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Duke University president seeks end of sit-in protest

president met Sunday with protesters in their second day occupying his office's waiting room to demand the firing of three administrators and a \$15 minimum wage for all campus workers.

Duke President Richard Brodhead met with demonstrators inside the building that houses his office and those of other top administrators. Nine students have camped in a waiting area outside Brodhead's office at the school's main administrative building since Friday afternoon.

University officials told the students they face criminal trespassing charges, academic sanctions or both if they didn't leave

(AP) - Duke University's Sunday, university spokesman newspaper shows graffiti on Michael Schoenfeld said. The sit-in students wanted amnesty from criminal or academic repercussions before walking out, said Mina Ezikpe, one of the oc-

> nesty, we're not leaving and so it's up to the administration how they want to proceed," said Ezikpe, a junior from Atlanta studying cultural anthropology.

> the administration building was occupied by protesters, Schoenfeld said, but "protests at Duke are neither rare nor identical."

Photos posted on the Twitter account of the campus

ing or seated on the lawn outside the administration building. The administrators that pro-"If they don't give us amtesters want fired include one top executive involved in a dispute with a parking attendant two years ago. A lawsuit filed last month by the contract traffic control officer accuses Duke It's been about a decade since executive vice president Tallman Trask III of using a racial slur

> against her. Trask has said parking attendant Syliva Underwood refused to let him park in his usual spot and stepped in front of his car. He denied making any racial comment.

signs and leaded-glass windows

urging Trask's firing. Other pho-

tos posted by the Duke Chronicle show dozens of students chant-

Campus police investigated Underwood's allegations two years ago, but she "chose not to pursue her police complaint," the university said in a statement.

A campus institutional equity office separately investigated the allegation of an uttered racial comment. "This investigation also did not produce sufficient evidence to confirm the allegations," the statement said.

Duke's current minimum wage is \$12 an hour, compared to the federal and state minimum of \$7.50, the statement said. The school is pushing to require companies with which it contracts for campus services to also pay at least \$12 an hour, the statement said.

l year since death of man shot while running from police

NORTH CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) - The family of a black man shot to death by a white police officer in South Carolina while running away is marking the one year that has passed since his death.

Local news outlets report the family of 50-year-old Walter Scott is holding a moment of silence at his gravesite Monday. The family says Scott's mother, brother and other relatives will lay flowers on his grave and then address the media.

Former North Charleston officer Michael Slager is charged with murder in the April 4, 2015, death of Scott, who was running from a traffic stop. The shooting, captured on cellphone video, reignited the national debate about how blacks are treated by law enforcement officers.

Slager is out on bond before his trial, which is expected later this year.

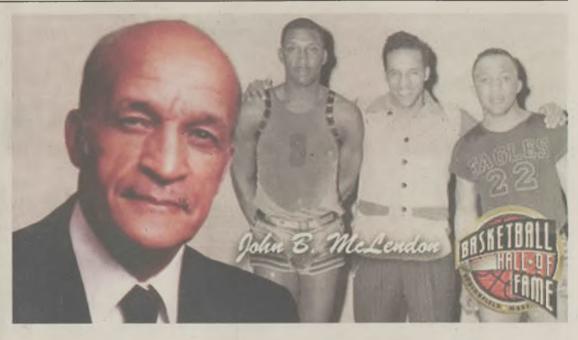
Smithsonian to acknowledge Cosby allegations at new

museum By Ben Nuckols

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Smithsonian now plans to acknowledge the sexual-assault allegations against Bill Cosby at its new African-American history museum on the National Mall, which will include two items related to Cosby's career in television and standup comedy.

The museum's founding director, Lonnie Bunch, said in a statement March 31 that visitors to the exhibit will recognize that Cosby's "legacy has been severely damaged.

