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To feel sorry for oneself is one of the most dis-integrating things the individual can do to himself.
—Winfred Rhodes

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MISS B. RIGGS WINS NCCU TOP HONOR

Miss Barbara A. Riggs of Camden, N. J., a psychology major, was the winner of the top award at North Carolina Central University's Award Day exercises Friday. Miss Riggs received the Chancellor's Award, given to the senior with the highest cumulative average.

Miss Riggs also received two awards given by her department. She named the best all-around student in the department and received the departmental award for the highest scholastic average. Receiving the Louise M. Latham Prize as the outstanding woman student was Gwendolyn Clifton.

Other awards were given by university departments and divisions.

Michael A. Tanner and Allen Kirkman received awards from the department of aerospace studies. Brenda Moore, Andrea Guard, Walter Williams and Donna Hart were honored by the department of art.

The department of business administration honored Warren A. Clyburn, Harley LeGrand, Malcolm Howerton, Vickie Moore, Patricia Iwananyan, James Jackson, Daphne Seales, Henry Whitlow, Carolyn Hederson, Sharon Smith, Barbara Bruton, Areather Keene, Karen Mitchell, Raymond Seymour, Minnie Williamson, Judy Herring, Linda Potest, Doris Joseph, Karen Covington, Glenwood O. Davis, Audrey Ward, Deborah Livertt, Francis Dancoy, Roy C. Ellis, Vickie Hooks, Wilma Tarry, Alvie Fennell, Garry Martin, Clarence Ratcliff, Carolyn Alston, Layla Hanna, Rita Higgs, Linda King, Annette Richardson, Everett Robinson, Stephanie Strong, Duff Tinnin, Arthur Watford, and Bonnie Woodard.

The department of accounting honored Kathy Arrington, Garland Avent, Wilbur Barham, Ronald Becton, Lynnwood Best, Rocky Boone, Gloria Corniffe, Selma Edwards, Michael Farmer, Leon Fennell, Lue Cready Futrell, Jack Harper, Valette Johnson, Floyd Mitchell, Roderick Pettiford, Edward Purdie, Jr., Deborah Robinson, George Russell, Linda Smith, Kenneth Stapleton, Kathy Wiggins, Hubert Williams, Shelron V. Wilson, Donald Ferbee, Clavin Hilton, Eunices Parker, Sonya Wilson, Market Newson, Glenn Lee and Sybil Steele.

The department of business education honored Gail Thompson, Vanessa Jenkins, Romana Denise Conwell, Sylvia Russell, Cheryl Battle, Gregory Knight, Debra Hobbs, Loretta Riddick, and Althea Jones.

The department of economics: Quentin Heady.

Department of biology: Verna Smith, Dwight Herbin, James Pridden, Sandra Eggleston, Flovia Maxey, Charles Thompson, Gail Dillard, Gloria Moore, Russell Harrell, Albert Walden and Lawrence Wall.

Department of chemistry: Tyrone Shackelford, Gloria Moore, Weldon Hill, Caleb Jackson, India Clark, Sharon Gibson, Harriette Johnson, Rosalyn Waldo, Bassey Omoji, Robert Arthur, Lloyd Moore, John Chapman and Ronald Horton.

Department of dramatic arts: LaVerne Singleton, Donnie Barnhill, Roberta Hairston and James Knight.

Department of education: Marion Bostic, Margaret Cagle, Retta Clemons, Carmel Edwards, Janice Harper, Vickie Hudson, Cecilia Jones, Wanda Robinson, Cynthia Smith, Fonda White, Jacquelyn Whittington, Joyce Mosley, Stephanie Cherry, Vivian Caviness, Sabrina Clark, Beverly Gatlin, Karen Campbell, Doris Russell, and Janet White.

Regina Marrow was honored by the department of English.

Department of geography: Ezekiel L. Becton, Niguel Barnes, Barbara Brown, Eric Brown, Clinton Moorpan.

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THIS COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH SHOWS SCENES FROM NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY'S Awards Day Program, Friday, April 1. At left, Barbara A. Riggs displays the Chancellor's Award given to her, senior, with the highest cumulative average. Chancellor Albert N. Whiting, center, presented a memorial plaque to Ted Smith, in memory of his late wife, Nana Louise Smith, a victim recently of an apparent rape-murder. Mrs. Smith was a student at the university at the time of her death; Dr. Octavia B. Knight (program chairman) and John B. McLendon, Jr., guest speaker.

