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It takes a lot of time to get experience, and once you have it, you ought to go on using it.  
—Benjamin M. Duggar

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## MUHAMMAD ALI TO VISIT DURHAM COLLEGE



ALI

### Champ Scheduled To Visit Here December 6

Muhammad Ali is scheduled to visit Durham College on December 6 for the dedication of a multi-purpose athletic facility to be named in his honor.

All the current heavy-weight boxing champion of the world will speak at the 10 a.m. dedication ceremony on the campus of the business oriented junior college.

"We wanted to dedicate our new gym to a person who has made a significant contribution to the world of sports," said C. Warren Massenbarg, director of public relations and alumni affairs.

The 12,000 square foot athletic facility, which was completed in late 1976,

houses a basketball court, exercise rooms, locker room facilities, offices and classrooms.

Alli will also speak at a benefit luncheon at the Governor's Inn at 12:15 p.m. Persons wishing to attend should contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at Durham College for reservations.

Alli will also appear at the Durham Civic Center at 7:30 p.m. that evening. Local musicians, community choirs and local dancers are expected to perform at the festival-like event. The public is invited to attend. Admission of \$2 for adults, \$1 for students with ID, and 50c for children under six.

## No Leads To Melissa, Probe Continues

The search for 3 year old Melissa Amis continues, but the leads are not very strong, and no evidence of foul play has been uncovered in spite of a flurry of rumors to the contrary.

Responding to a reporter's questions Detective Leroy Ruffin, Melissa Amis was reported missing, Sunday, November 7 by Adolphus Prince, who lived at the time, with Melissa and her mother, Mrs. Jean Amis at 2414 Hinson Drive, in the Bluefield section of Bragg town.

According to Prince, who has since moved to his mother's residence at 2610 Atlantic Street, the child was last seen by him when he prepared her breakfast and dressed her about 8 o'clock Sunday morning. Jean Amis, a nurse at Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill was at work at the time.

Immediately after the child was reported missing



MELISSA AMIS

police initiated a search throughout most of North Durham that involved scores of police officers and volunteers. That search was called off on November 8.

Durham Detective Leroy Ruffin, told THE CAROLINA TIMES that the

search was "quite thorough" and included pumping water from two wells, dragging two ponds, and going house to house through Bragg town questioning the residents to uncover any leads which might shed light on the child's whereabouts and her circumstances.

Pointing out that he had no suspects or suspicions of foul play, Ruffin said that citizens have been very helpful by calling the department and suggesting leads to follow-up. The investigator smiled when the reporter told of rumors called to THE CAROLINA TIMES by several citizens and said that police had received the same.

Discounting an earlier assumption of foul play by a police spokesman, Ruffin said that a sheet found in a field behind DaVinci Street did not contain blood stains and had been exposed to the weather for some time. The [Continued From Page 14]



"PREPARING MINORITIES FOR PUBLIC SERVICE CAREERS" a workshop sponsored by the Conference of Minority Public Administrators and N. C. Central University, Shaw University, N. C. A&T University, and Virginia State College, was held at NCCU on Friday and Saturday, November 10th and 11th. Coordinators and speakers Dr. Arthur Allen of Virginia State College, Ms. Sylvia Cooke-Martin of the U. S. Department of HEW, Dr. John R. Larkins, special assistant to the Governor of North Carolina, and Dr. Tyrone R. Baines, Director of Public Administration at NCCU, discuss several issues prior to Saturday session. (Photo by Kelvin A. Bell).

## Governor To Be Picketed Thanksgiving Day

RALEIGH—Thanksgiving Day probably will not be a festive occasion for Governor James B. Hunt if the North Carolina Coalition Against the Death Penalty has its way. He may have to share his gobble with demonstrators or eat it away from home.

The Coalition represents nineteen member organizations which are actively fighting against the return of executions in North Carolina - this time their focus is on a Thanksgiving Day vigil outside Hunt's Raleigh residence at the Governor's mansion.

The vigil at the Mansion will be coordinated with similar vigils in every southern state. They are expected to draw national attention, through the efforts of writers such as Tom Wicker of the New York Times.

Alan McGregor, coordinator of the Coalition, in a recent letter to supporters, said that Governor Hunt cannot be allowed to "remain silent in the face of his responsibility to commute death sentences." The letter continues, "It is important to let Governor Hunt know from the beginning that we hold him responsible for the lives of those who are on Death Row."