The museum plans to include the cover of a Cosby comedy album and a comic book from his pioneering TV drama "I Spy as part of its exhibit on black entertainers and artists. Initially, the museum planned to include historical facts about the items without mentioning the allega-



Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame to Enshrine McLendon - Again

HOUSTON, Texas - Legendary basketball coach and innovator John McLendon was announced as a member of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame enshrinement class of 2016 to be honored Sept. 8-10 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

The announcement was made in Houston, the site of the 2016 NCAA Men's Final Four, and televised live on ESPN SportsCenter.

McLendon, who started his college coaching career at North Carolina Central University (then known as North Carolina College) in 1937 and served as the Eagles head basketball coach from 1940-52, was first enshrined into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in 1979 as a contributor. In September, he will enter the hall posthumously as a coach.

Born April 5, 1915 in Hiawatha, Kansas, McLendon's contributions to the sport of basketball are virtually innumerable. His advisor at the University of Kansas was the inventor of basketball, Dr. James

During his time at NCCU, McLendon pioneered basketball's full court game, using such strategies as the full court press, the full court zone (now known as the zone press), the open center offense whose

variants include the "four corners," the rotating pivot, and the double-pivot. In 38 years as a head coach, he achieved a collegiate coaching record of 523 wins to 165 losses for a 760 winning percentage, including a 239-68 record at NCCU. He was the first coach to win three consecutive national championships, leading Tennessee State to NAIA National Championships in 1957, 1958 and 1959. He was also the first black coach in a professional basketball league (with the Cleveland

Pipers in the American Basketball League in 1961) and the first black coach at a predominantly white

university (Cleveland State employed him in June 1966). McLendon died on Oct. 8, 1999 at the age of 84.

This year's class also includes 27-year NBA referee Darell Garretson, eleven-time NBA All-Star Allen Iverson, two-time NABC Coach of the Year Tom Izzo, three-time NBA Finals MVP Shaquille O'Neal and four-time WNBA Champion Sheryl Swoopes. Distinguished committees focused on preserving all areas from the game also selected four directly elected members. They include Zelmo Beaty from the Veterans Committee, Yao Ming from the International Committee, Cumberland Posey from the Early African American Pioneers Committee and Jerry Reinsdorf from the Contributor Committee.

North Carolina bathroom law could be decided in Virginia

By Larry O'Dell

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) - The fate of North Carolina's new law aimed at restricting restroom use by transgender people could be determined in Virginia, where a school board has ordered a teenager to stay out of the boys'

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond could rule any day now in the case of Gavin Grimm, who was born female but identifies as male. Grimm says he has to take a "walk of shame" to use a restroom at Gloucester High School.

Whatever the judges decide, the impact will be far more sweeping than what Grimm envisioned when he challenged the policy

"I did not set out to make waves - I set out to use the bathroom," Grimm says.

North Carolina's bathroom bill was unveiled, debated and signed into law in a single day last week, two months after the appeals court in Richmond heard arguments in Grimm's case. But two workers and a transgender student at the University of North Carolina are making similar arguments as they seek a federal injunction preventing enforcement of the new law.

Among other things, the law directs public schools, public universities and government agencies to designate bathrooms and locker rooms for use only by people based on their biological sex, and says transgender people can only use bathrooms matching their gender identity if they've had their birth certificates changed, which in North Carolina usually requires sexual

reassignment surgery.

The law has prompted a national backlash. Businesses and politicians have announced boycotts of North Carolina, and legal challenges ensure that the wedge issue will dominate the Republican governor's re-election campaign against his Democratic

challenger.

Advocates on all sides will closely read the ruling, since U.S. District Judge Thomas Schroeder in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, an appointee of President George W. Bush, will have to adhere to any precedents set by the appellate court, said Joshua Block, the American Civil Liberties Union lawyer representing Grimm.

"One way or another, what happens in Gavin's case is likely going to set the rules of the road for how the North Carolina case proceeds," Block said.

