



### Members Of The Board

North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Henry Frye, far right, recently administered the oath of office to five new members of the Board of Trustees of North Carolina Central University, who include Walter S. Tucker of Winston-Salem, third from right.

### Anti-Klan activist

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violence, we were told they had no money to move," said Vivian. "They (Justice Department) can spend millions of dollars to go in to Alabama. They can move when they choose to move."

Vivian said the Center for Democratic Renewal has also asked the FBI to routinely list racist-violence statistics on its official crime log in order to document the cases reported. That request has been denied, he said.

"The FBI terrorist list has the name of every peace-seeking organization but does not list the Klan or the Nazis," said Vivian.

The conservative mood in the country has resulted in increased racist activities, especially among the young, said Vivian. For example, he said:

• A black man was hanged in a tree in Alabama by the Klan. Young white children in Alabama are commemorating the event by wearing shirts to school with small nooses hanging out of the pockets.

• The Klan and Nazis are combining forces in many Southern and Midwestern states. At one Klan-Nazi para-military training camp, the target the shooters aim at is not a bull's-eye but a picture of a black man.

• Teen-agers in Cedartown, Ga., are wearing tee-shirts to school with a swastika logo and the words, "The Great White Hope: Sickle Cell Anemia."

• A campaign has been waged by the Schiller Institute to attract black members. The group participated in a march supporting a Martin Luther King Jr. birthday anniversary, set up a front organization supporting African relief and sponsored an anti-drug coalition. The Schiller Institute is led by Lyndon LaRouche, a 1976 U.S. Labor Party presidential candidate who has ties to the Nazis and Klan and supports the South African government.

Despite the increase in racial

violence, black people will survive, Vivian said.

"If we turned back the Klux Klan in the 1920s and 60s, we will turn them back in the 80s and 90s," said Vivian. "You and I have been faced with a challenge and we will meet it again, for that's who we are."

### Black church

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Church has adopted.

"The (AME) position recognizes the right of individuals; however, homosexuality is not at all supported by the Bible, and it is condemned," said McMillan. "It is talked about in the Bible as being unnatural and contrary to family."

#### From The Bible

McMillan's position forms the basis for anti-homosexual groups throughout the country. They particularly point to a passage in the Bible as proof that homosexuality is against God's teachings.

"Do not lie with a man as one lies with a woman; that is detestable," a passage from Leviticus reads. Or, as the apostle Paul says in his letter to the church at Rome, in Romans 1:24, 26-27, warning against the sin of homosexuality: "... Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. In the same way, the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another."

Said McMillan: "That's the Bible, and I won't argue against it."

But homosexual groups and those who sympathize with them say a literal interpretation of the Bible is wrong for today's society.

"For a son to see his father naked was a crime," said an article in *Commonweal* magazine, referring to different passages from the Bible. "For a husband to have intercourse with his wife during her period meant punishment. Polygamy was permitted, even required. Celibacy was abnormal."

Since contemporary Americans don't follow those rules as given

by God, homosexuals contend that passages against homosexuals should be viewed in today's light as well.

Juxtaposing biblical Scripture on homosexuality and modern society is a task that the Rev. John Mendez, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, said he intends to study shortly.

"We need to look at the Scripture against the contemporary scene," says Mendez. "We have to read the ancient word and combine it with the contemporary situation."

Not enough study has been done on homosexuality to merit a debate, said the Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley.

"A lot more research needs to be done—on the origins of homosexuality," said Eversley, pastor of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church. "Is it something that's natural, and is a person born a homosexual, or has it been socialized into a person's lifestyle? A lot more needs to be done."

#### It's Still A Sin

Regardless of the origins of homosexuality, it's a sin, and, like any other sin, it can be cured by God, said Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church. Homosexuality is a sin and car-

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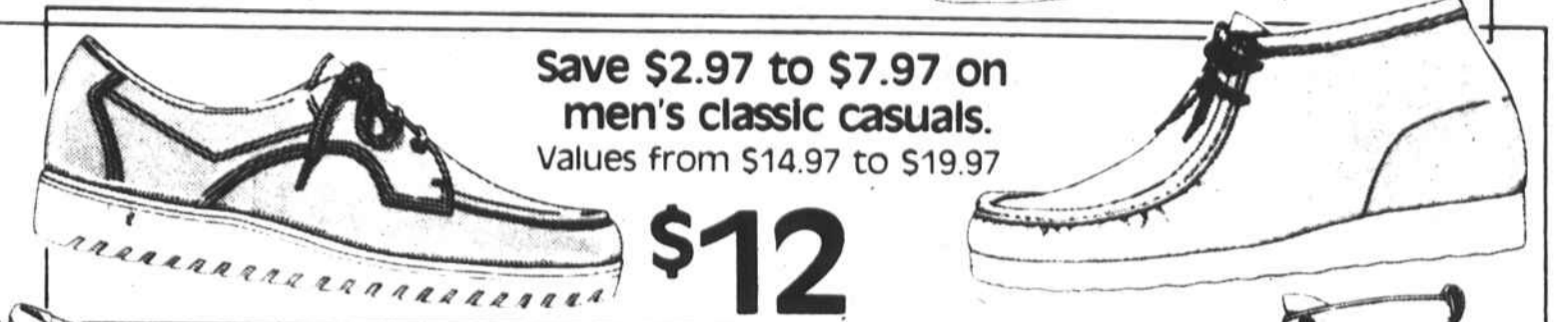
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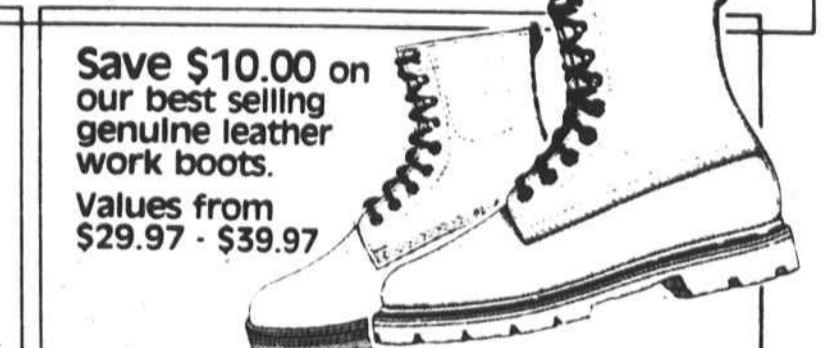
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