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## Succession Referendum Is Target of Much Criticism



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## 32-Bed Modular Building Trailer Prison Opens in Wake County

RALEIGH (CCNS) — Governor James Hunt held his weekly press conference last week at the Wake Advancement center in Raleigh, a minimum security prison in south Raleigh. The theme and site of the conference were compatible overcrowding in the state's prisons.

Hunt's visit marked the opening of a 32-bed modular building, much like a home trailer, constructed to accommodate 32 inmates. Prior to the unit's opening, Wake Advancement had 85 prisoners in a building designed for a maximum of 56. Including modular units, as the trailers are called, and permanent prison facilities, Hunt said, by 1981 more than 3250 units will be added to the almost 15,000 inmate population.

Hunt said the units which are equipped with smoke detectors to alarm in the case of fire, are to be located in Vance, Gates, Martin, Green, Duplin, New Hanover, Nash, Carteret, Wake, Bladen, Davidson, Lincoln, Lee, Alamance, Guilford, Cabarrus, Gaston, Anson, Chowan, Catawba, Rutherford, Stokes, Wilkes, Henderson, Caldwell, Forsyth and Durham. Some of the modular units are not yet ready but all are scheduled to be completed by December 1st.

The house trailer prison units were provided as an immediate solution to the problem of overcrowded prisons in the state by Secretary of Corrections Amos Reed. Built to house 10,000 inmates, the system houses nearly 15,000 inmates, many packed together in hazardous conditions.

Hunt would not comment on a reporter's question about the findings of the N. C. Industrial Commission that several prison officials at the Marion County prison unit were negligent as they allowed several inmates to be burned in a locked prison unit, except to say that legal actions may be taken against the officials and also possible is an appeal of the Industrial Commission's order.

Careful not to make projections of when the rapidly growing prison population will level off, Hunt said that by the middle of next year, including modular units and newly built units (permanent) 1862 new beds will be added to the system. By 1979, Hunt says, an additional 748 beds will be added and 384 by 1981. The system has been growing at almost 2,000 annually. The majority of the inmates are black. Many of

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## LEADERS THINK GOV.'S STAND ON W-10 WOULD AFFECT SUCCESSION

RALEIGH (CCNS) — Governor James Hunt, a likely benefactor of the November succession referendum which, if passed, would allow Hunt and subsequent governors the right to serve the state for two successive terms, has become the target of criticism directed against succession. Much of that concern has come from groups and individuals that support a request that Hunt pardon the Wilmington 10.

Hunt has said all along that he doesn't think the Wilmington 10 or other issues associated with his administration would have very much affect upon succession. But discussions with selected leaders in the state's black communities prove different. The sample was not a scientific sample. Democrats and Republicans alike for varied reasons seem to drop succession, most for shortcomings of the Hunt administration.

Typical is Mrs. Johnnie Mae Nixon, a Hunt campaign worker in the coastal town of Burgaw, located in Pender County, who said she supported Hunt as Lt. Governor and Governor because she thought he was a "statesman" rather than a politician. Bringing up Hunt's inaction on a May

request to pardon the Wilmington 10, Mrs. Nixon said Hunt "is waiting to see if he has a chance to run for a second term." "A statesman," she continued, "makes a decision based upon what is right or what he has promised to do, but a politician acts based upon what is expedient." Questioning whether Hunt has fulfilled promises to protect the right of all in the state to education, Mrs. Nixon said "the school system here is just not right. He could send some people to see if blacks are qualified (as teachers) or are just being pushed out."

Also typical is Herschel Seets a Democrat and a member of the Person County Elections Board. A retired school teacher who boasts of the \$150 he personally gave Hunt and Howard Lee's campaign last year, Seets complains that black political thrust is weakened since Hunt "picked off top blacks like Mickey Michaux, John Winters and Ben Ruffin (H. M. Michaux appointed U. S. Attorney by President Carter, and Winters and Ruffin appointed to the N. C. Utility Commission and Human Relations Commission respectively) to give them big jobs while appoint-



HOWARD "TICK" HENDERSON is sworn in as president of the Student Government by Vice-Chancellor James Blue. (Photo by Kelvin Bell)

## Pender County Group Presents List of Grievances to Dr. Craig Phillips

BURGAU (CCNS) — Members of The Black Community of Pender County have presented a list of grievances to Dr. A. Craig Phillips, State Superin-

tendent of Public Instruction, for his consideration in their current dispute with the Pender County Board of Education over discriminatory practices in the hiring, promotion and treatment of black personnel in the elementary and secondary public school systems, which they say represent a "total disregard for the black's morale within the school system."

