

He Fights His Handicap With Karate

By Yvette McCullough
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Terry Davis has been studying karate for about seven years. He has been promoted to an orange belt, which is two degrees higher than a beginner. That may seem an easy feat, but for the 22-year-old Davis it is a major accomplishment in his life. Davis is a paraplegic.

Davis doesn't like to dwell on the fact that he is handicapped. He said that being paralyzed from the waist down is more a problem to others than it is for him.

"I see people's reactions and expressions when they see me," Davis said. "It's discouraging at times when I see the doubting looks, it makes you feel like you're on display."

Being himself for Davis includes playing the guitar and studying the martial arts. He began karate because he feels it's good exercise, and has stayed with it due to the influence of his instructor, Alton Canon.

**"He's a whole man,
not half a man"**

Canon is the only instructor Davis has had because he feels Canon is the best.

"The martial arts have been blown out of proportion, but I think he's the best, he's no fly-by-night," Davis said.

Canon, a special police officer at Winston-Salem State University, agreed that there are people trying to

get rich through the martial arts.

"I try to erase these idolatry ideas kids have of the martial arts," Canon said. "Children see people jumping over buildings and doing super human feats, and think that is for real."

Canon first learned judo in 1966 in New York. Later he learned karate when he was in China. He earned a black belt when he was in China.

He also has a black belt in judo, kempo karate, and black codacon.

He has taught karate in various recreation centers and presently teaches at Reynolds Park Recreation Center two nights a week. His students range from the ages of 3 to 33.

Teaching karate to a person paralyzed from the waist down was a task Canon willingly accepted.

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Terry Davis (center front) practices his karate exercises with his class.



Julian Bond signs autographs for WSSU students following his recent speech on campus.

'Told You So' Bond Could Say

By John W. Templeton
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Julian Bond shook his head in bewilderment. "Why did so many black people vote for Jimmy Carter, not just in the general election, but back in the primaries and why did Andy Young and 'Daddy' King tell us to vote for him?" he asked.

"I can not to this day figure out why," shrugged the social activist politician who has opposed Carter from the time the former governor emerged as a Presidential contender.

As Bond chatted with a reporter in the midst of a room filled with Winston-Salem State University students who had come to see him and to get his autograph, the news coming out of Washington gave him reason for more than a few, "I told you so's".

Referring to the still-emerging Carter budget, Bond noted, "He's threatening to cut \$15 billion from urban programs, jobs programs, Medicare and Medicaid -- precisely the programs most important to black people at a time when many of us still have no jobs and inadequate health care."

"So it turns out that the people most responsible for his election are going to suffer the most for it," said the Georgia state senator.

If the 38-year-old Bond relished making his point, it didn't show in his face or in his tone. As he had during his speech a few minutes earlier in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium, Bond came across like the television newscaster he almost became not too long ago.

He confided that the financial demands of raising five children almost caused him to take a job as host of ABC's now-defunct 20/20 newsmagazine show after almost 20 years on the other side of the camera as a SNCC organizer, Georgia state representative banned by his colleagues for protesting the Vietnam War, vice presidential candidate and now state senator and Atlanta NAACP president.

"We never could come to terms," he said. "I guess it's just as well through since the show went off the air."

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Baptist Ministers Conference

Butler To Head Ministers Group

By John W. Templeton
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Rev. J. Ray Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, has been elected the new president of the Baptist Minister's Conference and Associates, replacing Bishop Sylvester D. Johnson of Macedonia T.V. P.H. Church.

The election of Butler and a slate of nine other officers came during the Tuesday meeting of the conference at First Baptist Church

Highland Avenue. After his election, Butler said he had not yet formulated his plans for the conference during the next year. He said he would outline his program during his installation service in January.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the past president's plaque to Bishop Johnson by his mother, Mrs. Marie D. Johnson. Rev. F.D. Leak, program chairman, called the presentation significant

because her husband, the late Bishop W.M. Johnson, Also, the year end financial report of the conference, presented by treasurer Rev. W.C. Hay and auditor Rev. J.R. Bridges, revealed that the conference spent \$2,600 transporting former local Black Panther Nelson Malloy here from Nevada after he had been found shot and abandoned.

Other officers chosen were: Reverends C.H. Gill, See Page 20

Income Limits Raised For Turnkey Housing

By Sharyn Bratcher
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You don't have to be quite so poor to qualify for the Turnkey III Homeownership Program, thanks to a resolution passed by the commissioners of the Housing Authority.

The commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday to raise the maximum income limits for admission into the Turnkey II housing pro-

gram. For example, a two-person household formerly had to have an income of less than \$6,661 to qualify; that limit has now been raised to \$9,100.

The highest income allowed in the program is now \$14,250 for a family of eight or more, an increase of \$823 over the previous maximum, \$13,427.

James Haley, director of the Housing Authority,

pointed out that this would enable more families to qualify for a mortgage, enabling them to buy the homes. At present, he said, there are 22 homeowners in the program.

The increase was appropriate, he pointed out, because of the increase in minimum wage, and because inflation has given people higher salaries but less buying power.

"This will help," commented William Andrews, community services director of the Housing Authority. "Turnkey III is a project geared to homeowners. This will make more people eligible to own homes."

In other business, the Housing Authority commissioners approved a resolution establishing rent ranges in accordance with HUD requirements for maintaining a cross section

of socio-economic levels in each project, and to ensure the financial stability of the low-rent housing program.

Haley explained to the commissioners that the Housing Authority is studying alternate sites for Project N.C. 12-12, a mid-rise for elderly persons. The aldermen will consider the project again on February 5, 1979. The alternate sites are being investigated because residents in the neighborhood of the first choice site objected to the building of the program.

In the Turnkey housing program, the new maximum income levels are:

- \$8,000 for a one-person household.
- \$9,100 for a family of two;
- for three persons - \$10,250
- four persons - \$11,400;
- five persons - \$12,100;
- six persons - \$12,850
- seven persons - \$13,550



Dr. J. Ray Butler



Members of the Romelia Mason Garden Club gather at the home of Mrs. Mezzelle Pelzer. Mrs. Pelzer's home was on display as part of the Christmas Holiday Homes Tour, which was sponsored by the Fourth District

Garden Council. Mrs. Pelzer (far left) decorated her home from top to bottom, inside and outside in honor of the Christmas Holiday. [See pages 8 and 12 for related Holiday stories]



Since the tragedy in Jonestown, Guyana, many of us have wondered how could so many people blindly follow an order to kill themselves.

Such blind allegiance was inconceivable to me until the other day when a blond-haired fellow of about college age strolled into the Chronicle office to sell some candy bars.

Charitable solicitors are not unusual during the holiday season, but there was something different about him. He asked, "Would you like to buy some candy?" to help some religion I had never heard of.. "no," I said.

"Would you like to make a donation anyway?" he asked.

As I repeated my negative response, I looked into his eyes.

They were blank, like he had been hypnotized. He was almost like a six-foot tall wind-up doll.

After my turnaround, he turned to my co-worker to ask the same questions. Rebuffed again, he half bowed, mechanically, and urged us to have a good day.

From that brief encounter, it appeared that this person had sublimated almost everything to the furtherance of this sect. I had the feeling he would do anything.

The next night, I saw him again at a local shopping center. He was still carrying that box of candy and still mouthing the same questions.

It was pretty cold, but he was making his way from one end of the center to the other.

He came up to me again. I told him he had asked me before and I still didn't want any.

He looked, said, "I remember you", and then turned to scurry off in search of his next donor. John Templeton