

## Hot footing it to hot spots

# Marine reservists : always ready

By Edwin Horsley

RALEIGH — I was happy to find the letter from the Raleigh Marine Corps Reserve Unit in my box, because I expected it to be the check that they were late mailing me. Opening it hurriedly, my heart stopped momentarily as I read the large, black printed words:

**You are hereby ordered to report to your reserve unit at 0:1800 (6:00 p.m.), on Friday, January 23, 1982. Bring all of your military gear and the appropriate civilian attire. THIS IS NOT A DRILL.**

Slowly recovering from shock, I tried to grasp the meaning of what I had just read. I had plans for the weekend which included watching the Super Bowl among other things. But, if what I now suspected proved to be true, the Marine Corps was about to put aside my plans and those of other Raleigh reservists.

The Raleigh Marines who could not be reached by phone to confirm that they had received letters were sought by the county sheriff's department. The situation was that serious. All able-bodied Marines were needed.

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## WTVD weekend reporter, Janice Crump, finds success

By Lori Grier

Many of us know her as the lovely, bright weekend reporter for WTVD in Durham, N.C. Some of us have had classes with her and discovered that she is talented enough to be an instructor. Some of us have read her well-written, informative articles on the Coca Cola boycott, Reaganomics, and other subjects in the Campus Echo. Admired by some and envied by others, she has shown the ability to make the best of difficult situations and succeed in the competitive world of TV journalism.

Who is this mysterious lady? Mrs. Janice Crump.

Life has not been easy for Mrs. Crump, one of 10 children born in Tuskegee, Ala. in 1947. She grew up amidst a lot racial prejudice. "The worst thing was to be black. Anything associated with Africa was savage, so we denied being black," she said.

Mrs. Crump overcame the obstacles of racial prejudices with the help of her loving parents who encouraged their children to strive forward. She says, "My parents always said that education was the key to success."

Success is what Mrs. Crump has found and still strives for.

She received her B.S. in fashion design illustration from Tuskegee Institute in 1969 and her B.A. in Media-Journalism from NCCU in Dec. 1981. Mrs. Crump is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., chairman of the Warren County Elections Board, fifth year charter member of the N.C. Black Women's Political Caucus, President of the Warren County Chapter's Democratic Women's Convention, and recently appointed by Gov. James Hunt to the N.C. small business advocacy council to the Senate Liaison Committee.

During the first semester of 1981, Mrs. Crump began an internship program at WTVD. "I wanted to be a news reporter at WTVD because of the internship program, and I like the pace of work there," she said.

Mrs. Crump has been married for 14 years to a general contractor of residential and commercial buildings and has 3 children (ages 7, 10, and 12 years old).

"Although I enjoy my work as a reporter, my family is still number one," she said. "They share with me in the household responsibilities so I can do what I enjoy (reporting). The kids are excited when they see me on television, and it makes them conscious of the news," she said.

Mrs. Crump said concerning her ambitions, "I want to dedicate my life to being the best broadcaster in the Media-Journalism industry."

Mrs. Crump offered the following advice to NCCU students. "You must decide what the most important thing in life is for you and then go for it," she said.

## Echo profile

### SGA vice-pres. Leon Rouson

By LaTanya A. Isley

Many students have raised questions about whether the SGA and its leaders are performing their duties effectively. Student suspicion was aroused when no homecoming show was scheduled.

In a recent interview with the Campus Echo, SGA Vice-President Leon Rouson dismissed suspicions about the effectiveness of the SGA.

"This student government association has been effective in office so far because we've tried to promote school spirit and student unity," he said.

"Our motto for the year is 'Coming Together As One,' and that's what we're trying to do, as effectively as our budget will allow," he added.

Rouson, a junior from Edenton, said he was disturbed by the rumor that he and SGA President Curtis Massey have had several major conflicts.

"We have had disagreements, which are natural, but we have always compromised," he said. "We get along well, despite the differences we may have."

Rouson said he feels the reasons for the misunderstandings are due to the fact that most students don't bother to participate actively in the SGA.

"The majority of the students at NCCU feel they have to be accepted into the SGA to be a member. But, every student who enrolls is a member of SGA. We let them know that they are members, tell them what the SGA does and what they can do. After that it's up to them to participate or not."

Rouson, who is also president of the Student Congress, commented that he has enjoyed his job as vice-president thus far, despite the criticism that has evolved.

"Being vice-president has given me a lot of experience in working with a variety of people from different backgrounds and parts of the country. The criticism that has come about is something that comes with the job, and everyone has to deal with criticism no matter what they do," he said.

As well as his positions of SGA vice-president and head of congress, Rouson is the Eagle mascot during basketball season. He has also served as Sophomore class president and president of HIA (Honoree's In Action).

Deployment had begun.

Deployment means that military units are going to an area — anywhere in the world — because they have a mission to perform . . . usually involving fighting.

The Marines Reservists of the Raleigh did not find out until Saturday morning that this deployment was just an exercise to test their preparedness. By 6:00 p.m. that afternoon they knew that they passed the test, and by 1:00 p.m. Sunday the Raleigh Marines were on their way home . . . this time.

