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The more you use your brain, the more brain you will have to use.  
—G.A. Dorsey  
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Patience is bitter, but its fruit is sweet.  
—Rousseau

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## Conference On 'Organizing For 80's Well Attended

500 Persons Jam St. Joseph's Church

**Trellie L. Jeffers**  
More than 500 persons representing civil rights, labor, low income groups, women's rights and environmental interests jammed St. Joseph's AME Church on Saturday, March 28, to attend the second day of a conference on "Organizing for the 80's". Saturday's group consisted of all races, ranging from senior citizens to young people who had come to develop strategies to create a coalition of groups from across the state the deal with what many expressed as "major concerns" about the direction of the Reagan administration.

She said that racism is unconscious, conscious and institutional. "An example of institutional racism is the use of power to exclude certain groups or races. When you look at CETA, you see so many whites controlling the program. The program is set up to help many low income blacks and there are no blacks making any decisions. Racism is in the right, center and the left," Ms. Arnwine said.

She called upon the group to form a coalition against racism. Art Martin of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, another of the speakers, told the group that the U.S. Department of Labor has changed sides, and standards on occupational safety and health will be

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REP. SPAULDING

### Rep. Spaulding Introduces Bill To Allow Tenant Representation

State Representative Kenneth B. Spaulding has introduced legislation in the North Carolina House of Representatives that would allow a public housing tenant to serve on a Public Housing Authority Board.

Currently, an Attorney General's opinion indicates that the present law in North Carolina prohibits a tenant from serving on the Housing

Authority's Board. Spaulding's bill would make it possible for a housing authority tenant to serve on the Housing Authority Board. Spaulding said that he believes tenants should be allowed to serve on a Housing Authority Board and that the input given by a tenant would be beneficial to the Board's decision making process.



Joins Search For Clues

An elderly lady has a wistful look as she holds two daffodils she picked in the woods last week while helping conduct a weekend search for clues in the mystery of Atlanta's disappearing children. This marks the 25th weekend search conducted by citizens and authorities for clues as to the status of (now 21) children and the disappearance of two others.

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## DHA Commission Assures Communication In Changes

**By Donald Marable**  
The Board of Directors of the Durham Housing Authority, in its monthly meeting on Thursday, March 26, adopted and approved a resolution revising maintenance charges that will be assessed to tenants when repairs are made.

Mrs. Pat Rogers, director of the Tenant Steering Committee, felt that the resolution was unjust unless abuse, deliberate damage, or neglect was found among residents.

A resolution to adopt a revised Statement of Policies also came before the board. Included was a rent rate increase from 22% to 25% based on income, and an annual reexamination for rent

eligibility. Benjamin S. Ruffin, chairman of the board of commissioners, had to gavel to order residents and representatives who were disturbed about not having received copies of the proposed policy changes. Ruffin confirmed that the commission is dedicated to informing and receiving information from the tenants and that he would assure a two-way communication for future news in the Authority.

Tenants and representatives agreed with nodding heads as the resolution was tabled until the next meeting, during which a survey of tenant feelings may be presented, with a proposal to revise the grievance procedure.

The Commission further considered a concept of organizing resident councils. The Tenant Steering Committee suggested that such a move would weaken that committee. But DHA Executive Director James Tabron said the policy is being urged by the Department of Housing and Urban Development and it would call for a more effective use of community funds.

In this same vein, the commission went on to approve a HUD application that would seek money for a Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program. This would give money to tenants who refurbished and renovated their houses.

## Call Issued For 'People Power' Answer To Duke Power

Citing Duke Power Company's 1980 net income as being substantially up from 1979, the Durham Chapter of the National Council of Senior Citizens as issued a call to "answer Duke Power with People Power" at the Durham City Council meeting on Monday, April 6, at 7 p.m. Duke Power Company has requested a 19.7% rate increase.