Grimm alleges that school board policy requiring him to use girls' restrooms or a single-occupancy unisex bathroom available to all students violates Title IX of the U.S. Education Amendments of 1972, the federal law prohibiting sex discrimination in public schools. He also says the policy denies him equal protection rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution.

The North Carolina suit raises similar claims, alleging that transgender people who haven't received a sex-change operation and changed their birth certificate can't access their preferred restrooms, and are therefore treated unequally from nontransgender people.

Since Grimm's trial judge has yet to decide constitutional issues, the appellate ruling will focus on the Title IX question and "won't provide guidance about

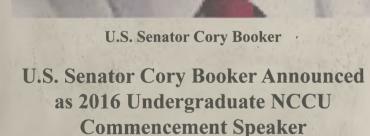
the constitutionality of the North Carolina law," said Kevin Walsh, a University of Richmond expert

in constitutional law. The U.S. Justice Department filed a "statement of interest" in Grimm's case in July declaring that failure to allow transgender students to use restrooms that correspond with their gender identities amounts to sex discrimination under Title IX. In North Carolina, gay rights advocates warned that the new law puts billions of dollars in federal educational funding at risk.

North Carolina's law also bars local governments from making their own restroom ordinances, providing other protections from discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity, or requiring businesses to pay higher wages or paid sick leave, raising authority questions that aren't at issue in the Virginia case.

Block sees a possible road map in the 4th Circuit's ruling striking down Virginia's same-sex marriage ban. A federal judge later told North Carolina lawmakers that the appellate court made such laws unconstitutional throughout the five-state circuit, which also includes South Carolina, Maryland and West Virginia. The U.S. Supreme Court later legalized gay marriage nationwide.

The use of public facilities by transgender people has emerged as the next most important legal issue for LBGT advocates, and North Carolina is the first state to require public school and university students to use only bathrooms that match their birth certificates, according to the National Conference of State Leg-



U.S. Sen. Cory Booker will serve as the keynote speaker for North Carolina Central University's 127th Baccalaureate Ceremony on Sat., May 14. The Commencement exercises will take place in

O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium on the university's campus. Booker will address approximately 700 students receiving their bachelor's degrees from the university. According to preliminary estimates from the NCCU Registrar's Office, the Class of 2016 is

anticipated to be one of the largest graduating classes in the univer-

A New Jersey native, Booker won a special election to represent New Jersey in the United States Senate on October 13, 2013. He was subsequently re-elected to a full six-year term on November 4, 2014. He currently serves on the Senate's committees on Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; Environment and Public Works; and Homeland Security and Government Affairs. Booker is the ranking member of the Senate Subcommittee on Surface Transportation. Booker has also emerged as a national leader in the Congressional push for common sense criminal justice reform, advocating for front-end sentencing reforms and banning of juvenile solitary confinement in federal facilities, and spearheading legislation to make the hiring process fairer for the formerly

Booker began his career in public service after graduating with a Juris Doctor degree from Yale Law School by starting a nonprofit organization that provided legal services for low-income families and helped tenants advocate against absentee landlords to improve living conditions and stay in their homes.

At the age of 29, he was elected to the Newark, N.J., City Council from the city's Central Ward. Booker became mayor of Newark in 2006 and worked over his seven-year tenure to steadily increase the city's economic growth to a record high since the 1960s. He is credited with improving the overall quality of life for Newark residents.

A Stanford University graduate, where he earned both a bachelor's and master's degree, Booker played on the varsity football team and was awarded a Rhodes Scholarship. He studied at the University of Oxford, where he received an honors degree in history.

The late father of Booker, Cary Booker, a North Carolina native, is a 1962 graduate of North Carolina College at Durham, now NCCU. Booker was inducted in the Society of Golden Eagles in 2012, a group that recognizes alumni celebrating their 50th class reunion. Along with his classmates, the elder Booker was recognized during the university's Founder's Day Convocation on November 2, 2012.

A separate ceremony for graduate and professional students will be held on Friday, May 13, in McDougald-McClendon Arena.

