

Justice Dept. Joins In Suit Against Mental Institution

The Department of Justice sought this week to join in a private suit severe and widespread violations of the constitutional rights of residents of the District of Columbia institution for the mentally retarded.

Attorney General Edward H. Levi said a motion to participate as a litigating amicus curiae in *Evans v. Washington* was filed in U. S. District Court in Washington, D. C.

The class-action suit, filed on February 23, 1976, charged that mentally retarded residents of the 51-year-old Forest Haven institution at Laurel, Maryland, are denied treatment, education, training, and habilitation.

The suit also charged that residents are subject to inadequate custodial care, detrimental and hazardous living conditions, and abuse by institution staff and other residents.

Forest Haven houses some 1,050 mentally retarded ranging in age from infants

to elderly persons. Most of the residents are black.

The motion said the Justice Department desired to participate in the case to present evidence and call witnesses.

The motion said the federal government has a clear and continuing interest in the care and treatment of the mentally retarded, and the constitutional right of the retarded to treatment has received wide judicial recognition.

The motion added that the case involves issues of wide and general public importance and that in light of the unique relationship between the District of Columbia and the federal government, the public interest and the interest of the United States should be represented before the court for a complete and just adjudication of the case.

The court has scheduled a conference on the case for next Monday.



LIFE IN A WHEELCHAIR doesn't prevent Lewis Davis from being the "Good Citizen", his handle on the Citizen's Band radio. Davis monitors the emergency channel while on his travels in East Austin, Texas, often relaying messages to the police. (UPI).

N. C. Central University Receives Exxon Foundation Grant

North Carolina Central University has received a \$5,875 grant from the Exxon Foundation to support an experimental teaching program in economics.

The funds will be used to support the development of a problem-solving approach to teaching of the economics department's course in Introductory Macro-Economics.

The students in the experimental course will be divided into groups and given problems to solve. The problems will require mastery of the concepts of econo-

mics taught in the course.

In addition, each student will work outside the classroom with instructional packages. Each package will include programmed learning materials, computer instructional programs, and audio-visual tutorial materials.

The program is being developed by Mark Tolton, an instructor in the department of economics.

Students in the experimental section will be compared with students who cover the same material in a traditional lecture section of the course.

WSSU Grad Accepted In Teacher Peace Corps In Africa

WINSTON-SALEM — Recent Winston-Salem State University graduate, Everett Torrence, has been accepted into the Teacher Corps/Peace Corps which is designated for service in West Africa.

The three-year program, through which Torrence will earn a masters degree and teaching certificate, includes one year of study at Texas Southern in Houston, Texas and two years of study, travel and teaching

in West Africa.

The specific host country will be assigned next year. Torrence will receive a monthly stipend and all expenses, including tuition, fees, and transportation, will be paid by the project. He is scheduled to begin study this month.

Torrence received his B. S. degree in Mathematics in May 1976. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Howard, Rt. 1, Davidson, N. C.

3 Students Given McClure Scholarships To NCCU

Three Western North Carolina students have been awarded scholarships to attend North Carolina Central University by the James G. K. McClure Educational and Development Fund of Asheville.

They are Michael LaPue Lewis of Asheville, Cynthia Y. Pickett of Asheville, and Anjelecia Watkins of Forest

City. McClure scholarships are awarded to students from specified mountain and Western North Carolina counties who enroll at selected North Carolina colleges and universities.

Scholarship winners are given the awards for their freshman year of study.

Brown Cheered For Stand On Health Services

PHILADELPHIA — "The federal, state and local governments are going to hear from us," Dr. Kenneth S. Brown, national president of Chi Delta Mu Fraternity, told members at the convention as the 63-year-old organization met at Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. "We are going to force them to turn over to us the administration of health services to the black and the poor," Chi Delta Mu Fraternity is comprised of black doctors, dentists and pharmacists. It was founded at Howard University in 1913.