"Among many of the low and middle income people, but, especially among the retired people, living on fixed incomes, this literally caused a shock wave", said Sam Reed, president of the Durham Chapter, in a presentation to the Community Services Committee in behalf of the NCSA on Wednesday, March 25. "We are already living on a tight budget. Many of us

are already suffering hardships, and unable to make ends meet. And now, it seems that Duke Power wants to add to our economic plight", he continued.

Reed said that Duke Power's "reasoning in arguing for a rate increase is faulty".

Duke Power Company reported net income in 1980 of \$311,091,000, an increase of \$36,331,000 over 1979. Common stock earnings per share in 1980 were \$3.08 as compared with \$2.88 in 1979. Dividends on common stock were \$1.95 and \$1.83 in 1979.

Reed contended that "the voice of the people must be heard and considered, before the State Utilities Commission acts on this case. That is the democratic way. The Public Staff of the

Utilities Commission performs an important function of research and fact finding. But in the final analysis, there is no substitute for the role and influence of the tax payers and consumers."

"We of the National Council are ready to cooperate with City Council, and with all people of goodwill, to help improve the living standards of all citizens, and especially to

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## Housing Authority Director Reviews Termination Decision

**By Donald Marable**  
As a result of an appeal by Ms. Cloyce Lassiter, former Deputy Director for Operations at the Durham Housing Authority, James Tabron, Executive Director, is reviewing his decision that terminated her on January 26.

Daniel K. Edwards, attorney for the Housing Authority, said, "The purpose of this hearing is to give Ms. Lassiter an opportunity to be heard by the commissioners. She feels that her dismissal was improper and therefore we are affording the director an opportunity for consideration of keeping that decision or setting up a meeting for a later hearing."

Tabron said, "As Deputy Director for Operations, Ms. Lassiter's duties were three part, which mainly concerned an overseer maintenance, management, and in-charge of community services." Tabron stressed that he released Ms. Lassiter after consulting her on late and inefficient reports. He had considered her experience at the Authority for the appointment, but was finding through the probationary period that she was slowly losing her grip on handling the position.

Ms. Lassiter has held positions with the Authority since 1969, and has been promoted at a yearly rate since 1972. She formally assumed the position of Deputy Director for Operations in May, 1979. Ms. Lassiter was placed on a probationary status for a period of four months in October, 1980, which was to end by January of 1981.

William A. Marsh, Jr., attorney for Ms. Lassiter, made reference to Tabron putting Ms. Lassiter in a "Catch-22" position by evaluating her and extending her probationary period at the same time. The smoke-filled room

began accumulating heat as council for Ms. Lassiter pointed to facts in his clients file on being a valued employee and that Tabron had promoted her in the two weeks that he had been there with advice from the interim director and team at the Greensboro office. Marsh stressed the inconsistency of Tabron's decision to promote her to this position and then fire her within a year, and then not seek another position at the Authority for her.

Ms. Lassiter said that "Tabron did not appoint me to the position of Deputy Director for Operations, the management consulting team at the Greensboro office had appointed me." Ms. Lassiter also contended that the six areas that Tabron used to fire her, listed in a termination letter were not the same

areas he had consulted her about in October.

Tabron strongly reiterated that, "In the letter sent to Ms. Lassiter, I stated that the items were not all-inclusive of her duties and that her position entailed a broader spectrum as Deputy Director for Operations."

Edwards said that he did not hear any contentions on sex or race discrimination and assumes this will not be part of the case. However, Marsh stated that, "although there were no direct contentions, Ms. Lassiter's termination brought forth the hiring of two males of a race that we all know of."

Jack Preiss, board member, stressed that he hopes that in terms of discrimination, "all the cards are on the table," and that there will be no

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## Never Too Late Too Learn

**By Donald Marable**  
There are 25 million adults in this country who cannot read this article. An illiterate is defined as a person who is unable to function in today's society — that is to read or write — above the eighth grade level.

