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The Carolina Review: NEA Still Losing Ground

of Educators has a lot of responsibility-and power. With a membership of 40,000 dues-paying members (\$115 er year average), another 8,000 retired members (\$5 per year), an in-place statewide organization structure, and a fulltime lobbying staff (housed in a new, futuristic building in downtown Raleigh), the group would seem to have enough marbles to play the game

But the NCAE has been losing face of late, and over the tion in Washington. past few years, friends inside and out.

Last week, the NCAE failed to get a "favorable report" from the Senate Education Committee on the committee substitue for SB 515. That bill would allow payroll deductions from teacher's paychecks for NCAE dues. Payroll deduction for association dues is something other state employee lobbying groups won for themselves in 1981

Supporters of the bill say all provide convenience for the a members and organization. Opponents say, and opposi-

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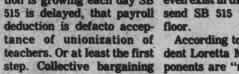
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(unionization) by state employees, if you didn't know it, is against the law in North Carolina, but not everywhere

"Yes," say opponents, do?" "other state employees got Th deductions in 1981, although maybe they shouldn't have." The teacher's group, though, is hooked up with the National Education Associa-

"That bunch (NEA) is a

ing group," said one legislator opposed to SB 515. lective bargaining and apparently some of its stands could be classified as mili-

tant. Of the average \$115.00 dues that North Carolina teachers pay each year to the NCAE, the NEA gets almost half. So the lines were drawn in

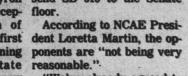
week, when parliamentary the deductions would do is maneuvers prevented maybe favorable vote. Assessments are mixed on whether the number of votes

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"We've already agreed to the committee substitute compromise," Martin says, what else do they want us to

The compromise was written by freshman Senator Bob Davis, D-Rowan, and reads simply that "if this organization engages in collective bargaining, this act is null and Dear Sir: void."

"I felt like I could vote for militant, collective bargain- it with that," Davis said.

Others couldn't. "They couldn't get it through the The NEA does espouse col- House, so they thought they could bulldose it through the Senate," said one senator, irate at some of the lobbying tactics of the NCAE. After conversations with

the irate senator, the question was posed to Martin that maybe the problem wasn't SB

515, but rather a growing the committee meeting last legislative dissatisfaction with the NCAE as a lobbying group.

> the question. "I'd say that ed to remove any penalties might be a pretty good assess- from the owners of the farms ment that you've made. I on which such practices were won't agree or disagree, ex- employed. The statement cept to say you're right that reported was, "If there is a there is another reason (for problem, it is with the crew the problems other than SB 515)," she said.

with current popular opinion.

deliver.

Gov. Jim Hunt is one canmoney on in recent years.

supports the bill because it's play. Other state employees have it (payroll deduction),"

MARBLES...As the chief tion is growing each day SB even exist in the committee to byist for North Carolina 515 is delayed, that payroll send SB 515 to the Senate achers, the N.C. Association deduction is defacto accep- floor. Support in his upcoming race porter of Hunt. support in his upcoming race for Jesse Helms' Washington porter of Hunt

Senate seat. They say that the governor can use the national organization's help in his continuing rise in national prominence.

"Passage of the dues they may not, Gov. Hunt is it. checkoff would be a plume in "We're still expecting the John Wilson's hat, and almost Education Committee to give assure him a seat on the na- us a favorable report," Martional board-where he could tin said.

etter To The Editor

moting legislation which denies protection to these I read with interest and workers is unjustifiable.

gratification that the House Judicial 1 subcommittee ap-Mr. James is quoted as say-ing that such a bill might "inproved a bill to outlaw involuntary servitude in North dict the farming communi-Carolina. This legislation is ty." The indictment comes in long overdue, as anyone inthe opposition to such legisla-tion. The implication is that formed about the migrant situation in this state is well farm owners have something aware. Let us hope that the to fear and that, where profull committee and the blems exist, they want to legislature recognize this and

shirk their responsibility. I support the bill. hope the constituents of Reps. I am confused by the stand James and Lutz, and of other taken by Reps. Vernon legislators who will be voting. James, D-Pasquotank, and urge recognition that farmers Edith Lutz, D-Cleveland. Achave more to gain than lose cording to the report, they atby such legislation, and de-Martin wasn't surprised by tempted to get the bill amendmand that their representatives support the bill.

leaders." It seems a natural question to ask who employs Martin continued. "Why the crew leaders. The answer, we're not a popular as in the obviously, is that their past? We're more politically employer is the farm owner. active . . . (we've been) tak- How can the employer of the ing positions, not in the line crew leader justify his abdication of responsibility for We have only in the past few the practices of his employee, years begun endorsing can- and for the conditions on his didates that agree with us and property? I assume he does sticking with them," she said. not concede his rights to

"Right," says the irate whatever income is derived senator, "they always pick from his crops. If the crew the most liberal candidates leader abused the farm and the ones that will promise machinery I feel sure the the most. Things they (the farm owner would feel called candidates) can't possibly upon to exercise his authority. This sounds as though the people are less impo ortant didate the NCAE has put its than machinery. Is this the

message North Carolina "The governor strongly farmers want to give? Farm workers are not a matter of equity and fair organized to have power to present a united front. Perhaps the representatives'

says Brent Hackney, the constituents hope this won't spokesman for the governor. happen. But, being unorganiz-Opponents say, and some ed, the workers are relativeneutral observers too, that the ly powerless to claim their

Hwy. Improvements To Be Considered

Carolina Board of Transpor- six specify tation will hold its next replacen ng on Friday. State Secretary

The meeting, to be held in Transportation W. R. Roberthe board room of the son Jr. commented, "Our Highway Building located in downtown Raleigh, will begin be on maintenance of existing at 9 A.M., an hour earlier than highways. North Carolinians the starting time for previous have over \$25 billion invested meetings. Interested in- in the state's highway system dividuals are invited to and it is our responsibility to protect that investment." attend.

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John Wilson is the past president of the NCAE and is

running hard for a seat on the NEA board.

If the NCAE has an ace, and

Sincerely.

Gerry Gourley

Among the itmes that the "Our thanks go to members board members will consider of the 1981 General Assembly are 70 contracts for highway who approved Gov. Jim improvemnts affecting 76 Hunt's program generating counties across the state. necessary funding for Fifty-four of the contracts in- highway maintenance. We

RALEIGH - The North volve resurfacing work while appreciate their support and assistance in recognizing that bridge critical need," he said.

In all the 70 contracts total more than \$36-million.

Honor Roll

The students listed below were named to the Honor Roll at Pitt Community College for the 1983 Spring Quarter: Gregory S. Barham of Edenton and Michael W. Jordan of Tyner.

The students listed below were named to the Dean's List: Marcus F. Bass, Jr. and Kimberly J. Swanner, both of Edenton.

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Sermon Topic

Is Chosen

"Giving away the advantage" will be the sermon title Sunday, June 12th at First Presbyterian Church at the 11 A.M. Worship. The Pastor, Rev. H.E. Mallinson will preach. A Litany by members of the congregation will be offered for the Reunion of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. and the United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

This Sunday the Summer Sunday School of the First **Presbyterian Church begins** at 10 A.M. Members of the Church have prepared the 12 week study around the theme: Who's in charge here?" The study includes events from Genesis to **Revelation.** Members of the congregation will lead the study which will take place sometimes at the church building, sometimes outdoors, sometimes in homes. The Worship sermon will follow the Sunday School theme for that day. A play involving everyone present will lead off the study this Sunday. The story of Abraham and Lot and their families - from Gener 13, 18 and 19 will be directed by the Pastor.

