Forward Communications Lends Broadcast Executive

To Minority Investment Fund

Robert Ferguson has been Fund, announced that Adams, Mass., also is a named director of fun- Forward has donated member of the Board of draising activities for the National Association of Broadcasters' Minority in helping minorities ac-Investment Fund, quire and operate broad-Ferguson is senior vice cast facilities. Thurston president, Corporate Pro- commended Forward for jects. Forward Com- its "continued commitmunications Corp., ment to the Minority In-Wausau, Wisc.

Donald A. Thurston, also pledged \$60,000.00 to who chairs the NAB Task the Fund. Thurston, resi-Force which organized the dent, Berkshire Broad-

Ferguson's time and salary to support the Fund vestment Fund." Forward

WASHINGTON - Minority Investment casting Company in North Trustees which directs the Fund. Ferguson will begin his

> mediately. Ferguson was named to his present position with Forward in August. Prior to that he was president and general manager of Foward's WTRF Televi-

fundraising duties im-

W. Virginia. He has been general manager of the ducted on spanking in the WTRF Stations for the Durham community. past 26 years.

Ferguson has served as chairman of the NBC-TV Affiliate Board, Chair-man of the NAB Televi-psychologists, and sion Code Board, president of the Broadcast Pioneers, and president of the W. Virginia Association of Broadcasters.

The NAB serves a membership of over 4,600 spanking. To Spank Or Not To Spank

There have been four (principals, separate interviews conetc., (said that they did not oppose the North They have been conducted among educators in the Carolina law on spanking, Durham community, many stated that they did not think highly of spankpsychologists, and ing as a disciplinary counselors, among parents and, finally, method. Many principals stated that they were imamong pupils. These interplementing more modern views were pompted by the recently revised city school board policy on

ways to achieve discipline. It was concluded from the interviews of social

educators workers, counselors and vice- psychologist that this principals, teachers, group did not rule out deans, board members spanking entirely, but etc., (said that they did recommended it only as the very last method to achieve discipline.

Some of the parents said, "Maybe teachers should spank when all other methods to achieve discipline fail." Others expressed the opinion that teachers should not spank their children.

All students interview-

ed, above third grade, said that they believed teachers should not spank pupils. Only two pupils interviewed said that they had been spanked only once during their schooling. At least eighty per cent of the students interviewed said that they had never been spanked at school and that they had rarely been spanked by their parents. The implications here may be that pupils whose parents reason with them and "talk over problems" can apparently be disciplined without being spanked.

Another conclusion that can be drawn from the student interviews is that students apparently have no faith in spanking and that pupils must respect any disciplinary method before it can be effective.

The overall conclusion on spanking from these interviews is that the community is moving away from spanking for a more effective, more modern method. Spanking, however, is a North Carolina law.

The revised city school policy passed its final reading Monday night, November 26_ Attached to the policy was a resolution introduced by board member Dr. Robert Ghirardelli which states, "The board wishes it understood that in establishing this policy that it neither endorses nor encourages the infliction of corporal punishment (spanking), but acts only to control such inflictions within the constraints imposed by the statutes of North Carolina."

Many principals say that some parents would rather have their children spanked than to honor requests by school officials to visit the school or to have their children suspended.

No disciplinary method relieves parents of the responsibility of helping the school discipline their children.

Committees Formed For Women's Center

CHAPEL HILL-As an outgrowth of the highly successful organizational meeting for an Orange County Women's Center, working committees have been established and meetings scheduled. The committees will make progress reports at the next general meeting of persons interested in establishing a center, Thursday, Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m., at A Woman's Place, 110 Henderson St., Chapel Hill.

All interested people are invited to join committees and to attend general meet-

The committee chairmen are: Ms. Elain Barney, 929-6136, Fund-Raising; Ms. Miriam Slifkin, 929-2451, Board Selection; Ms. Jane Ryan, 942-5590, Membership; Ms. Nancy Park, 967-1090, Site.

The Membership Committee will meet January 14 at 7:30 in A Woman's Place.

An anonymous contribution of approximately \$30,000 has been given toward formation of a women's center. For more information, contact the people listed.

LATE CALENDAR **ITEMS**

The West End Community Action Group is holding its first annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 20 at 7:30 p.m. All members are invited to attend. The party will be in the basement of Morehead Avenue Baptist Church at 1008 Morehead Avenue.

HOOKS CHALLENGES JOHN CONNALLY, GOP CANDIDATE FOR PRES.

NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks has called John B. Connally's critical remarks about affirmative action programs "irresponsible and unrea-sonable" and invited the Presidential Republican ination candidate to a blic of private discussion



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