White Woman Stopped — Black Policeman Suspended

RALEIGH (CCNS) — Marvin Sanders, a seven year veteran black policeman, was suspended for one day without pay and transferred from a public relations job to regular patrol for stopping a white woman, wife of a city administrator last February 25th. The woman, Mrs. Vickie L. Baker, of 2709 Patrick Drive, contended she was harassed. Sanders' account of the events which led to his stopping Mrs. Baker's car on February 25th indicate that he had never seen the woman before and had made a routine traffic stop. He said that he was enroute to speak at Sanderson High School in North Raleigh when he stopped for a newspaper which was in his personal vehicle, parked in the 300 block of E. Hargett St

near the municipal building. He said his patrol car was doubled parked beside his personal car with the flashers on "for a quick second". Then came behind him two cars, one honking loudly, its driver making gestures.

Mrs. Baker, the driver of the honking vehicle then pulled around Sander's car as he got back in with the note pad, made more facial gestures and waved her hands and fists, and proceeded to the spotlight at Hargett and Dawson Sts.

"She acted in an abnormal and irrational manner and I thought something was wrong with her," Sanders said. He said he proceeded to pull Mrs. Baker over with the blue lights of his patrol cruiser and that's when all of the action began.

After asking Mrs. Baker for

her drivers license and checking her tires and inspection sticker "she said I had no business stopping her and had no right to stop her. She said that I was harassing her and she would report me to the police chief."

Mrs. Baker would not comment on why she later made a complaint against Sanders or if she did so because Sanders was a black policeman.

On the Internal Relations Unit of the Police Department found that Sanders had "harassed a motorist". Sanders could not appear before the unit to face his accuser.

Police Captain T. R. Justice heard Sanders appeal from the IRU and also found that Sanders had harassed Mrs. Baker. Sources say that Justice had known Mrs. Baker and her husband Garry Baker for some

time. Garry Baker is Director of the city's parking violations office. An attempt to reach Justice for comment failed. Instead his superior, Major H. W. Bunn returned the call for Captain Justice saying that Justice, although in the city, was working on a "special project" and would not be able to talk to reporters for three weeks.

An appeal before Police Chief Robert Goodwin is pending. Sanders said that if he is not cleared of the disciplinary action he will appeal to the courts.

Meanwhile, a black civic organization has taken up Sanders' case. Ralph Campbell, President of the Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association (RWCA) said "we intend to assist him in

his case based on what I have seen. To me it is a clear case of discrimination against him . . . They are saying if you stop a white woman, its harassment. He didn't give her a ticket, he merely stopped her and asked her for a license," Campbell said.

Sanders said that he would present Chief Goodwin with a Webster's definition of "harassment" which follows: "to worry and impede by repeated raids, or to annoy continually or chormically which means the bother is marked by long duration."

Sanders will also rely on a North Carolina law which allows a law enforcement officer to make routine traffic checks.

Black Caucus Supports Legislation

RALEIGH (CCNS) — The North Carolina Black Democratic Leadership Caucus (NCB DLC) has taken positions on several controversial legislative proposals now being considered by the North Carolina General Assembly.

Support for a bill to allow the Governor and Lieutenant Governor to succeed themselves was voted by the group following a lengthy discussion. Several of the caucus members opposed allowing the Lt. Governor to succeed himself, expressing some displeasure with current Lt. Governor

Jimmy Green. Green defeated Howard Lee in a run-off for the post last September in a race that was judged by some to be subtly racist. Rep. H. M. Michaux, Jr., of Durham said that he would oppose the Lt. Governor's succession on the floor of the House.

In another action the Caucus appointed a committee to investigate support for landlord-tenant reform which is yet to be introduced into the legislature. A draft proposal was circulated which caucus members said may be introduced by Wake Represent-

tative Robert Farmer. Some of the Caucus members said the bill was not inclusive of the protections tenants need in the state and should be investigated by the committee. For the past three sessions, Rep. Henry Frye of Guilford has introduced measures to change the archaic landlord-tenant law passed by the 1868 legislature to regulate sharecropping. Those proposals have been drafted and defeated, primarily because most of the legislators are landlords and have a vested interest in not passing such legislation.

