

newsline

GREENSBORO - The number of minority medical students has dropped 9.1 percent since the Bakke case was handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court, according to U.S. Attorney H.M. "Mickey" Michaux.

The Middle District prosecutor referred to the recent statistics compiled by the national association of medical colleges during a speech to a careers conference at A&T State University here.

Michaux, the first black U.S. attorney in the Southeast, told the 200 businessmen attending the meeting that they have a stake in supporting affirmative action.

"It costs more to incarcerate than to educate," he said. "It costs \$52,000 to keep a person in prison for four years and only \$20,000 to send a student to college for four years."

The choice is education and employment or incarceration and prison.

Washington, D.C. - The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has completed a six-month pilot program designed to teach fire safety to five groups of consumers: general low-income populations, American Indians, Black Americans, Appalachian residents, and Spanish-speaking groups.

According to a 1974 CPSC staff report, "Consumer Safety Towards an Equal Opportunity", low-income minority groups encounter safety problems different from those of other citizens. Because they most often buy inferior or second-hand merchandise, these consumers are exposed to greater risks of injury from defective products.

The objectives of the project were to disseminate fire safety information; promote awareness of flammability hazards and to investigate strategies that would be effective in disseminating CPSC information in low-income and minority communities. The program was administered in the following urban and rural communities: inner-city, low-income Black areas in Baltimore; general low-income and Spanish-speaking communities in Detroit; rural Appalachian sites in Leslie County, Ky; and American-Indian Communities in New Mexico.

One noteworthy aspect of the project was the use of local community based organizations to help teach fire safety and disseminate information to residents of the selected areas.

Based on activities and experiences of fire safety project, the Commission is now preparing a manual of strategies which it hopes will be useful in administering fire safety programs directed toward minorities in disadvantaged communities. The manual is expected to be completed the end of October.

Washington - The Law Enforcement Assistance Administration has awarded \$512,719 to the Southern Territory of the Salvation Army to continue its delinquency prevention program. The Youth and Family Support Project of Winston-Salem is one of the five programs supported by the award. It provides a wide range of prevention services to youth and their families.

The Youth and Family Support Project is located in the Salvation Army's Southside Corps Center, adjacent to the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club. This unique arrangement between the Salvation Army and I.E.A.A. is a research and demonstration approach to the problems of delinquency.

The Project evaluation is being conducted by the National Council on Crime and Delinquency with the cooperation of the City of Winston-Salem's Human Services Department through C.E.T.A. funding.

Additional information about the program is available from the Project Office at 788-8950.

ANN ARBOR Mich. - A doctoral researcher at the University of Michigan reports that the rate of blacks committing suicide has increased 187 percent since the mid-1950s in the Detroit area.

"Similar rises have occurred throughout the country," said Beverly Howze, a Ph.D. candidate in clinical psychology who conducted a study of 341 Detroit area teenagers.

"The greatest increases have been among young people, age 15 to 34," she added. "While this includes both sexes and all races, the figures are far higher for black youth."

"This represents a complete reversal for the black race which has a history of rarely resorting to suicide," she said.

In the study, she found "an alarming pattern of alienation and self-destructiveness." She said 16 percent of low-income black youth in the sample saw suicide as a "primary means of coping with problems."

The trustees of North Carolina School of the Arts and the board members of the NCSA Foundation Inc. have announced their agreement to accept the Carolina Theatre building, offered as the gift of the Piedmont Publishing company to the Foundation, with the challenge of its restoration and renovation at an estimated cost of between \$4.75 million and \$6.25 million, to be raised primarily from federal and out-of-state private sources.

The announcement was made at a breakfast news conference at the Hyatt House, where state and local public officials, business and education leaders, NCSA trustees and Foundation board members and planning teams met with news media representatives to announce future plans for the Carolina Theatre.

Renovation of the Carolina Theatre as a performance center for NCSA was first seriously considered in 1974. Since March of 1977, when Piedmont Publishing Company officially offered the Carolina Theatre as a gift to NCSA, various federally funded studies have ascertained that the existing building, which was built in 1929:

Is structurally sound, and lends itself to the renovations and design modifications being proposed.



Rep. Parren Mitchell

Neal Scrambles For Black Vote

By Sharyn Bratcher
Staff Writer

Congressman Steve Neal is attempting to solidify his position in the black community with his campaign efforts this week. This week's visit by Representative Parren Mitchell (D-Md) chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, highlighted that effort.

Neal stated that the question "What are you doing for the black community?" is being asked with increasing frequency in this election. He explained that the issues he addresses are "people issues," of importance to everyone.

"Employment, social security, consumer concerns, older American, veterans programs, housing programs, farm programs, small business programs, civil rights, individual liberties, a healthy national

economy, a strong national defense—all affect many people of all races, all creeds, every national origin," Neal stated.

Neal also cited his record on a number of issues on which the Congressional Black Caucus has taken a position. He was in accord with the Caucus on eight listed items, including the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act; the bill for full voting representation for the District of Columbia; the bill for Reorganization

of federal civil rights agencies; and the legislation to appeal the Byrd Amendment, which allowed the importation of Rhodesian chrome in violation of U.S. economic sanctions.

Neal disagreed with the Black Caucus' support of a national health insurance, favoring instead the use of the private sector.

"I do not always agree with the specific positions of the Black Caucus," said Neal, "but I share its goals of equal rights and opportunities for all Americans."

Mocksville

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We saw the "Canteen", a prisoner-operated store carrying toothpaste, shampoo, snack foods and other convenience store items. Another inmate operated the laundry room. The laundry is done in Asheville; outer garments are changed once a week, underwear 3 times, Holmes tells us.