The ride back to Durham that Sunday afternoon was a quiet one for Cpl. Restyne Wilkerson and me. He was probably thinking, as I was, about what would have become of us if we had deployed. Combat was nothing new to Wilkerson, who had done a tour in Viet Nam. Even now, when he quietly and bitterly talked of that experience, he completely captured my attention, bringing home to me one the worst horrors the world has to offer—war.

My combat experience is limited to simulated ambushes, air raids and night warfare training that I received as a Marine recruit on Parris Island, S.C., during the summer of 1981. But I know that actual combat is something that no amount of training can prepare one for; one has to experience it.

Though I have been a Marine almost a year, I am not anxious to go to war. As we rode back to Durham that Sunday, I silently thanked God that this deployment had been just a test.

Why were the Marines deployed on this particular winter weekend? As usual the Marine brass weren't saying. But, again as usual, the non-coms thought they knew.

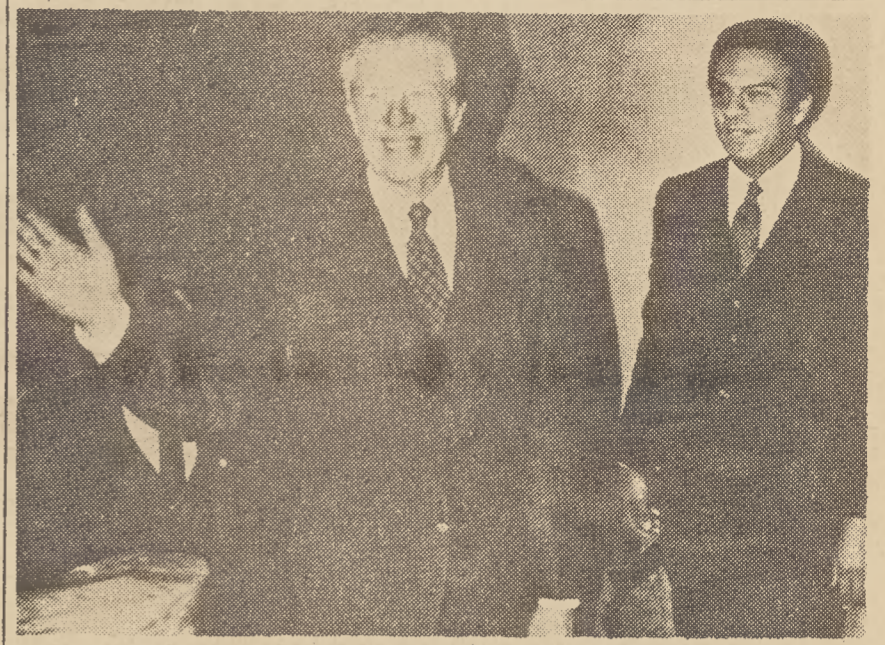
Warrant Officer Thomas Sturdivant of Raleigh was sure it had something to do with the growing number of "hot spots" in the world.

A "hot spot" is any place on the globe where U.S. armed forces may intervene to protect U. S. interests or to defend the national security. The exact number of these areas and their locations is classified information, but some are easily recognizable: Poland, the Golan Heights and Nicaragua.

If U.S. intervention ever becomes necessary, active duty troops would deploy first, and reserve troops would be placed on active status and deployed as needed.

Sturdivant explained that under war conditions or in a national military alert, the Raleigh Marines would deploy to Camp Lejeune or to Camp Pendleton, CA, where they would receive final orders for their mission.

Master Sergeant Leroy Locklear from Fayetteville, warns military personnel not to take the idea of a real deployment lightly. Locklear said, "The next time we have a deployment exercise, we may not know how well we've done for a week or a month, or however long it takes us to complete our mission."



Atlanta: Former President Jimmy Carter waves to the press as he arrives at City Hall to make a courtesy call on Atlanta's new mayor Andrew Young 1/l. Young served as United Nations Ambassador under Carter until he was forced from office under pressure. (UPI photo by Bill Cranford)

## Art Museum displays public school creations

By Veronica M. Cogdell

Durham City and County schools will grace the walls of NCCU's Art Museum from Jan. 10-Feb. 21 with an art show titled "Museum's Choice."

Beginning March 7 and continuing until April 18, Melvin Carver, an NCCU art instructor, will be contributing his works in "2-D" (2-dimensions).

"My work is a medium for print that is still on the drawing board," said Carver. "The intimidation of computers on graphic arts has created a fear in some artists, but for others it has stimulated interest and challenge. Computer assisted creations in print graphics is a new experience that is being explored by many others including myself. There is a great deal of artistry to be created."

Along with Carver, Tom Suomalainen will be a participant also. Suomalainen is from Walnut Cove, an artists' community. His works will include ceramics and sculptures created with beautiful glazes.

The Art Museum, under the direction of Norman Pendergraft, has been a part of this institution since Nov. 4, 1977. The museum strives to expose the campus and surrounding community to art.

The museum is open to the public on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sundays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays and university holidays. There is no admission charge.

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