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Words Of Wisdom
At 20 years of age the will reigns; at 30 the wit; at 40 the judgement.
—Benjamin Franklin
It is well to treasure the memories of past misfortunes; they constitute our bank of fortitude.
—Erif Hoffer

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NCCU Faculty Rejects Finalists



SETTLING THE FIGHT

Representatives of the Crest Street community, state government and Durham's city government signed documents Wednesday that officially ends the fight to save the Crest Street Community. In the settlement, the state and the city got their road — the East-West Expressway that runs from I-40 and will ultimately connect with U.S. 15-501. Residents have apparently saved their community in an agreement that calls for displaced people to be moved into new housing in the area. In the pictures above, Gov. Jim Hunt signs the document and chats amiably with Dr. Lowery W. Reid.

By Donald Alderman
Almost one-third of NCCU's faculty Wednesday night rejected by more than a 2-1 margin the four finalists in the search for a new chancellor for the university.

The faculty meeting was called after the 55-member Faculty Senate voted a couple of months ago to give the entire faculty a chance to "accept, reject or prioritize" the finalists. The move reflects what some call "widespread dissent" on the campus concerning the chancellor selection process.

NCCU Chancellor Dr. Albert N. Whiting retires June 30 after 16 years as head of the 73-year old predominantly black liberal arts institution. More than 100 persons either applied or were nominated for the position, and after several months of screening, the search committee narrowed the list down to five for interview, but one later withdrew.

Almost immediately after the names of the finalists were reported by *The Carolina Times*, faculty members and administrators criticized what they called an "unproductive" search. Some called the final four "unexceptional," and called for the search to be "reopened, reconsidered and replanned."

The finalists are: (Continued on Page 8)

Congressman Fauntroy Tells Audience "What To Do When The Lights Go Out"

PREACHING IN DURHAM — Congressman Walter Fauntroy preached at Durham's White Rock Baptist Church Sunday as part of the 17th anniversary services for White Rock's pastor, Rev. Lorenzo Lynch. His sermon was: "What To Do When the Lights Go Out", referring to the worsening political and economic plight of blacks in this country as he sees it. He gave five points in an hour-long sermon. They are:

- * Face the Facts — Don't stumble in darkness pretending the lights are on.
- * Light a Candle — Rely on faith, hope and love rather than doubt, despair and meanness.
- * Do Something You've Not Done Before — Return your support to the black church.
- * Find a Natural Source of Light — Don't bank your future on man-made light, because what man turns on, man can turn off.
- * Hang On 'Til the Dawn — Because a brighter day is coming.

Fauntroy, in addition to being a non-voting member of Congress, representing the majority black population of Washington, D.C., is also pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church in the nation's capitol.



In N.C. 2000 Project

Durham's Leadership Fumbled Ball

By Donald Alderman
Durham's powerful and diverse political leadership appears to have cheated citizens here out of participating in a statewide planning effort for the year 2000.

This view surfaced several months ago when state officials commented on why Durhamites were not involved in the N.C. 2000 project, designed to solicit comments from the state's citizens at all levels about the problems and possible solutions that might be extant in this state between now and on into the next century.

"Obviously," the state official said, "politics played a part in the delay. Traditionally, Durham has problems pulling anything off because it has a very diverse group of people, many power structures. In Durham, you have your university people, a powerful black group and rural white conservatives. It's hard to get those people together to plan for anything of this nature."

So over the past 18 months while more than 10,000 North Carolinians across the state participated in meetings to identify problems and possible solutions for Century 21, Durhamites did nothing. They discussed neither problems nor solutions.

Project staffers also conducted a random phone survey, and it could not be determined how many calls, if any, were made to Durham County. (Continued on Page 6)

completed the form. *The Carolina Times* obtained a copy of the "report" from the Department of Administration.

On Wednesday, county manager, Ed Swindell explained that Mrs. Angie Elkins, the county chairman for the N.C. 2000 project, filed the Durham County report, but that he was not aware of any county meetings being held.

