

This central source of funding saves students or parents from having to search out banks, savings and loans or credit unions for possible financial assistance.

CFI officials have expressed concern that those who respond to the current crop of classified ads may not understand that it is not necessary to purchase insurance from an out-of-state insurance company in order to get one of these loans.

Loan money, according to CFI, is readily available for the remainder of the current academic year. Applications must be received by the foundation at least 45 days before the end of the academic term covered by the loan request. Additional information and applications are available from financial aid offices at colleges, or directly from College Foundation Inc., 1307 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh, N.C. 27605.

## Senior Class Notes

The next senior class meeting will be held on February 19, 1985, at 2:00 p.m. in the Rudolph Jones Student Center Multipurpose Room. All seniors are asked to be present and on time.

Seniors have been assessed a fee of \$20.00 for class dues to be paid as soon as possible. Dues can be paid at the Rudolph Jones Student Center information counter,

Monday through Friday, 12:00-12:50, during the month of February. Other dates to be announced.

DarRam Enterprises, Inc., will be here on February 25 and 26 and March 18 and 19, 1985 in the lobby area of the Rudolph Jones Student Center to sell gold and silver jewelry and fashion accessories. The senior class will receive 10% of the generated sales.