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News And Notes From Charlotte And The Rest Of The World.

Barber-Scotia Alumni Meet

The Barber-Scotia College Charlotte Alumni Chapter invites graduates to the organization's Oct. 14 meeting. The event will be held at 7 p.m. at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at 3001 Beatties Ford Road.

Uptown Optimists

The Uptown Optimist Club of Charlotte will have its annual installation banquet Oct. 1 at Renaissance Place at 7 p.m.

New officers will be installed by Herman Hart, past president of the Hidden Valley Club and Lieutenant Gov.-elect for the N.C. Central District.

The new officers and board of directors will be Roman Davis (president); Vann Branch and Chris Ogunrinde (vice presidents); Catherine Andre (secretary/treasurer). Board of directors members are Bruce James, Darrell Perry, Bill Carter, Bill Davis, Ellison Laney, Darrel Williams and Glen Frix.

For membership information, call Darrel Williams at 334-6436 or Roman Davis at 375-9111.

Orr Takes Command

The Charlotte Military Entrance Processing Station is getting a new commander.

Air Force Maj. Duane B. Orr will take command of the MEPS in a ceremony Oct. 6 at Founders Hall uptown. Orr succeeds Air Force Maj. Charles Ayers, who moves on to become Director of Operations for the Extension Course Network at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama.

The U.S. has 68 processing stations, which prepares individuals for induction to the military based on Defense Dept. requirements.

NAUB Fall Board Meeting

The National Association of Urban Bankers will host its fall board meeting through Sunday in Charlotte.

NAUB, made up minority bankers, is comprised of 40 chapters throughout the U.S.

Two of the country's largest banks, First Union and NationsBank, will host events. First Union will sponsor a corporate luncheon Friday and NationsBank will host a reception that evening.

For more information, call Greg Pickett at 331-6356.

Gattisons Open New Restaurant

Charlotte Hornets player Kenny Gattison and his wife Wanda are cooking up a new business.

The grand opening of Gattison's Restaurant at 4106 Carmel Rd. will be held Sunday from 5 p.m.-until. After the ribbon-cutting, a private party to benefit Nevins Way Group Homes, will be held. Admission is \$25 for the party.

Washington Helps U.S. To Victory



PHOTO/CALVIN FERGUSON

MaliVal Washington returns a shot during the Davis Cup zone competition between the United States and the Bahamas at Olde Providence Racquet Club, Washington, the No. 29 player in the world, helped the

Americans win 5-0 to advance to the world competition next year. After the match, Washington spoke to local junior players about the spot and life in general. More photos on Page 8B and 9B.

Different Religions, One Goal: Dialogue

By Herbert L. White
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Christians, Jews and Muslims will get together in Charlotte this weekend to talk about America's economic, social and moral challenges.

And it's about time, says a Muslim spokesman.

Abdul Malik, special assistant to Muslim American

Spokesman Warith Deen Mohammed, said recent world events are the start of dialogue between different groups of people that cross ethnic and religious lines.

"The world is quite an interesting place," he said. "People who haven't sat together with each other in our lifetime are sitting together. It's as good a time as any."

Mohammed, son of the late Nation of Islam leader Eli-

jah Muhammed, will be among the featured speakers. Mohammed will speak during the "Facing America's Moral Challenges Summit Weekend" Sunday at 4 p.m. at Ovens Auditorium. The public address is free.

Television talk show host and newspaper columnist Tony Brown will speak Saturday at the Adam's Mark

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Somalis More Resentful Of America's Military Role

By Williams Reed
NATIONAL NEWSPAPER PUBLISHERS ASSOCIATION

As troops from around the world continue to pursue the elusive clan general Mohammed Farrah Aideed, an increasing number of Soma-

li people have become angry and resentful of the Western-dominated peacekeepers in that country.

Many blacks around the world are now also voicing concerns that racism may be motivating many of the soldiers from the U.S. and members of other forces rep-

resenting the United Nations there. In early September over 100 local women and children were killed by UN forces and angry Somali youth now regularly hurl stones and grenades at the peacekeepers, and even older civilian citizens in the southern part of Mogadishu

Barber-Scotia President May Respond Soon

'Iron-Fisted' Style Draws Attention From Presbyterian Church-USA

By John Minter
POST CORRESPONDENT

CONCORD — Barber-Scotia College President Joel Nwagbaraocha may file formal answers next week to three lawsuits filed against him by former employees, including his executive assistant and director of academic affairs.

An answer to the lawsuits may shed light on what has become a rumor mill of innuendo and suspicion surrounding Nwagbaraocha's administration of the 500-student Presbyterian-supported college. Presbyterian Church-USA officials were expected on the campus today and the lawsuits and other concerns will be among topics discussed with Nwagbaraocha and other campus officials, according to sources.

Nwagbaraocha (pronounced Wo-ba-wo-sha) came to Barber-Scotia in 1990 from Voorhees College and since has dismissed as many as two dozen employees, according to former em-

ployees. They allege the president's "iron-fisted" rule has disrupted the campus and hurt morale among faculty, staff and students at the school.

In their lawsuits, three fired employees — Betty Boatright, Marian Yvonne

Hodges and Leroy Stagers — allege improper behavior by Nwagbaraocha, including harassment and slander.

Boatright and Stagers, who followed Nwagbaraocha from Voorhees to Barber-Scotia allege that Nwagbaraocha libeled and slandered them in comments about their job performance. They are also alleging breach of contract and are seeking damages in excess of \$100,000.

Pam Hunter, the Charlotte attorney representing the

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Victory Christian Center Is Among McDonald's Suitors

By Cassandra Wynn
THE CHARLOTTE POST

What has become a Charlotte fixture and symbol of successful black entrepreneurship may change hands soon.

John McDonald will not comment about the groups or persons who have approached him about selling McDonald's Cafeteria, McDonald's Inn and Fun City at Beatties Ford Road and I-85.

Sources close to the situation confirm the suitors include Victory Christian Center and the House of Prayer as well as groups of investors including some Asian businessmen. Of the groups contending for ownership of the facility, VCC is said to have the best chance for purchase. But Robyn Gool, VCC pastor, refuses comment.

The 72-year-old McDonald "is at a point where he is considering what is important

for the establishment and the African American community. He has not rendered a decision," said John Jennings, McDonald's CEO and a

VCC member. "My membership has nothing to do with his willingness to sell at all." McDonald and his wife are Catholic.

Sources also say that

McDonald is reluctant to leave the establishment altogether. Right now, he is at his restaurant on a daily basis. If the property changes hands, McDonald and his name would likely remain.

"The organization is a very important facility to the city of Charlotte. People come from all over to eat the food," Jennings said.

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