

Dr. Wiggins, President-Elect Of The NMA

Washington, DC - Fifteen hundred black physicians, members of the National Medical Association (NMA) headquartered here, elected a black woman academic president-elect, Dr. Vivian Pinn-Wiggins, and opposed free needles as an anti-AIDS measure for intravenous drug users.

Dr. Paris Bransford, of Houston, Texas, was elected chairman of the board of trustees, succeeding Dr. Charles Johnson of Durham, N.C.

Dr. Frank E. Staggers Sr., NMA president, announced the newly elected officers as the organization ended its 93rd convention and scientific assembly in Los Angeles. He is a prominent urologist of Oakland, California.

He also noted that the NMA House of Delegates urged school based clinics, more funding and more slots for medical education and increased federal funding for research, treatment and education on AIDS, hypertension, heart disease and diabetes all of which disproportionately strike black America.

Dr. Penn-Wiggins, of Washington, D.C., is professor and chair of the Department of Pathology, Howard University College of Medicine and Howard University Hospital. She will be installed as NMA's 88th president next summer in Orlando, Florida, the second woman to hold the position.

A graduate of Wellesley College, she received her medical degree from the University of Virginia School of Medicine. She completed her post-graduate training in pathology at Massachusetts General Hospital, during which time she served as a Teaching Fellow at Harvard Medical School.

A faculty member and assistant dean at Tufts University for 12 years, she joined the Howard medical faculty in 1982. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and of Links, Inc.

She is married to Dr. Henry W. Wiggins Jr., a Chicago radiologist and an NMA trustee.

Dr. Bransford is a native of Huntsville, Alabama, a graduate of Tennessee State University, Nashville, and Meharry Medical College in the same city. He received his training in general surgery at Kate Bitting Reynolds Hospital, Winston-Salem, N.C.

Elected to other NMA offices were: 1st vice president, Dr. Asa Yancey, Atlanta; 2nd vice president, Dr. Elizabeth King, New York, and 3rd vice president, Dr. Winston Price, New York. Dr. William E. Brown, Washington, D.C., was elected board secretary.

Dr. Staggers emphasized that the House action on free needles for victims of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome was based on the NMA premise that such distribution should not be a top-gate measure but include closely monitored pilot programs and full treatment for all IV drug users seeking it.



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NMA, founded in Atlanta in 1895, is headquartered here at 1012 10th St., N.W. Buoyed by the largest convention in its history, NMA which this year paid off the mortgage on the local headquarters building, set up a \$1 million endowment fund. William C. Garrett is executive vice president at the national office.

Post Obituaries

Ms. Shirley Ann Mack, 45, of 3206 Markland Dr., died July 18, 1988 at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. Funeral service was Sunday, July 21, 1988, at Progressive Baptist Church. Burial was in Beasley's Memorial Garden in Mt. Holly, NC.

Survivors are her brothers, Thornell Mack, Rev. Charles Mack, Rickett Mack, and John Robert Mack. Sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Gillespie, Mrs. Nellie M. Roman, Mrs. Mary Davis, and Mrs. Maggie Spears.

