



SCHOLARSHIPS WON BY FOUR AT ST. AUG.'S—Four recently enrolled students at Saint Augustine's College won Army ROTC 4-Year Scholarships for 1982-1986. These winners are, left to right: Raymond Tillery, pre-law major from Cahanna, Ohio; Samuel Rucker, pre-engineering major from Gary, Indiana; Captain Brad Beasley, assistant professor of military science; Ms. Deborah Robinson, business management major from Gary, Indiana; and Joseph Lee, III, a pre-medicine major from Roanoke, Virginia. These high academic achievers won their scholarship through national scholarship competition.

Group Fighting For Better Bus Service Struggling With Internal Rifts

By Donald Alderman
The previously tight knit coalition of groups that rallied with Durham's poor and elderly to keep Duke Power Company's buses rolling at night has apparently tripped off the tracks somewhat.

Saddled with over \$5000 in attorney fees, some members of the Durham Citizens Roundtable Coalition don't want to be publically associated with others.

According to insiders, the Communist Workers Party is causing most of the problem, though not intentionally. Members of other groups don't want to form too close an alliance with the left-wing radicals.

Meanwhile, the coalition waits nervously on the N.C. Utilities Commission decision on whether to allow the electric company to cut out night bus service and reduce the frequency of trips on two other routes.

Members of the coalition include, the Durham Branch of the NAACP, the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, the Durham People's Alliance, the Voters Alliance, the Durham Chapter of the National Council of Senior Citizens and a few other individuals.

After the Durham City Council voted to allow Duke Power to end night bus service on February 15, the coalition formed and responded with a suit, asking a temporary restraining order until the suit could be heard.

Since Duke is a regulated public utility, Judge Anthony Brannon advised the group to file

a formal complaint with the N.C. Utilities Commission before pursuing a suit. The group did and the commission ordered night bus runs shortly after they were halted in February.

Now the commission ponders whether to keep the buses running, and according to one commissioner a decision could be rendered this month. If the commission keeps buses rolling, it would be the first time the commission has overriden a local government decision.

The way the coalition formed and rallied behind the bus issue was impressive. Groups that have never formed alliance worked in harmony, fighting an electric monopoly and the Durham City Council.

But after that exciting first start, the group appears to have lost some of its first fire and gusto.

"We'd rather work behind the banner of the Roundtable Coalition instead of highlighting different groups," said one

member of the People's Alliance who asked not to be identified. "Some people are concerned that the commission's decision may be tainted if the Communist Workers Party's involvement is given too much ink."

But one supporter of the CWP wasn't surprised or upset. Said Ms. Anne Sheppard, "If you have a political position other than Republican or Democrat, then people are going to red bait you. That's understandable."

Ms. Sheppard, a longtime CWP supporter, went on to say that the rift isn't serious and the coalition is solidly behind the bus issue. "If we hadn't pushed this," she said, "people would be walking."

Robert (Bob) Markham, chairman of the coalition said he is aware of the rift but doesn't consider it serious.

"We rallied behind the bus issue and we're still behind that issue," Markham said. "Any ci-

ty the size of Durham should have a good transit system. That's the issue and members of the Roundtable are still behind that issue."

The commission's oral arguments ended in June, capping a series of public hearings held by the commission in Durham and Raleigh in which both sides drew fairly clear battle lines.

Attorneys for the city and Duke Power Company argued that decreased ridership created substantial losses in revenue, thereby making service cuts unavoidable.

Coalition attorneys argued that service cuts and poor marketing created the company's losses. They called for bus service to be restored to its 1973 level, which includes Sunday, holiday and night bus service.

The Coalition is holding a raffle to help pay attorney fees. For more information, contact Bob Markham at 383-5833.

Republicans Hope (Continued from Front)

provide the margin of victory and their role in the Second District Congressional race is expected to be even more pronounced this November.

Valentine has told *The Carolina Times* that he will seek black support in Durham, and that he intends to contact the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, a powerful Durham political lobby. In most elections, the Committee, as it is called, can deliver more than 90 percent of the black vote to candidates endorsed by the group.

But Valentine's requests might fall on deaf ears because, according to Committee sources, the organization is expected to endorse the write-in effort. If they do, Valentine will be in trouble.