However, according to guidelines of the statewide project, the county meetings were crucial to the process. In a report, covering the scope and purpose of the project, it says:

"The local channel consisted of a network of local N.C. 2000 committees established in each of the state's 100 counties. The local committees in many ways paralleled the Commission's work, but there was a crucial difference. They [the county committees] emphasized the local perspective — the concerns, needs and goals of large counties and small throughout the state with their diverse economic, social and environmental conditions. The local committees held meetings for the better part of a year, during which local citizens put into words the future they desire for themselves and their children. With these

citizen views in mind, about three-fourths of the local committees prepared a list of goals and recommendations to serve as county N.C. 2000 reports."

So even though the county meetings were crucial to the information gathering process of the project, and the county reports were supposed to reflect the thinking of many of its citizens, neither goal appears to have been accomplished in Durham.

N.C. 2000 started about 18 months ago, and since that time several hundred thousand North Carolinians have participated in one way or another.

Last week about 800 participants, mostly government, political, business and civic leaders, met in Raleigh to study, discuss and change the preliminary recommendations and goals that have resulted from the process.

Changes and additions will be part of a final report, scheduled to go to Gov. Jim Hunt in April, following an executive summary that he will get in March.

The N.C. 2000 process began when Hunt appointed a 68-member Commission to oversee the project and produce the final report. The N.C. Department of Administration is supervising the work and compiling all the data and other information.

In addition, questionnaires were printed in *The Carolina Times* and most daily papers across the state, and about 113,000 of them were answered and returned. Several thousand more people took part in a phone survey that was also part of the project.

But the key part of the process designed to get the maximum amount of input from citizens were the county meetings. County chairmen were appointed in each of the 100 counties, and according to state government officials, meetings were held in 99 counties, though about seventy counties filed reports. Durham County is apparently the only county not to have held N.C. 2000 county meetings but filed a report.

It appears that persons who should have called such meetings fumbled the ball.

Mrs. Angie Elkins, Durham's county chairman for project N.C. 2000, was unavailable for comment. She and her family are out of the country.

Back in May, when Mrs. Elkins discussed the project and her role with *The Carolina Times*, she

Blacks Should Plan For The Future

By Milton Jordan
Executive Editor

Durham's black community apparently knows very little about N.C. 2000, but it's not because the information didn't get from Raleigh to Durham.

"I've gotten information in the mail," said Dr. E. Lavonia Allison, chairman of the N.C. Black Leadership Caucus, a statewide political activist group. "And some of our members have been involved with the process across the state in their local areas. But as an organization, we have not been involved."

Dr. Allison is also chairman of the political subcommittee of the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, considered Durham's most powerful black organization.

Willie Lovett, chairman of the Durham Committee, also said he has received mail from the N.C. 2000 project.

The N.C. 2000 project is an 18-month-old effort to give all of North Carolina's citizens a chance to look into the future, analyze all the information that can be gathered and lay plans for the 21st century.

There were several ways for people to be involved.

Members of the N.C. 2000 Commission, a 68-member body appointed by Gov. Jim Hunt, come from almost every region of the state. Businessman Nathan Garrett is the Commission's only black member from Durham.

Another black member on the Commission with Durham connections is Ms. Carolyn Coleman, regional director of the State NAACP.

It is not clear just how much any of the blacks on the Commission disseminated information concerning the project throughout the black

community. "It sounds like a good thing," said Durham city councilman Chester Jenkins, "but I haven't been involved."

Jenkins is one of three blacks on the Durham City Council.

"I have not heard about the project," said Mrs. Joan Burton, a community activist and chairman of the Durham Committee's housing sub-committee, "and it seems to me that maybe the mechanism was in place for the black community to get information, but somehow it broke down on our end."

There were really five major ways that people could get information about the statewide long range planning effort.

* Each County Commission appointed a county chairman, whose job it was to organize and conduct county-wide meetings to discuss the four areas of concern: the economy, community, people and natural resources, and get citizen input.

According to reports from the N.C. 2000 Commission, reports came in from seventy of the state's 100 counties. Durham County is one of thirty counties where

no meetings were held.

* In addition, area newspapers published a questionnaire seeking information concerning the project. [The *Carolina Times* published the questionnaire.] According to the Commission, more than 113,000 questionnaires were answered and returned. It is not clear how many of them came from Durham.