Hunt does not acknowledge "responsibility to commute death sentences" of persons sentenced to die. On the contrary, Hunt was an outspoken advocate for reinstating the death penalty following the U.S. Supreme Court knocking down North Carolina's death penalty sta-

tute as unconstitutional on July 2, 1976. After much debate, and at the objections of the Coalition, the legislature revised the statute last spring, allowing juries to consider whether or not to impose death for persons found guilty of first degree murder.

Although two men have been sentenced to die in North Carolina's gas chamber since the revised death penalty went into effect last June 1, only one may potentially be gassed in the chamber at Central prison. The other man, Daniel Webster of Mor-

ganton, committed suicide in his prison cell November 6. Webster indicated at his trial that he killed his wife by hitting her in the head with an axe, and then choking her because he knew that he would get the death penalty for his deeds.

McGregor said, at a Raleigh press conference before his suicide, that throughout the history of states imposing death as punishment for certain crimes, persons desiring to commit suicide have killed so that the state would take their lives. He

called the phenomenon the "murder-suicide syndrome".

The Coalition's vigil outside the governor's Mansion is aimed at getting Hunt to commute death sentences to life imprisonment. Hunt has maintained that he believes the death penalty to be a deterrent to crime, and that, as governor, he would oppose efforts to commute sentences of persons sentenced to die.

Asked at his weekly press conference if the Daniel Webster case had caused him [Continued on page 10]

## Andy Young Vindicated

By Laura Parks

A while ago Ambassador Young created quite a furor following his remarks about racism in certain European countries. The outcry against him was of such intensity and magnitude that he was advised to discontinue his habit of frankly speaking his mind on these matters.

Being a loyal member of the Presidential team, he dutifully complied with the President's wishes and began his long and difficult search for majority rule in Rhodesia and racial justice in South America. Today, Ambassador Young is in the midst of extraordinary delicate negotiations with a multitude of international leaders and an almost as numerous host of private emissaries who are attempting to sway him first this way then that way according to the very ancient principles of self interest.

Andy Young's diplomatic salad days are over. The novelty of his presence on the world diplomatic state has all but vanished. Now he moves from world capital to world capital, from diplomatic gathering to Presidential secret sessions with suave assurance and firm in his knowledge that when he speaks he will have a captive worldwide audience.

Racism is on the rise in western Europe, especially in Britain. The contagion has spread with such rapidity that the powerful British Union of Journalists, alarmed by developments, sent to all of its members a special four page supplement in the Union paper the "Journalist" warning the nation's press corps to mount an immediate and sustained campaign against racism and the Nazi National Front that thrives on it. The last time such a warning was issued was during the heyday of Adolf Hitler in the late thirties.

Even the world famous humor magazine "Punch" felt the need to launch an attack on the National Front and racism and made this via a cartoon on its front cover.

Throughout Britain, educational authorities are also alarmed by the spread of racist reading materials into the classroom. A national conference is being called to combat this menace.

The British Nazi, like National Front, is increasingly bold in its public, provocative appeals to racism. In a recent electoral campaign for Parliament, the National Front posters showed a dark face, drenched in blood, soiling the British flag with the caption "This is your last chance. Vote for a white Britain."

In recent weeks, the National Front has staged marches through some of Britain's worst slums and high unemployment areas openly seeking to attack minority residents and to provoke their white neighbors into doing the same. So far, serious incidents have been avoided, but nobody is willing to bet how long this will last.

It was therefore not surprising that during the early days of his diplomatic apprenticeship for the passions and the rhetoric of another time to have surfaced in bitter anger as he denounced racism in western Europe. It was his last cry to the heavens, a final appeal to men of goodwill to wake up and take notice of racism in Europe where some have said it could not possibly exist before being silenced by the requirements his diplomatic duties.

Nevertheless, Andy Young's first language is not diplomatic jargon. His native tongue, learned in the harsh days of the rebellious 60s, remains muted and buried beneath an alien lingua franca in which the nations of the world talk to each other of war of peace.

The racist National Front menace has reached alarming proportions. At the recently concluded Labor Party Conference, the British Prime Minister Callaghan roundly denounced the National Front as a real threat to Britain's freedom. At the Conservative Party Conference, the positions taken were much milder but were nevertheless, anti-National Front.

There can be no doubt that Andy Young spoke some harsh truths about European racism which some had tried to hide behind the facade of democratic structures. In piercing the facade, he touched the throbbing cancer of racism and fascism.

Across Britain, bookstores in minority residential areas have come under attack from the racists. These attacks have included fire bombings breaking of windows and doors and the destruction of books, magazines and newspapers. The owners of the bookstores have accused the police of collusion with the racists and have appealed to the government for protection. Invariably the bookstores are smeared with slogans such as "KKK" "Niggers Out" and "White Power."

