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A good heart is better than all the heads in the world.  
—Bulwer-Lytton

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## PRESSURE MOUNTS FOR CHARLOTTE 3 RELEASE

**Law Profs  
Question  
Conviction**

BY PAT BRYANT  
RALEIGH — The Charlotte Three may be released from prison before Christmas, according to three highly placed officials in the Hunt administration. While other administration insiders discount the likelihood of the civil rights activists being pardoned or having their sentences reduced to time served by Governor James Hunt, the three officials confided that "pressure is quietly mounting" for the chief executive to act soon.

The "quiet pressure" spoken of by the officials include a recent resolution by the North Carolina Human Relations Council advising Hunt to commute the sentences to time already served in prison. The Human Relations Council is appointed by Hunt and serves at his pleasure.

The Charlotte Three have been designated political prisoners by groups and individuals the world over. Similarly, these groups, including the prestigious Amnesty International, an international political prisoner support group, have asked Governor Hunt to pardon the Three.

Re-imprisoned October 17 after appeals through the state and federal court system had been exhausted, the Three were convicted in 1972 of burning a riding stable in 1968. In 1974, witnesses against the Three, a Charlotte newspaper discovered from FBI files, were paid \$4000 in cash and prosecution favors for their testimony. Jim Grant, T.J. Reddy, and Charlie Parker, at the time of the convictions, engaged in draft counseling with young Charlotte blacks.

A clearer case of political imprisonment than the Wilmington 10 case, political prisoner support committees had not agitated around the payment of two government witnesses as much as around the Wilmington 10 case.

Since their imprisonment however, support for a pardon has mushroomed. Without the fury of headlines, thirty-six law professors from three of the state's prestigious law schools similarly sent Hunt

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## Duke University Police Brutality Meet Held



**BOOK FAIR POSTER WINNER**  
Erika Lewis, a third grade student at Pearsontown Elementary School was the winner of the Book Fair Poster Contest that was held recently. The themes of the posters, were the student's favorite book. Erika's was on Charlotte's Web by E.H. White. As her prize Erika chose a Cookie Cook Book.

Erika lives at 516 Uzzle Street and is a member of St. Joseph A.M.E. Church. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence L. Lewis and the sister of Shea Lewis. Her teacher at Pearsontown is Mrs. Betty Tucker.

### VOTER REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN UNTIL DECEMBER 13

All eligible adults in Durham county are urged to register to vote before December 13, at 5 p.m. By law, in order to be able to vote in any election, one must register before the registration books close 21 working days before the elections. Durham County's next vote will be on the mixed beverage issue January 12. To register to vote, one must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old by the date of the next general election, a North Carolina resident for 30 days and a resident of one's precinct for 30 days prior to the election, and willing to designate a party affiliation if one wishes to vote in a primary election.

Citizens may register at the County Board of Elections on the second floor of the Durham County Judicial Building on Main Street or at the Durham Public Library and its branches. For more information, call 682-5745 or visit the Board of Elections office.

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### In Support For Derrick Rogers

Twenty-five workers and students at Duke University turned out for a meeting Tuesday evening in Zener Auditorium describing alleged incidents of police brutality and insensitivity to blacks and workers. Primarily convened to build support for Duke employee, Derrick Rogers, who has appealed to District Court conviction for allegedly assaulting a Duke security officer.

In early September, Rogers, a young black worker, witnesses say, refused to let himself be beaten by a Duke officer. The witnesses testified in District Court that Rogers struck back, resulting in the officer's jaw being broken in two places. Rogers was fired from his job and sentenced by Judge Milton Reed to a year in prison.

Several other Duke employees and students told of run-ins with the Duke security force. Several workers said that, with and without proper identification, sometimes officers harass and handle them as trespassers, particularly if they are black.

Paul Dumas, Duke's director of public safety defended his police force saying often suspicious looking people on campus are stopped, particularly cars without campus stickers. If the trespassers do not give good reasons for being on campus, they are given trespassing citations which can be appealed to the director of public safety if they feel that they are wrongly accused.

Ms. Maureen Krumperman, a worker at one of the campus dining halls, said eight people were arrested in October for trespass seven of whom were black. Duman said that he was not aware of the figures and had not studied the cases.



**FORUM ON DUKE POLICE BRUTALITY** — (l-r) Ms. Tina Waddell of the Black Student Alliance; Paul Dumas, Director, Public Safety, Duke University; Ms. Floris Caton, member, Trade Union Educational League, and Francis Davis, Local 77, Ast. Chief Steward, listen to, and comment on complaints and problems with Duke University Public Safety Officers. (Photo by Kelvin A. Bell)

## Tenants, And Housing Authority Directors Fight Over Recommendations

By Pat Bryant  
Tenants and housing authority directors and managers around the nation are gearing up for a battle over recommendations of a HUD Task Force Secretary Patricia Harris that she mandates increased tenant participation in all affairs of public housing authorities. Although represented on the HUD Task Force which made the recommendations, the housing managers disclaim their support for the measure. Tenants, including many from Durham, represented through the National Tenants Organization, are meeting in Memphis, Tennessee to discuss the recommendations and strategies.

