

New Advocacy Group Of Black Educators Forming

By Donald Alderman
A group designed "to meet the unique needs and to enhance the status of black educators" is forming and is now in the pre-organizational stage. A small group of professors at North Carolina Central University met on October 14 and outlined several concerns of black educators. The group met again on October 26 to continue organizational efforts. Dr. George Reid, convener of the group and NCCU history professor, said organizing efforts are presently focusing statewide at black and white campuses. There is considerable interest on all campuses, he said. Presently, the group has about 100 members, mostly NCCU faculty. Organizers said at the second meeting that the group is not officially associated with NCCU and the group's members are not limited to NCCU faculty although faculty at NCCU initiated the black educators group. Dr. Reid described the group as a "private organization of black educators and others concerned about the interests of black educators. He said the group is forming to change the negative and diminishing image of black educators. "We are proud to be black educators and there is nothing negative about it." Reid said the group's membership is not limited to educators but community members can also participate. He said the group will be composed of blacks, whites and anyone interested in the concerns of black educators. After a solid base has been formed in North Carolina, the group will expand nationally. "The problems of black educators in North Carolina are the same as the problems of black educators in Mississippi or anywhere," Reid remarked. Asked whether the consent decree prompted the group's formation, Reid said, "The consent decree is more than likely an issue, but not the only concern." Reid said hesitation by some faculty members in joining the group has caused a slower start than anticipated. He said some are afraid of being viewed as "radical or revolutionary" although the group is neither. For further information, Dr. Reid can be contacted at the NCCU History Department. Following are the concerns outlined by black educators:

- The elimination of black institutions.
- The lack of an organization to protect and promote the image of black educators and black institutions.
- The lack of professional security, i.e., initial appointments, reappointments, promotions, raises, etc.
- The absence of vehicles to address professional grievances peculiar to black educators.
- The absence of vehicles to address the problems and inequities of black students.
- The lack of a structure to address black educators' concerns relative to standardized examinations.
- The absence of an organization to represent the views of blacks parents.
- The absence of an organization to recognize the contributions and potential talent, and to promote the professional development of black educators.
- The lack of vehicles to express the unique concerns of black educators to public officials.



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Though the rain was falling, spirits of these Durham High School banner girls were riding high for the Homecoming Parade on last Friday. Durham High's football team beat Roxboro-Person 16-12 at County Stadium. Photo by Jim Elliott

NCCU Celebrates Homecoming; Other Locals Hit The Road

By **Elson Armstrong, Jr.**
This Saturday is Halloween but all area teams feel like they were bewitched last Saturday. They all took losses. This week, they're all hoping for a treat rather than another ugly weekend of defeat. North Carolina Central University is the only team that has the luxury of playing at home. The Eagles take the field for a 1:30 p.m. kickoff against Bowie State. This game is special because it's Homecoming for the Eagles. If that's not enough for a sellout, the contest is also a key game for NCCU. A win will keep them in first place in the CIAA South. Duke will journey to Atlanta for a game with Georgia Tech. It will renew one of the oldest rivalries in the South. Tech started the season with a bang when it upset Alabama in Birmingham, but hasn't won since. The Yellow Jackets did put a scare into North Carolina when the Tar Heels played at Grant Field on October 3. N.C. State goes to Columbia to face a South Carolina squad which is still sky high after their shocking win over UNC in Chapel Hill. For State, it's a pivotal game. A win could get the Pack in the right frame to have a winning season. In Greensboro, the A&T Aggies will take on powerful Florida A&M. The Aggies, who seem to fade in the closing minutes, will have to be on their toes for the full game if they hope to upset the rattlers.

Atlanta's Poor
(Continued From Page 1) unskilled population since two of these workers in a household of four can hope to earn just enough to raise them to the level of poverty with the present minimum wages. Both mayoral candidates, former Ambassador Andrew Young and Sidney Marcus, promised a solution to the serious problem of poverty to the 100,000 poor people of Atlanta. It is not clear what direction the solution will take.