Following the initial attempt to meet with the Board to present their grievances the Black Community deemed the experience "distastefully unfair and insulting" because there was not enough time to discuss each of the sixty-two item list of grievances, or room enough at the meeting place to house all 200 members of the group who showed up for the September 12th meeting. A second meeting was scheduled for September 19th where new ground rules were announced by the group. They reserved the right to address any Board member they felt to be "the most

qualified individual among you to respond to our individual questions." The admonished the Board to be "direct and to the point" in their responses and further to address the group as "The Black Community." Dudley Robbins, chairman of the Board, dismissed the group as a "large, unruly crowd" many of whom "did not know why they were there," after the September 12th meeting. At the second session, which took place in the Burgaw Junior High School cafeteria, a list of eighteen follow-up grievances was presented which included a challenge of the county regulation which relies on NTE scores as criteria for choosing teachers, asking "Has there been a study to prove that the ones who score high on the NTE make better teachers?" The school board maintains that "qualified" blacks could not be found to fill the twenty-eight vacancies which occurred

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## Fayetteville To Host Black Studies Meet

The North Carolina Conference on Black Studies (NCCBS) will hold its third annual conference in Fayetteville at the St. James Inn October 7-9. Fayetteville State University is the host institution. Keynote speakers are Dr. Theodore Spigner, Chairman, Durham City School Board and Howard Dodson, Director, Institute of the Black World in Atlanta, Georgia. The conference theme this year is "The Black Studies Curriculum in Action."

Friday, October 7th at 7 p.m. the opening session will feature artists, musicians, and dancers who will demonstrate the relationship of the arts to the Black Studies curriculum.

Saturday, October 8th from 9 a.m. to noon a panel of experts in such special-

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DISMISSED BY GOVERNOR — Former Secretary of State C. Delores Tucker begins to pack up the numerous plaques and awards decorating her office following her September 21 dismissal by Governor Shapp. In a letter to Ms. Tucker, the Governor accused her of using her office for personal financial gain. (UPI)

## "Right to Die" Forum Sponsored By Concerned Afro Christians

RALEIGH (CCNS) — Sacred attitudes about death and dying coupled with increased technology in the hands of medical experts has created an amoral attitude about death, said Dr. Larry

Churchill, an Associate Professor of medicine at the UNC medical school. The analysis was made at a forum on the "Right to Die" sponsored by the Concerned Afro-America Christians.

Right to die, along with participation in county and local government, were topics of the forum held at Rush Metropolitan AMEZ Church in Raleigh. The first of three forums funded by the N. C. Committee on the Humanities.

Right to die legislation, Churchill said, has been passed recently by 33 states including North Carolina. He attributed the sudden activity by state legislatures as response to publicity around the Karen Quinlan case. Amoral attitudes, he claimed, were suppressed until the case suddenly surfaced in the press. Right to die, often mistaken for euthanasia or mercy killing, allows the patient to agree to suspend extraordinary life sustaining mechanisms which prolong life. Before right to die legislation was passed, physicians held the sole authority to determine whether to prolong life utilizing prolonging mechanisms.

Rev. Ralph Stephens, pastor of the St. Matthew AME Church agreed with a contention of Churchill that physicians previously exercised unwieldy power over life or death decisions. Adding some brief history of the development of black values surrounding death, Stephens noted that death and the process of dying have been, until recently, regarded by most as one "making peace with the Master."

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## Promises More Black Interns In Government

WASHINGTON — President Jimmy Carter and the U. S. Civil Services Commission should work to ensure the presence of successful minority group candidates — particularly those from predominantly black colleges — in the historic new Presidential Management Internship Program, the head of Texas Southern University urged at the official White House enactment of the program last month.

"I told him, 'on behalf of black colleges, thank you Mr. President,'" Dr. Granville M. Sawyer, president of TSU said of his conversation with Carter following the official signing of an executive order authorizing 250 public management college graduates each year to be hired as top level interns in the federal government.

"He told me, I hope there will be many blacks here when the first group is selected," Sawyer said of Carter's response. "As far as I'm concerned, that's a mandate from the President of

the United States" to see that blacks are included.

TSU, one of the few predominantly black colleges to offer an advanced degree in public administration, will be one of less than 300 of all the colleges and universities in the country eligible to nominate twenty per cent of its advanced graduating class for consideration in the program. The university has pioneered among Southern universities in successfully placing its public administration students in local and state government internships.

Last summer, two TSU students participated with other students from predominantly black colleges in an innovative legislative internship with the District of Columbia City Council. The students lived in D. C. and worked for six weeks with the Council drafting a laymen's guide to the legislative process. The internships were arranged by POSITIVE FUTURES, Inc. (PFI), the first public affairs consortium in black higher education, in which TSU participates.



PRESIDENTIAL MANDATE — Following his enactment of an historic new Presidential Management Internship Program, President Jimmy Carter discusses the role of predominantly black colleges and universities in the new program with Dr. Granville M. Sawyer, President, Texas Southern University. President Carter told Dr. Sawyer that he hopes many blacks will be among the first 250 interns selected. "That's a mandate from the President," Dr. Sawyer said.



OPPS! — An unidentified young participant at Durham's Second Annual Street festival cools herself and the sidewalk while enjoying the fun. During the one day festival hundreds of people visited downtown exhibits of arts, music, and novelty. (Photos by PCNS)