The Task Force was appointed by HUD Secretary Patricia Harris shortly after her appointment by President Carter. In return for the high voter turnout for

Carter by public housing residents across the nation, the appointment of the Task Force by Mrs. Harris has been said to be payment of Carter's political debt to tenants. To become law, the recommendations would have to be published in the federal register for comment. However, unless strong support for the recommendations existed around the nation from tenant rank and file, sources say, it is unlikely that the recommendations would become law.

Basically, the recommendations call for the nation's public housing authorities—like Durham's Public Housing Authority—to recognize tenant organizations and include tenants in the decision making process. Funding of tenant organizations would be mandated at \$10. per apartment. Tenant representa-

tion on local boards or housing commissioners would also be mandatory. Access to representatives of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on a quarterly basis would also be required. Training of tenants to staff housing authority jobs

would be mandatory — along with tenant opportunity to review resumes and interview job applicants. Funding of public housing units whose 40 year annual contributions contracts have expired is also a recommendation because after the [Continued On Page 11]

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## Governor James Hunt Appoints Science-Math Trustees

Gov. Jim Hunt announced Saturday the appointment of 13 members of the Board of Trustees that will govern the North Carolina Science and Mathematics High School.

Dr. Dean W. Colvard, chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, will be chairman of the board. The 12 other advisers, IBM Corp's chief scientist, Nobel Laureate economist, educators and leading businessmen and scientists.

The trustees, who met in Raleigh this week, will be responsible for the development of the school. They will include making a final decision on a site, choosing an administrative head for the school, developing public and private financing and setting policy for such matters as curriculum and student recruitment and selection.

Governor Hunt said, "these trustees bring many years of experience and knowledge to this school, which is one of the most exciting educational developments in the country. Under their leadership, it will be a great success."

The residential high school will offer advanced instruction in science and math, as well as full curriculum and outside

activities for students. In addition to training future scientists and mathematicians, it is intended to help develop better instruction throughout the entire school system.

—John Ehle, a novelist and one of the original proponents of the mathematics school, of Winston-Salem.

—Dr. James J. Gallagher, Director of the Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center and Chairman of the State Competency Test Commission, of Chapel Hill.

The first meeting of the board is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 28, 10 a.m., in the Board Room (Room 150), first floor annex, State Highway Building, Raleigh.

Two members of the 26-member board remain to be appointed by the Governor. They will be announced later.

In addition to Chairman Colvard, who will retire as chancellor of UNC-Charlotte Dec. 31, the trustees appointed by the Governor are:

—Frank Press, Science Adviser to President Carter and Director of the White House Office of Science and Technology.  
—J.V. (Jack) Schweppe, President of the North

Carolina Citizens Association and Assistant Vice President and [Continued On Page 10]

## COALITION CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE FIRING OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

The Durham Coalition Against Police Brutality, a broad-based coalition of community groups formed to work against police harassment and brutality, called

on residents of Durham to take a stand against abusive treatment by Durham police officers. A spokesman for the group indicated that police brutality is on the

rise and happening frequently in black and white working class communities. She cited the most recent case—that of Bobby Mc [Continued On Page 18]

## Congressman Diggs Steps Aside As Chairman of House Committee

Washington, D.C. — Congressman Charles C. Diggs, Jr., Chairman of the House Committee on the District of Columbia, sent the following letter to the Speaker of the House, the Honorable Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., Tuesday morning:

"For the past several months, in addition to my normal representational duties, I have been occupied with the defense of charges against me in federal district court. Now that the trial is over, I must address the preparation of my appeal. According to the precedents in this jurisdiction, the appellate process may continue through the first session of the upcoming 96th Congress, and could conceivably extend into

the second session in 1980. "On November 7, exactly one month after my conviction, I obtained 80% of the vote in my general election campaign in the 13th Congressional District of Michigan. The faith in my integrity expressed by this overwhelming margin is both humbling and personally satisfying. Nonetheless, the guilty verdict has generated questions about my continuing as Chairman of a standing committee. As you will recall I voluntarily complied with the provision of Rule 43 in the 95th Congress after my conviction."

"My reelection has now eliminated my legal impediments under said rule deriving from the conviction and relating to service in the House as a

Member, or Committee or Subcommittee Chairman. However, in view of Members' other responsibilities and my personal esteem for the institution in which I have had the honor to serve for 24 years, I do not wish to impose a lingering political controversy upon the House Democratic Caucus or the House itself in the new Congress. Moreover, normal representational duties, the ever-growing responsibilities of my Africa Subcommittee, plus the appeal effort already commit me to a substantial measure of time and energy.

"I therefore request to be relieved of the House District Committee [Continued On Page 5]



**COLD BUT . . .** — These Central students were cold last Saturday, but they were warmed by the 56-0 shutout of J. C. Smith University. (Photo by Kelvin A. Bell)