## 13 Grievances Presented Housing Authority

CHAPEL HILL - Thirteen grievances were presented to Board members of the Chapel Hill Housing Authority Tuesday night by approximately forty tenants of the Authority. While the Authority's executive director attempted to resolve some of the grievances, many were left unresolved, to be answered at a later meeting, probably at the Board's December meeting. Following the meeting, several tenants said they were not satisfied with the director's response, but did not specify what action, if any, they would take.

Ms. Mildred Pierce, President of the Chapel Hill Tenants Organization, read the grievances which were informally aired with the authority board members at the last meeting. Following is the total list and the action taken by the board members: Install yard lights and weather stripping for the doors and windows in all the units - Install peep holes in

doors. There as no action taken to this grievance, but Authority Chairman Theodore Parrish requested Executive Director Al Stevenson to make a report at the next meeting to remedy the problem.

Stevenson admitted that weatherproofing was a problem, but was more acute at the forty-unit Prichard St. Apartments. He cited excessive utility bills, which are paid by the tenants and drainage backups at the units. Stevenson proposed to correct them by asking the Town of Chapel Hill to allow \$1,000 of \$50,000 community development block grant funds to be used for that purpose.

That proposal sparked immediate response from tenant board member Mrs. Birdine Edwards. "Wait a minute! What about the other apartments?"

Stevenson replied that the Prichard Apartments were [Continued On Page 12]

## Patterson Answers DWOC Charges, Says Whites Controlling Blacks

The Durham Workers Organizing Committee (DWOC) has been charged as not operating in the interest of the workers at Duke University's Local 77 of the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) by the union's business manager.

Willie Patterson, local 77's business manager, leveled the charge following an almost weekly barrage of leaflets and propaganda charging just the opposite - that local 77's business manager and officer's "helped management to steal seven sick days a year from us."

Patterson says the group which made the charges "are not workers and only have influence over a few blacks who work in the union." He

says that the latest attack is designed "to get influence within the union through the election of officers. DWOC recently endorsed five union members for officers."

Patterson said that there is an obvious contradiction in the DWOC, "attacks which seek to destroy the union." They say on one hand that they want to fight for the union and in the same breath they cut the union down."

The main focus on the sick leave policy has put more heat on Patterson, he admits, than other attacks. A leaflet charges that when the union's present contract was negotiated, this year, a change in sick leave lessened the workers advantages. Under a 1975 contract, the DWOC leaflet charges, workers were

"given two absences every sixty days that they could be without a doctor's excuse." This meant if you space the absences right, you could stay out four days every sixty days for a total of twelve days a year and never bring a doctor's excuse. The present policy is five days of sick leave per year, without excuse from a doctor. The leaflet charges workers have lost seven days per year.

Patterson counterattacks saying "sick leave protect the employee from loss of pay when he is sick," and says that scheduling absences is abuse of the policy.

Exactly who the DWOC is, or clearly what its objective are, is uncertain. While it [Continued From Page 14]

## BLACKS MEET TO DISCUSS

## HEW Desegregation Guidelines, UNC's Response

The N. C. Alumni and Friends Coalition assembled approximately seventy five black citizens in a three-day retreat in Greensboro November 11 - 13, for an in-depth analysis and critique of the desegregation plans submitted to HEW by the University of North Carolina and the Community College System. The group also reviewed the HEW criteria and

guidelines. Among those participating were black chancellors, legislators, students, members of the Board of Governors, faculty, staff and trustees of the traditionally black institutions of higher education, their alumni representatives and friends, as well as officials from the State Advisory Committee for Racially Non-discriminatory Public

Post-Secondary Education, the HEW Office of Civil Rights and the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and Native Americans.

The general feeling of the group was outrage at the response by the UNC Board of Governors to the guidelines set by HEW for dismantling the racially dual system of higher education in North Carolina. Summarizing

the conference, a spokesman noted that the Coalition is appalled that state officials are jeopardizing critical federal funds - 100 million dollars - by their defiance of the HEW criteria and guidelines.

The General Administration of the University System and its governing boards do not admit that there remain strong evidence of a dual

system. According to the Coalition, this duality has grown out of many, many years of inadequate funding of the traditionally black institutions. The Coalition is thus outraged that the university states that it does not need to address the issue of desegregation of higher education. In the Coalition's view such statements are outright misrepresentations of

fact. Further, the racist overtones of statements made in the university's response to HEW, statements such as "North Carolina may be near the limits of its capacity to induce greater participation by blacks in the public post-secondary education system," deeply insult the Coalition.

The Coalition fully supports the HEW guidelines [Continued on page 10]