

# Tax break sought by African Americans

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"The big story is, there is no story. For people who claim it, it's a wasted effort. They're not able to get it," IRS spokesman Stephen Mongelluzzo added. "If people were entitled to it, we would love to give it." Those whose claims are denied and file subsequent claims are subject to \$500 penalty for filing frivolous returns. John Stephenson of Matteson, Ill., said a friend told her that she could receive \$5,000 to \$8,000 in repara-

tions. She said she didn't believe the rumor but called U.S. Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr.'s office "just in case it was true." Jackson's office told her no windfall was forthcoming, but she called the IRS anyway. She asked for Form 2439 and told the IRS she believed it would help her receive a rebate. The form is actually for shareholders. "He told me he'd send me the form, but that if I did file it, I would be denied," she said. But back in 1994, at least four people mistakenly were issued slavery reparations, Pyrek said.

He said he did not know how much they received or what was done to recover the money. The 40-acres-and-a-mule concept comes from a bill Congress passed in 1866 requiring that Confederate property be confiscated to provide former slaves with 40-acres-and-a-mule. President Andrew Johnson vetoed it. Rep. John Conyers, (D-Mich.), who is sponsoring legislation to study the impact of slavery on blacks, is recommending "appropriate action" but hasn't suggested direct compensation to slaves' descendants.

# Suit

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were retaliated against by members of the PG County Police Department after they testified against a white police officer, Lt. Frank Walters, who allegedly made a racist remark during roll call March 19, 1992, at the department's Bowie precinct. According to Harrison, a commander interrupted Walters to give him special information about a suspect, Walters allegedly replied, "What do you think? Black. Aren't they always?"

# SCSU fights for nurses program

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHARLESTON, S.C. — A historically black school says the state needs more black nurses and it won't give up its four-year nursing program without a fight. S.C. State University has taken its case to an administrative law judge, citing 10 grounds for appeal. The state Nursing Board says the Orangeburg school's program should close because for five years its graduates have passed the national licensing exam for registered nurses at a rate too far below the national average. But the school and its supporters say more students are passing the exam. "Instead of trying to close the program, we should be given time to prove ourselves with the changes. ... Change comes over time and I feel

## State says grades way too low

they didn't give us enough time," said Cherie Smith, student nursing association president. About 4 percent of nurses nationally are black, said Sylvia Whiting, a nursing professor and interim department chairwoman. "One of our mandates was to increase the number in South Carolina as well as increase diversity," she told The (Charleston) Post and Courier for a story Monday. About 25,600 nurses work in South Carolina, of which an estimated 2,240 are black, according to the state Budget and Control Board. Five schools offer four-year undergraduate nursing programs: South Carolina State, the University of South Carolina, the Medical

University of South Carolina and Clemson and Lander universities. "Our philosophy was that all students ought to have a chance to be admitted," Whiting said. But now South Carolina State has tightened academic standards. In May, 78 percent of those who took the exam passed it the first time. It was a marked improvement, but still not close enough to the national 90 percent passing average. The state Nursing Board requires a passing rate no more than 5 percentage points below the national average. "Because they fell below the standard, we felt we had to accept their involuntary closure," said Kristi Williams, the state Nursing Board's

president. It is the same for every school, she said. South Carolina State's supporters say its nursing class of 63 is so small that a few failures can make a large impact. "In my class we have 10 people. If one fails we already have 90 percent. Percentages are not indicative of the program, especially when you're dealing with a small group," Smith said. Other schools have been cited for deficiencies before, but none has been forced to close a program. Coastal Carolina University voluntarily closed its two-year program in 1992. For now, South Carolina State is not admitting new students to nursing. Juniors and seniors will be able to continue their studies, but sophomores must decide whether to change majors or schools.

# Letter stirs NAACP

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GREENSBORO — A political mailing using the name "NAACP" has black community leaders upset. The telephones of local leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People started ringing Saturday after residents in east Greensboro precincts received an oddly worded endorsement list of mostly Republican candidates. The heading on the mailer was the "NAACP Political Action Committee," although the Greensboro NAACP chapter is a nonpartisan civil rights organization and has no political action committee. The mailer has a tiny credit line at the bottom that is partly illegible, The News & Record of Greensboro reported. The line shows the words "New Association for the Advancement of Citizens P... (last word illegible)." The bulk mail permit number on the address side matches the account number used in the past by O.C. Stafford, a Republican candidate for the District 26 seat in the N.C. House. Contacted by the newspaper Sunday, Stafford said he was too busy to comment on the mailer. The woman who signed her name as membership chairwoman of the "NAACP PAC," Denise Henry, declined comment on the organization. Officers with the local chapter of the NAACP were not amused. "It's an underhanded thing," said Gladys Robinson, a member of the chapter's executive board. "The organization is being used very ruthlessly, and we consider that an insult." The mailer will be turned over to NAACP lawyers to see if it constitutes voter fraud and trademark violations, said Guilford County Commissioner Melvin "Skip" Alston, acting president of the state NAACP conference.

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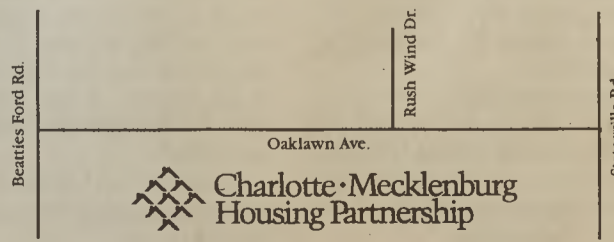


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SPA-131T	Elementary Spanish	HUM 110
LS-234T	Studies in Society II	HUM 111
RHC-191T	Freshman Rhetoric I	HUM 112
ACC-236T	Principles of Accounting II	EDU 301
MKT-331T	Principles of Marketing	EDU 303
<b>MONDAY/WEDNESDAY, 7:40P-9:05P</b>		
*LS-242T	Sci, Tech., & Ethics II	HUM 110
BUS-233T	Business Statistics	HUM 111
RHC-192T	Freshman Rhetoric II	HUM 112
ACC-235T	Prin. of Accounting I	EDU 301
SOC-330T	Sociology of Law	EDU 303
<b>TUESDAY/THURSDAY, 6P-7:25P</b>		
REL-131T	Great Living Religions	HUM 110
MTH 131T	Basic Math I	HUM 111
BAF-231TW	Personal/Family Finances	HUM 112
CSC-131T	Computers in Society	SHA 211
ACC-335T	Intermediate Financial Acct. I	EDU 301
LS-130T	Identity/Self, African/Amer. Culture	EDU 115
MTH-137T	Pre-calculus I	SHA 207
<b>TUESDAY/THURSDAY, 7:40P-9:05P</b>		
BUS-335T	Legal Environment of the Firm	HUM 110
PSY-131T	General Psychology I	HUM 111
ECO-232T	Prin. of Economics II	HUM 112
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MGT-339TW	Small Business Management	SHA 207
<b>SATURDAY, 8A-10:40A</b>		
MGT-435T	Business Policy	HUM 110
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ACC-336T	Intermediate Financial Acct. II	HUM 112
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