Those who have jobs, such as cooks or barbers may receive as much as \$1 a day per job as well as a reduction in sentence.

There is a small office within the compound where a guard checks all incoming and outgoing mail. They record letters to attorneys, prison officials, etc. and check incoming mail for contraband. On the bulletin board is a recent Chronicle cartoon lampooning the prison system.

We had lunch in the cafeteria, which reminded me of my elementary school. Grilled cheese sandwiches and tomato soup.

After the tour, we asked to interview some of the inmates.

"It's outrageous," Bennie Alston told us. "Last night we had no heat in the dorm. There's broken windows and we only have one blanket. They want to write you up if you wash your clothes..."

(Rosefield explains that this is because of the prison's outdated sewage system, scheduled to be replaced. Presently, if it is overused, raw sewage would flood nearby rivers and streams.)

Billy Hopkins complained of unequal treatment. He was given isolation time for an offense, while a white inmate charged with the same offense was let off, he said.

"I have been here 12 years," said Willie Smith. "I know how the system works. I don't have to ask. I know. My honor will be denied. My parole will be denied, but I don't care. I'm going to talk."

He worked on the road squad. He told us of a guard assigned to the road squad who had discharged his .38 accidentally. Three weeks later this same guard was out with the road crew and his shot gun went off by accident, killing a dog. The man is still employed at the unit.

Smith complained of leaks around his bunk when it rained, and of other conditions in the camp. "There's too many knives on this camp," he warned.

"They won't give me a job here," said Randolph Moore. "I done put in about 9 requests. I just want off this camp."

"You're not going to learn much just sitting around talking," Joseph Bocchino told us. "Let me take youse on a tour of the camp."

Bocchino's tour covered the same grounds as that of Captain Holmes, but with a different emphasis. The dorm: "Only 2 showers work. And we got no hot water. See? Feel that?"

The cafeteria: "Today you lucked out. You got a good meal today. Most of the time the food is cold. The toast is so hard you could knock a crack in the wall. They knew you were coming -- they had a crew in this morning cleaning up the place."

"There's been a hell of a lot of improvements," Bocchino told us. "We never had school programs. They talk about living conditions. It's terrible."

Housing

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48,200 housing units in the city.

Gary Brown, Community Development Director, said that the Sanders Company had been given permission over 2 years ago to build 150 units for families off Reynolds Park Road, and another 150 units are to be built on Lakeland Avenue outside the city limits.

"They're due to start any time now," Brown said.

Avoid buying lemons with bruised, bumpy, or wrinkled skins. This means they are old, badly stored, or a lower grade.

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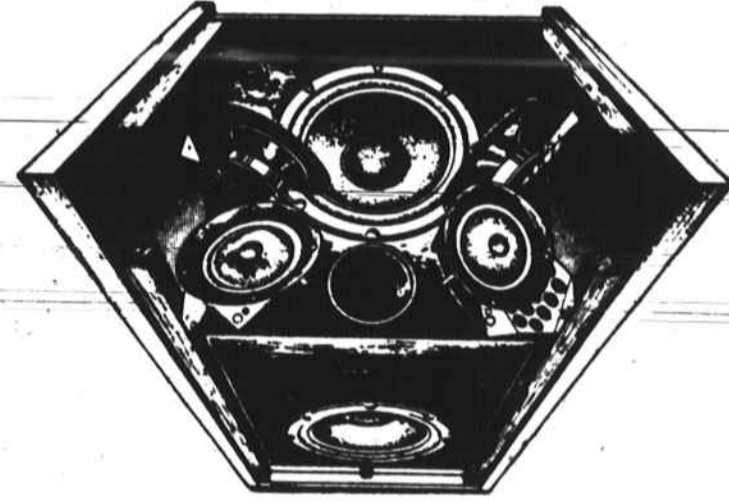


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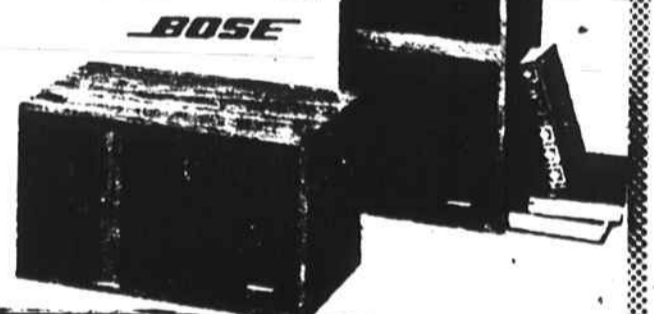
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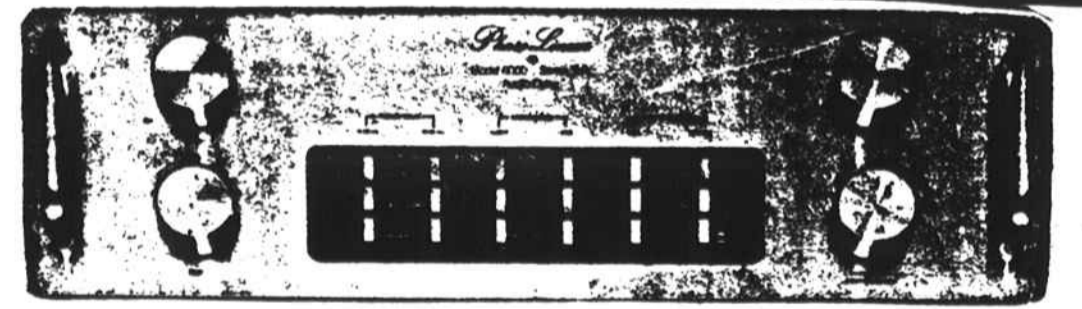
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