Three hundred members and their wives cheered Dr. Brown for his stand and his leadership. At an election

held Saturday, Brown was re-elected to head the organization for another year.

One of the convention highlights was the youth seminar in which seventy five high school juniors and seniors from the Greater Philadelphia area were taken to Valley Forge to talk with professionals in the three disciplines of Medicine, Dentistry and Pharmacy. Exhibits were planned for the students and questions and answer periods were held. This was the first time in the organization's history that a youth seminar of this size had been held. Brown called it "a new look to the future of this organization."

Free Will Baptist Pastor To Preach In Duke Chapel

The Rev. Z. D. Harris, pastor of Oak Grove United American Free Will Baptist Church, will be the guest preacher for university worship services in Duke Chapel Sunday, July 25, at 11 a.m.

Dr. Harris, who is president of the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham and vicinity, on the executive board of the United Campus Christian Ministry at N. C. Central University, and on the board of the Hampton Institute Ministers' Conference, Hampton, Virginia, will preach on the topic: "Who Would Have Thought It?"

A former student at Shaw University, the Bible

Training Institute in Goldsboro, Union Christian Bible Institute of Durham, and holder of an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Teamer School of Religion, Charlotte, Dr. Harris is also a former chairman of the world-wide mission board of the UAFWB Conference.

He is well known in the Durham area for his active work with civic and ministerial groups, and in connection with correctional activities.

He is the Moderator for the North and South Carolina UAFWB Annual Conference and chairman of the Florida UAFWB conference board.

Ben F. Currin Attacks Craig Phillips' Policies

RALEIGH — "No matter what Craig Phillips says now, the State Department of Public Instruction has de-emphasized reading, writing and arithmetic in the State's schools," Ben F. Currin, candidate for State Superintendent, said in a news release today.

"In a Greensboro address four years ago, Craig Phillips stated that 'the State school system is moving toward a dramatic change of direction in emphasis, from college preparation to career education.' He called for public support in carrying out this commitment," Currin stated.

Speaking to the Greensboro Kiwanis Club on August 10, 1972, Phillips pleaded for citizen approval of this radical departure from basic academic instruction. Phillips said, "You have to develop a real understanding of us, listen to us with new openness. Look at us more clearly, not in the sense of the blind unthoughtful acceptance of what we say and do, but in the sense of a partner who knows what the business is all about."

"The citizens did not approve," Currin said, "but they listened. They listened when, at Phillips' urging, academic standards for teachers were watered down. They listened when career education was pushed by him and much-needed secondary vocational funds were diverted to the elementary grades, where students need to be studying

the three 'R's.' "They listened again when the state's accreditation standards were radically changes to force his 'management-by-objectives' system on local schools, a device for engineering the new emphasis from Raleigh.

"I listened too - with alarm. I did not approve of these measures. The primary purpose of the schools should be to educate students - not entertain them. Learning cannot always be a pleasant experience. It requires hard work and discipline - and that kind of learning brings real satisfaction, not momentary pleasure, as every educated person knows," Currin continued.

"What good is a high school diploma if the graduate can't read? What good is State accreditation if it only means that each local school system sets its own objectives, good, bad or indifferent, and agrees to work toward their achievement? That is all that it now means," Currin said.

"Phillips has attacked the Governor, the Lt. Governor, the State Treasurer and members of the State Board of Education when they disagreed with him over these issues and urged a more sensible approach to learning," the Rocky Mount superintendent stated. "He has even condemned the members of the General Assembly and its leaders for not letting him have his

way about this 'dramatic change' of direction in public education.

"Make no mistake about it," Currin concluded, "North Carolina education has taken a radical turn to the left under Craig Phillips. If he should be reelected State Superintendent, he will interpret it as a mandate to abandon the basic education emphases alto-

gether in favor of whatever fad may then be current on the national scene.

"If it had not been for the resistance of the majority of the State Board of Education, the 'dramatic change' would already be in total effect. It is time to stop this trend and put the schools back on the road to solid learning."