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funding which, according to the report, "is likely to be most troublesome to the states. While the Reconciliation Act gives the states the authority to decide how to apportion the funds, it gives the states less money to do it with. The largest cuts, according to the report, were not due to block grant consolidation but were instead due to eligibility changes in entitlement programs. "Entitlement programs are those in which individuals who meet the program's criteria have a right to receive benefits. Reductions in entitlement programs such as Food Coupons and AFDC were made indirectly by making stricter eligibility requirements. For example, a mother working forty hours per week on a minimum wage job is no longer eligible for Aid to Families with Dependent Children benefits, even though their earned income is below the national poverty level. An estimated 37,000 persons will be eliminated from the AFDC program statewide (7,000 in Durham County) as a result of rules changes. The Food Coupon program, AFDC and Medicaid are all being reduced by the institution of tougher requirements. State and local officials are presently preparing reports that will indicate the full impact of all reductions. In addition to cuts achieved by block grant consolidation and tougher requirements, there are reductions in programs that are administered independently from state government, affecting many North Carolinians. Examples cited in the report are Social Security and Disability programs and Legal Aid. Also, interest rates on loans to students and farmers have been increased.

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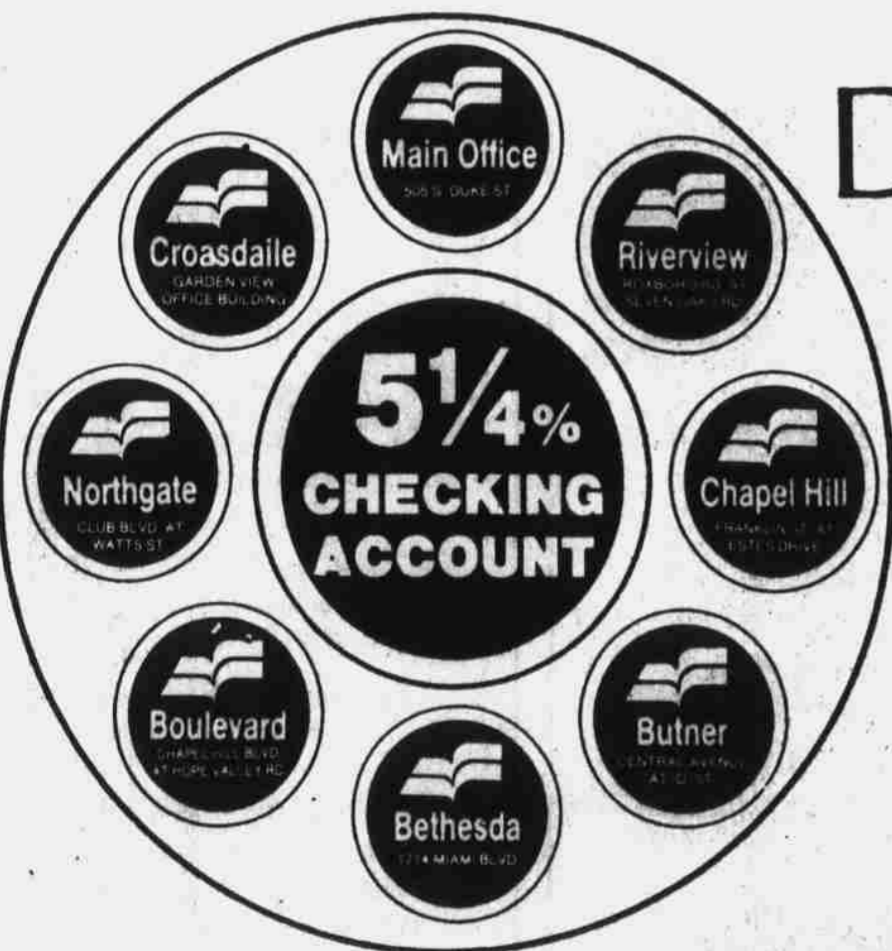
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