In Durham County alone, of males 25 and older, 662 had no school; 2,904 completed one to four years of school, 5,053 completed five to seven years, and 2,292 completed eight years of school. For females, 25 and over, 616-no school; 2,193-one to four years; 5,419-five to 7 years, and 2,707-eight years.

And these statistics have changed by 14%, according to the 1980 census. The Durham Literacy Council held a two-day workshop for volunteers interested in teaching adult non-readers on a one-to-one basis on Friday and Saturday, March 27-28, in the Durham County Library on Roxboro Street.

And what better place

Ms. Mary Whaley, director of the Illiteracy Program at Yates Baptist Association, and Ms. Mary Collins, teacher trainee, beamed like the sunshine on methods of helping those who want to help themselves.

The Durham Literacy Council started at Yates Baptist Association — made up of churches in Durham and Orange counties — with headquarters at Chapel Hill Street.

W.W. Sprouse, committee member of community ministers, said, "The biggest problem is that people will not come or call for help. It is the people that don't want to admit they can't read that we are most concerned about." He further said that this service is at no cost to the student, but we do like them to buy the instructional books that will aid them in learning to read.

After the students finish the series of classes instructed by the tutors, they will be able to read at a fifth grade level, with a

knowledge of English grammar. From there, the student can take a class at Durham Technical Institute.

Sprouse mentioned that, "As a result of the CBS movie, 'Pride of Jesse Helms,' starring Johnny Cash, which characterized the hardships of a man being a non-reader in today's society, many people are coming forth."

There are 25 volunteers from all walks of life, including a writer of children's books who completed the workshop and became certified teachers. The program is co-sponsored by Yates Baptist Association and Project LIFT at the library, and anyone wanting help may call either of those places. A volunteer will be assigned based on the specific needs of that student. A schedule is then worked out between the tutor and student. Tutors are available for in-home service and are trying at all angles to start turning the pages in life for a non-reader.

## Don King Tells Students: 'Give Back To Community'

World-renowned boxing promoter Don King visited Howard University recently and delivered more than a message. He set the example by donating some \$140,000 to black and other charitable organizations.

"Some of our successful blacks are such that as soon as the wrinkles get out of their bellies, they proclaim they have done it alone," King told the students.

"We must deal with the fact that we are our brother's keeper, whether we want to be or not."

Then, King said he wanted to pause for a moment to "practice what he preached." From his pocket he pulled checks payable to the NAACP for \$10,000, the United Negro College Fund, \$10,000; PUSH, \$10,000; Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, \$10,000; American Cancer Society, \$10,000; Africare, \$5,000; Howard's School of Communications, \$2,500; and to several other organizations. When he finished, the total donated amounted to almost \$140,000.

Calling his philanthropy "tantamount to a mere pittance," and quoting the late John Kennedy, King said he was taking the "first step" of the "longest mile" by giving back to the community from whence he came.

"Our plight will not be changed, until we help ourselves." Education and economics, King told the students, are the best keys to self-help.

"We must be economically independent, unless we want to be in another form of subordination. I feel that economics will be our savior. But right now, we're 99 per cent consumer."

"We need minds like yours to get the education this fine institution can provide so you can work to deal with productivity and other problems that face our nation."

"As blacks, we must come together to work with our communities, and institutions. Then we can have the strength to bring about change."

Saying his own strength lay in his "ghetto ties," his mother and friends, King told the students how he made four years of incarceration for second-degree manslaughter work in his favor. "I read Voltaire, Chaucer, Gibran, King, Kennedy, Dante, and all those cats. When I came out, I was armed with an atom bomb of knowledge."

His jailhouse education and a relentless "desire for affluence," motivated King to try his hand at promoting local boxing matches in Cleveland. From here, he went up the ladder of success, promoting the last Muhammad Ali bouts in the U.S. and Africa, as well as the recent Duran-Leonard showdowns.

Despite his success in the American marketplace, King is an humble man. "I recognize that I am nothing without you. Everyone dealing has to deal from a constituency. You must have someone with you."