* Project staffers also conducted a random phone survey, and it could not be determined how many calls, if any, were made to Durham County. (Continued on Page 6)

Durham Committee Plans Changes For New Year

By Donald Alderman

The new year could bring significant changes to the Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People.

The Committee, as it is often called, has long been viewed as Durham's most powerful black organization, particularly in politics.

But according to Willie Lovett, recently re-elected to a second two-year term as chairman of the organization, the Durham Committee is studying ways to improve its service to local blacks.

The studies include the following:

* A task force that is looking at alternative financing methods. Currently, the organization's most visible work — turning out the black vote in elections — is principally financed by candidates endorsed by the Committee. Other work is financed by donations from members.

* Ways to best implement a sub-committee recommendation that the organization develop semi-annual self-evaluations and report

the findings to the community.

* Ways to best enhance the economic viability of the black community. The first step is an economic summit of sorts between the Committee and several black business development organizations.

For the most part, these studies are responses to both criticisms and other suggestions that the Committee might be losing touch with the diverse interests of the black community. Generally, the Committee's power and rapport with the local black community is strong and solid, but recently, particularly during the past year, cracks have appeared in the relationship.

Among other things this year, the committee has been criticized for accepting contributions from endorsed candidates; on its methods of research that lead to endorsement; and because the organization often appears to be tightly run by an inner core of leaders which has been charged with being large-

ly self-serving and insensitive.

Ranking leaders of the Committee deny these charges, but concede that the organization should consider certain changes if they will help the organization become more effective.

In the most recent action, a nominating subcommittee which last Thursday presented a successful slate of officers that leaves the organization's leadership intact, also recommended the twice a year

evaluations and reports. Lovett said he agrees with the idea.

"The committee should back off periodically and take a look at where we've been and where we're going," Lovett said. "I think that's appropriate." Lovett said he'll be responsible for carrying out the recommendation.

The task force on financing, according to Lovett, was appointed during the summer amid much of the financing

The Correct Times

In this space every week, *The Carolina Times* will correct errors of fact, typographical mistakes and other miscues that appear in the newspaper. If you see any that we miss, drop us a line and we will correct them.

—Due to a production error, we did not publish the last half of an article that began on the front page of the Dec. 11 issue. The articles, headlined "Phillip Freelon Joins Architectural/Engineering Firm", is published in its entirety on Page 9 this week.

The *Carolina Times* regrets this error.

controversy. He said the task force hasn't presented a report.

The economic summit was called by the group's economic subcommittee, headed by Clem Baines, who couldn't be reached for comment.

But three organizations were to have met with the economic subcommittee Thursday, as Lovett puts it, "sit down and change ideas and see where we are."

The organizations are: * Hayti Development Corporation, headed by Nathaniel White, Jr., and formed earlier this year to spearhead the redevelopment of Hayti as the city's principal black business district.

* UDI's Community Development Corporation, headed by Ed Stewart, and concentrating on development of an industrial park in southern Durham County.

* Durham Business and Professional Chain, headed by Ervin Allen, Jr. The Chain's role is to assist black construction contractors and other black businesses.

Below are recently

electd officers of the Durham Committee.

They will be installed during the Durham Committee's annual meeting to be held January 9 at 5 p.m., in the Union Baptist Church on Roxboro Street.

—Willie Lovett, chairman for two years

—One year terms: Benjamin S. Ruffin, first vice chairman; Mrs. Claronell K. Brown, second vice chairman;

Walter Rhodes, third vice chairman; John Hudgins, executive secretary; Ms. Carol A. Williams, secretary; Mrs. Barbara P. Foskey, assistant secretary; and F.V. Allison, Jr., treasurer.

—Chairmen and co-chairmen elected for subcommittees were: John Edwards and Mrs. Peggy Watson-Borden, civic sub-committee; Clem Baines and Nathaniel White, Jr., economic; the Rev. W.W. Easley, Jr., and Dr. George Reid, education; Dr. Howard Fitts and Mrs. Betty Copeland, health;

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