Dr. E. B. Turner, First Vice President of the North Carolina Democratic Party, announced three events for the calendars of Caucus members: (1) May 8 statewide precinct meetings at 8 p.m.; (2) May 30 Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner, with guest speaker Vice President Walter Mondale; and (3) the Democratic Party county-wide conventions on June 18.

The Caucus also approved amendments to the testing proposals now being considered by House and Senate education committees. One testing bill would make mandatory the

passing of standardized exams by high school students prior to graduation. The other would make mandatory the testing of students in primary grades 1, 3, 6 and 9.

The Caucus amendments would provide protections against normative reference exams which educational consultant Dr. Henry Frierson and educational psychologist Dr. Richard Mizell say would hurt blacks.

The Caucus is seeking a quota or other protection to ensure that a testing commission has sufficient minority input and representation.

CHAVIS TO CARTER:

At Least Answer My Letter

MCCAIN (CCNS) — Rev. Ben Chavis said in a recent interview that he is very displeased that President Carter has not responded to Chavis' open letter sent to Carter on March 4.

In a controversial speech to the United Nations, Carter responded to a similar request by Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov. Referring to Sakharov's letter, Carter said, "You may rest assured that the American people and our government will continue our firm commitment to promote respect for human rights. We shall use our good offices to seek the release of prisoners of conscience."

Chavis said that Carter has the responsibility to "at least answer my letter since he did in fact answer the letter of Soviet dissident Andrei Sakharov. I wrote to him as an American citizen who has been victimized by the criminal justice system, who has been victimized by American racism."

Rev. Chavis' letter to Carter questioned the sincerity of the response to the Soviets. "How can our government honestly proclaim support for human rights as a matter of foreign policy while allowing domestic violations of human rights to continue under the guise of the adminis-

tration of an unfair criminal justice system?" Chavis asked in that letter.

Two weeks ago U. S. Attorney General Griffin Bell met in a closed session with N. C. Attorney General Rufus Edmisten.

Whether Carter will answer Chavis' letter is uncertain. There is opposition to federal intervention on the case by Griffin Bell, voiced particularly from the South. Sources say that federal and state officials are seeking a way for the case to be resolved so that all parties, particularly North Carolina can save face. That is going to be extremely difficult because the Wilmington 10 have asked for full vindication from the 1971 convictions, and a new trial.

Rev. Chavis said in an interview last week that a multi-million dollar suit may be filed against the state for "unjust treatment" of the Wilmington 10. He said that he was discussing the possibility of such a suit with his attorneys.

Chavis said that he would only accept a pardon of innocence of vindication by the courts. A hearing is to be held on May 9 in Burgaw County to determine whether there is sufficient basis for a new trial. A motion for immediate bail has been filed by Charlotte defense attorney James

Ferguson.

Last week it was revealed by reporter Stan Swofford of the Greensboro Daily News that Jerome Mitchell, a witness against the Wilmington 10, recanted his testimony as early as June 10, 1974. The recantation was never mentioned in Wilmington 10 defense attorneys but tucked away in Mitchell's prison files.

Chavis called the withholding of the recantation "another example of the coversups the state has done to keep the Wilmington 10 in jail."

Mitchell made another recantation last February and testified before a federal grand

jury gathering facts on the case. In an unprecedented action U. S. Attorney General Griffin Bell promised the State of North Carolina the transcript of the grand jury proceeding.

N. C. Attorney General Rufus Edmisten has said that he will decide this week whether or not his office will oppose bail for the Wilmington 10, who are scattered miles apart in the state's prisons. Defense attorneys say that preparing the defense and talking with the defendants would be difficult under these conditions.

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Prison Revokes Food Privilege

TILLERY — Formerly, on a sunny day at Caledonia Prison Farm, inmates and their families could be seen sitting in the yard talking and enjoying a homecooked meal under the watchful eyes of the prison guards. But visiting privileges are not what they used to be. Prison officials made it known this week that the families of inmates would no longer be allowed to bring food from home, even if they met out of doors.

Caledonia Prison Farm, the State's largest medium custody institution, houses 630 inmates mostly from the Triangle area and is located 45 miles north of Rocky Mount in Tillery. It is one of three institutions including the Odom maximum security unit under the supervision of Fletcher Sanders, who explained that the decision to revoke the food privilege was dictated by a change in the visiting facilities themselves.

"The decision was purely a custody and control decision," he said.