New President Says VSC Moving Into New Age

PETERSBURG — Dr. Thomas M. Law, the new president of Virginia State College, has told a crowd of 1,500 students, administrators and community residents in his first public address at the college that he expects VSC to move into an "Age of Relevance."

"Success of failure in this Age of Relevance depends a great deal on the degree to which the educational leadership is concerned with the basic issues of our time and the amount of courage it has to take the necessary steps to lead the people toward responsible solutions," he said.

Dr. Law noted that no major shakeups in the administration of the college are expected. However, changes will be made to insure that the best use of human resources is made.

"We are moving into an era of high-level accountability," he said. "Therefore, we have to set the example of being accountable by putting together a top-flight management team."

CLASS OF 43 TO MEET

The 1943 graduating class of Hillside High School will meet Saturday night, July 24 at the home of J. B. and Hattie Allen Dark, 2730 Atlantic Street, Durham at 7:30 p.m.

O'Herron Wants Adequate Method Evaluating Teachers

RALEIGH — North Carolina must take any steps necessary to provide a fair and adequate method of evaluating teachers to determine their qualifications to teach in the public schools, Ed O'Herron, Democratic candidate for Governor, said today.

He was commenting on news stories reporting that the State has asked a federal court to reverse its 1975 ruling that the requirement of a minimum score on the National Teacher examination for teachers certification was unconstitutional. The 1975 ruling was that the State's use of the NTE discriminated against blacks and other minorities because more blacks than whites failed to make the minimum score, 950 out of a possible 1,800. The N. C. Attorney General's Office now contends that a recent Supreme Court ruling contradicted the action in the North Carolina NTE case.

"Perhaps the NTE isn't the best way to measure a teacher's qualifications," O'Herron said, "though I wonder if educators wouldn't by nature be better judges of that than courts. As long as one court has ruled against the NTE, it is imperative that the State take steps to provide a test that meets constitutional as well as educational standards."

"I am sure that the educators of North Carolina, in the colleges as well as in the public schools, can come up with a proper evaluation. Until this is done, we have no way of gauging a teacher's competence, other than in college transcripts and in interviews. The real worth of the transcript could well vary from campus to campus, and the skill of the interviewing official could vary from school system to school system. The result could be disastrous for children who might be in classrooms with inferior teachers, while better qualified teachers were still looking for jobs."

O'Herron pointed out that the State Board of Education worked out a system of teacher certification some years ago, but that the General Assembly had then reinstated the NTE cutoff score.

"I realize that development of a valid and fair evaluation could take several years," O'Herron said. "But we can begin the task now, and I will ask the 1977 General Assembly to come up with one to be used until detailed studies can be completed."

O'Herron pointed out that the Board of Governors

of the University of North Carolina is planning a year-long study of teacher training in all the state's institutions of higher education, including the private campuses. This study, he said, "will give us a better idea of what training is now being given, what changes should be made in this field, and what methods of evaluating prospective teachers would be best."

SCOUTS CORNER

By E. L. Kearney

TRIBUTE TO UNIT LEADERS

A look at the raw materials with which we work: What is a Boy? "Courtesy of New England Mutual Life Insurance Company."

Between the innocence of baby-hood and the dignity of manhood we find a delightful creature called a boy. Boys come in assorted sizes, weights, and colors, but all boys have the same creed: To enjoy every second of every minute of every hour of every day and to protest with noise (their only weapon) when their last minute is finished and the adult males pack them off to bed at night.