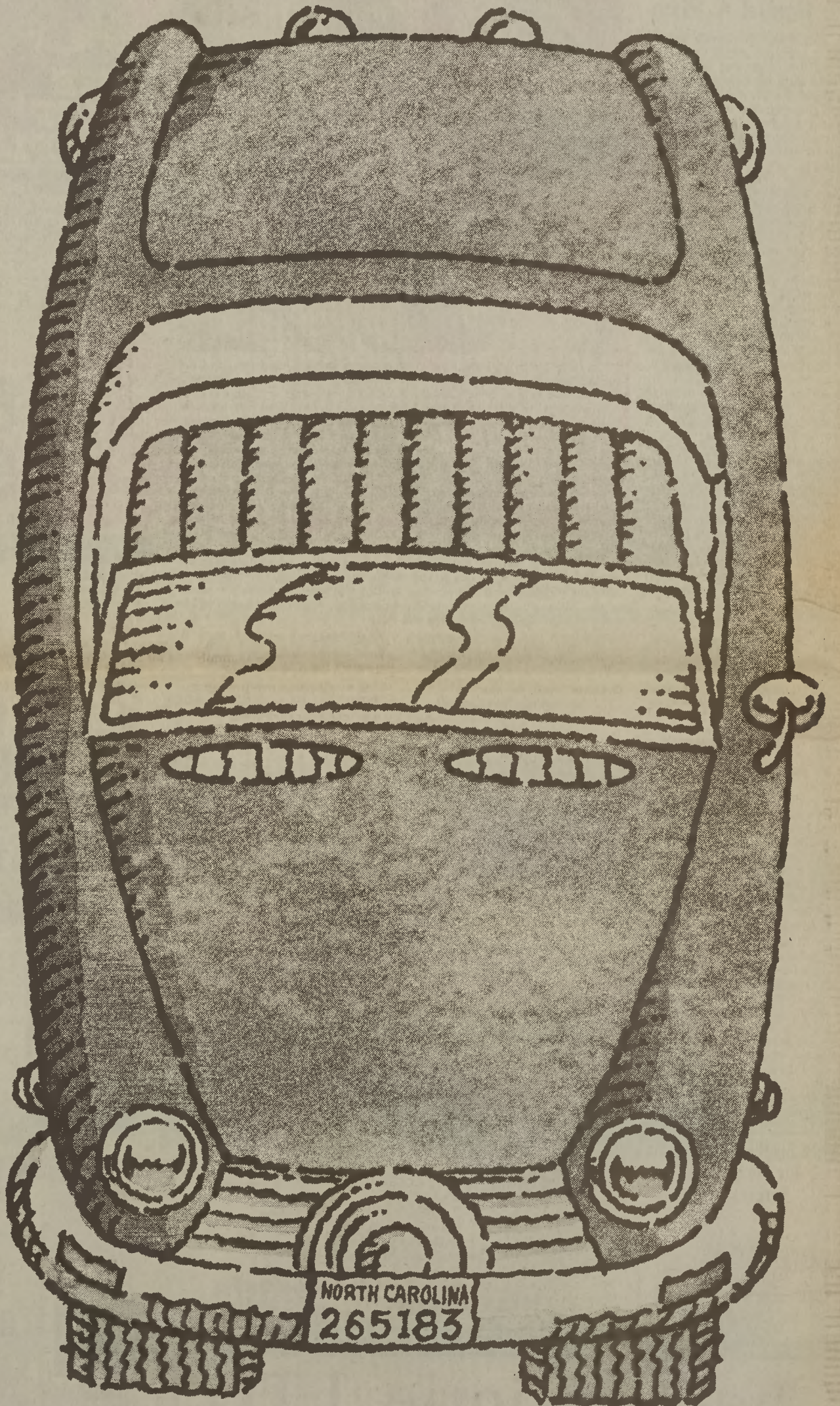
Mrs. Ruth M. Lyon, of 2313 Julia Ave. Apt. 2, Charlotte, died August 16, 1988, at Mercy Hospital. Funeral service was August 21, 1988, at United House of Prayer For All People No. 2. Burial was in Beatties Ford Memorial Gardens, Charlotte.

Survivors are her husband, Mr. Charlie Lyon of the home; daughter, Mrs. Jacqueline Thomas; mother, Mrs. Mary D. Moore. Step sons, Charlie Howie and Randy Brady; step daughter, Ms. Clarene Brady. Sisters, Mrs. Mattie Louise Howell and Mrs. Bessie M. Forney; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Rosie Huntley Brewer, of 6618 Heatherwood Ln., died August 21, at her residence. Funeral service was August 24, 1988 at Piney Grove Baptist Church, Marshville, NC. Burial was in Church Cemetery.

Survivors are her daughters, Ms. Darlene Brewer and Ms. Nancy Brewer both of the home. Brother, Floyd Huntley of Spartanburg, SC. One sister, Mrs. Sadie Harris of Charlotte and one grandson.

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