Sanders explained that "the old facility offered better control from a gate and better control from a guard tower." The old outside visiting area is located directly under a tower plant with an armed guard on duty, and one of the two gates through which visitors pass is operated mechanically. The new facility is some feet away

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Wilmington 10 Another 'I Lied' Letter Surfaces

NEW YORK — Dr. Charles E. Cobb, Executive Director of the Commissions for Racial Justice announced last Wednesday that in June 1974, a Wilmington 10 prosecution witness, Jerome Mitchell, wrote in the North Carolina State Parole Board a letter in which he stated "I can no longer go on with myself . . . Let me have my chance to free those that I lied on." In a postscript he further stated "Ben Chavis has an appeal in now and I hope it is not too late."

The letter was received by the parole board on June 19, 1974 and was subsequently turned over to a parole board case analyst, who wrote Mitchell and informed him that this was not a parole board matter, but a judicial matter. According to Irv Joyner, National coordinator of the United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice, National Wilmington 10 mobilization effort "The parole board case analyst should have informed Mitchell that the information contained in his letter should have been referred to the defense attorney, in order that it could be presented to the court. Everybody knows that Mitchell could not have presented this to the court himself."

This letter is the first indication of Mitchell having second thoughts about his trial testimony. This letter was written long before Allen Hall, another prosecution

witness recanted his testimony in August 1976.

Dr. Cobb expressed shock and consternation over the fact that another state agency had intentionally suppressed evidence that would have cleared the Wilmington 10. It is conceivable that had this information been given to defense attorneys in 1974, the North Carolina Court of Appeals or the U. S. Supreme Court would have ruled favorably in the case. Dr. Cobb said, "I am appalled that these ten young people are still languishing in North Carolina jails in spite of the overwhelming evidence pointing to their innocence. This represents a callous and contrived disregard for human rights by the state of North Carolina."

The discovery of the letter by Greensboro Daily News reporter, Stan Swofford, comes soon after Mitchell's admission to a Federal Grand Jury in Raleigh, North Carolina that he lied during the trial.

Defense Attorneys for the Wilmington 10 are in the current process of requesting the immediate release or bail of the Wilmington 10, in light of this new evidence.

On May 9, in the Pender County Courthouse (Burgaw, N. C.) a Post-Conviction hearing will be held to consider this recantation of Mitchell, Allen Hall, and Eric Junious. This hearing will determine the possibility of a new trial for the Wilmington 10.

Dr. Samuel Proctor Is FSU Centennial Speaker

FAYETTEVILLE — Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, a nationally renowned educator and minister, will be the Centennial Speaker, April 16 at Fayetteville State University.

The banquet is scheduled to commence at 7:30 p.m. in the H. L. Cook Dining Hall on the campus of the second oldest state supported institution (founded in 1877) in North Carolina.

A native of Virginia, Dr. Proctor is Professor of Education, Graduate School of Education, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey and Senior Minister in the Abyssinian Baptist Church, New York City.

Dr. Proctor is an alumnus of Virginia Union University, Crozer Seminary, and Boston University, earning the doctorate at the latter in ethics.

He has served as President of Virginia Union University (1950 - 60) and North Carolina A&T State University (1960 - 64). From 1964 - 69 he held administrative positions with the Peace Corps in Nigeria and Washington, the National Council of Churches, the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Institute for Services to Education and the University of Wisconsin.

His foreign travels have included the Far East and the Arab States; Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union; West Africa; Western Europe and Israel, North and East Africa; Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific.



Dr. Proctor

Dr. Proctor is a member of the governing boards of the United Negro College Fund; Meharry Medical College, the Institute for Services to Education, Overseas Development Council, John Dewey Society, Middlesex General Hospital, National Committee for Citizens in Education; Council for Religion and International Affairs.

He is the author of The Young Negro in America, 1960-80 published by the Association Press, 1966.

In 1964, he was awarded an outstanding Alumnus Award by the State University of New York at Plattsburg.

He is the recipient of numerous honorary doctorate degrees.

Dr. Proctor is married and has four sons.

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HOLIDAY NOTICE

The offices of THE CAROLINA TIMES will be closed for the Easter holiday on Monday, April 11. Deadlines for the issue of April 16 will be the same: Tuesday at 5 p.m., for local news and Wednesday at noon for advertising. Have a happy and safe Easter!