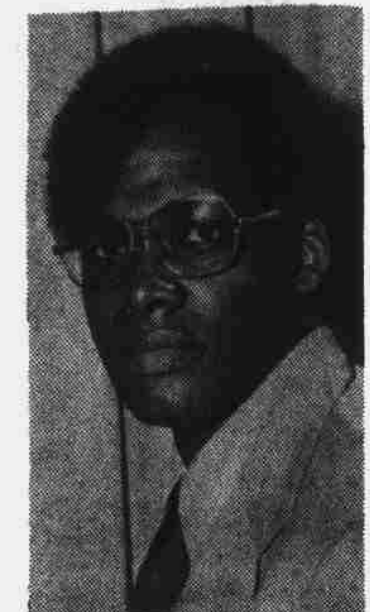
Boys are found everywhere - on top of, underneath, inside of, climbing on, swinging from, running around, or jumping to. Mothers love them, little girls hate them, older brothers and sisters tolerate them, and Heaven protects them. A boy is truth with dirt on its face, beauty with a cut on its finger, wisdom with bubble gum in its hair, and the hope of the future with a frog in his pocket.

When you are busy, a boy is an inconsiderate, bothersome intruding jungle of noise. When you want him to make a good impression his brain turns to jelly or else he becomes a savage, sadistic, jungle creature bent on destroying the world and himself with it. A boy is a composite - he has the appetite of a horse, the digestion of a sword swallower, the energy of a pocket size atomic bomb, the curi-

osity of a cat, the lungs of a dictator, the imagination of a Paul Bunyan, the shyness of a violet, the audacity of a steel trap, the enthusiasm of a firecracker, and when he makes something he has five thumbs on each hand.

He likes ice cream, knives, saws, Christmas, comic books, the boy across the street, woods, water (in its natural habitat) large animals, God, trains, Saturday mornings, and fire trucks. He is not much for Sunday School, company, schools, books, without pictures, music lessons, neck ties, barbers, girls, overcoats, adults or bedtime. Nobody else is so early to rise, or so late for supper. Nobody else gets so much fun out of trees, dogs, and breezes. Nobody else can cram into one pocket a rusty knife, a half-eaten apple, three feet of string, an empty Bull Durham pack, two gumdrops, six cents, a slingshot, a chunk of unknown substance, and a genuine super-sonic code ring with a secret compartment.

A boy is a magical creature - you can lock him out of your workshop, but you can't lock him out of your heart. You can get him out of your study, but you can't get him out of your mind. Might as well give up - he is your jester, your boss, and your master, a freckle-faced, pint sized, bundle of noise. But when you come home at night with only the shattered pieces of hopes and dreams, he can mend them like new with the magic words - "Hi Dad."



FSU Staffer Selected For Fellowship

Dr. Ronald Smith, Assistant to the Provost and Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Fayetteville State University, has been awarded an American Council on Education (ACE) fellowship for the 1976-77 academic year.

The 34 year old administrator is a native of Miami, Florida and will serve as an ACE intern under the tutelage of Chancellor Charles Lyons and Dr. DeField T. Holmes, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at FSU.

The fellowship program is designed to strengthen leadership in American higher education by identifying and preparing faculty and staff for responsible positions in academic administration.

Dr. Smith resides in Fayetteville with his wife, Mittie, and son, Ronald.

Durham Native Receives Diploma In Texas

Miss Judy Elaine Parker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Parker, 2505 Roanoke Street has returned home after completing 4 months of testing and retailing training leading to a high school diploma. She attended Cooke School in McKinney, Texas.

She received excellence awards for academic achievement in the retail courses and leadership ability. She received a certificate of academic achievement for completing studies in the advanced General Education Development Program.

Miss Parker was promoted in recognition of her successful performance in the initial center activities. She was also elected to serve as an alternate for her dormitory.

Air Force Grad Assigned To Alaska Duty

WICHITA FALLS, TEX. — Airman Rudolph Jacobs, son of Mrs. Beatrice Jacobs of 911 S. Eighth St., Wilmington, has graduated at Sheppard AFB, Tex., from the U.S. Air Force communications specialist course conducted by the Air Training Command.

Airman Jacobs, trained to operate teletypewriter equipment used in the worldwide Air Force communications system, is being assigned at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska, for duty with a unit of the Air Force Communications Service.

The airman is a 1975 graduate of John T. Hoggard High School.

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