Michaux has refused to endorse either Valentine or the write-in effort. It appears unlikely at this point that Valentine will go into November with a Michaux endorsement.

Thus, in November, the Second Congressional District might not ever be the same again. The district includes Durham, Caswell, Wilson, Granville, Halifax, Edgecombe, Nash, Warren, Person and Vance counties, as well as O'Neal Township in Johnston County.

Given the upheaval in the district, North Carolina Republicans feel that Marin, a former National Basketball Association player and Atlantic Coast Conference standout, can defeat Valentine.

Marin is being backed by the National Republican Party and the Congressional Club, a fundraising organization founded and philosophically directed by N.C. Senator Jesse Helms. Marin also has some black support, according to his chief campaign aide.

This week, Richard Richards, National Republican Party chairman, visited the district to endorse Marin. Nationally, the Republican Party is attempting to both elect more Republicans and enlist more black support.

In a related matter, Valentine has refused to debate Marin. Valentine says that it is because he does not want to give the Republican hopeful a platform and sees no need for a face to face meeting between the two.

Marin supporters say something different. Dabney Lassiter, a Marin supporter, said that Valentine is refusing to debate because he is afraid of Marin.

"Valentine does not have a straight identity," Lassiter said, "he is not good on the issues and he is not a good speaker." She called Valentine a

"chameleon."

Lassiter said that several other national Republican figures will be coming to Durham to support Marin's candidacy. She would not release any names, but did indicate that Republican Vice President George Bush might make a trip to the Tar Heel state before the November election.

"I think that Jack can win in the Second District," she said. "I get encouraged more each day. The cycle is

turning toward Marin." Lassiter added that William Cobey, who is running as the Republican hopeful in the Fourth District against incumbent Ike Andrews, stands a very good chance of being elected in the fall.

Like Marin, Cobey has a sports connection. He served as the athletic director at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill before becoming a Republican Party congressional candidate.

Manslaughter Trial (Continued from Front)

flyer stated that a certain fraternity, which the flyer purported to be promoting, was "dedicated to wiping all...niggers off the face of the earth."

And so it was in this national atmosphere of increased racial violence against black men that Reams met his death, and though the police and judicial officials appear to be treating the case as a simple traffic accident, *The Carolina Times* has repeatedly reported facts that raised serious questions about the police investigation.

For example: * Both the woman Reams was with and his brother, who also allegedly witnessed the death, have said that the car first passed the couple headed in the opposite direction, swung around, hit Reams and sped away with its headlights off. Ms. Reid says the driver yelled racial epithets at them the first time he passed the couple.

* Ms. Reid, who says she favors black men to white men, also told *The Carolina Times* that she recognized Grimes as the driver of the car because he and her brother had been involved in drug deals together.

* Grimes, described by one police officer as "a bad cookie," has a long arrest record that includes charges of drug trafficking, assault and larceny. He has been accused of killing a black man. Also on trial will be the question of whether Durham has joined other American cities where random violence against blacks has become a fairly commonplace pastime?

In a related incident, at least two Durham organizations have called the Reams killing an ex-

ample of racist violence, and had urged city officials to formally denounce the incident. The City Council has taken no action on that request.

In its slow and tortuous progress to trial, the Grimes-Reams case also got tied up in local politics.

Durham's District Attorney Dan Edwards was accused of playing politics with the case for not taking it before the grand jury before the Democratic primary election in June.

Ronald Stephens, Edwards' Democratic opponent who subsequently beat Edwards, said the incumbent DA was trying not to anger blacks during the campaign by taking the case to the Grand Jury. Edwards also, during the same period, agreed to have a state NAACP lawyer as special prosecutor in the case, though it is not clear what role, if any, this attorney — Angus Thompson — will play in the actual trial.

Stephens also said that Edwards was trying to appease white voters by not going after a more serious charge against Grimes.

Edwards denied any political maneuvering in his handling of the Grimes case.

And so when court opens Monday, and the bailiff calls the Grimes case, there will be more on trial than a white man accused of killing a black man. Also on trial will be the question of whether Durham has joined other American cities where random violence against blacks has become a fairly commonplace pastime?

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