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Williard Fair delivers his keynote address at the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet (photo by Santana).

T. Williard Fair speaks

"Our problem is values, not racism"

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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T. Williard Fair came home last Saturday night and he came with a powerful message for Afro-Americans in Winston-Salem: That only a spiritual rebirth can save their community.

Fair, who pulled no punches during his keynote address at the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, said that a lack of values is causing much of the trouble in Afro-American communities. That combined with the devastating effects of

racism, Fair said, have caused Afro-Americans to lose touch with the force that guided their enslaved ancestors.

"We're the only group of people who continue to make progress but still remain behind," said Fair, the director of the Urban League of Greater Miami. "That has nothing to do with racism. It has to do with values -- ours. As we shout for joy, remember the one thing missing in 1988 that was present in 1716, is that there was a God we respected. Black people have always been poor and we've always been the last hired and the

first fired. But we ain't never been as bad off as we are now. The solution is that we must press on to know God. Social progress does not guarantee spiritual growth but spiritual growth does guarantee social progress. Unless there is a spiritual resurrection of values, we will never maximize what we have 300 years later."

Fair began his address with a historical overview of the struggles of Afro-Americans since their arrival in this country as slaves. Describing the first slaves in

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Foot patrol plans being evaluated

By KENNETH RAYMOND
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The Public Safety Committee's pursuit of neighborhood foot patrols by Summer must await an evaluation of manpower, the size of the patrol area, and the work shifts, according to Chief of Police George Sweat.

The Committee is considering a proposal to be made to the Board of Aldermen for permanent neighborhood foot patrols. The recommendation will be made when the Committee submits its budget on July

Permanent footpatrols would be placed in sections of the city with high crime rates. Sweat said any logistics would have to be worked out before implementation.

"We would need to know about the size of a particular area, the deployment of manpower, and the shifts they would work before we can go any further," said. "After some studies are done, we'd definitely know."

Vivian Burke, chair of the Public Safety Committee, said that the success of the downtown foot patrol led to the consideration of sending other patrol units into various communities.

"The downtown foot patrol was somewhat of a pilot," Burke said. "We wanted to see how it would work down there before moving them out into neighborhoods."

"A direct patrol is when an officer would park his car and walk through an area for a while," Sweat said. "The difference between that and permanent foot

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This is the second in a two-part series on Hospice home care.

Hospice: Lending an extra hand

By ANGELA WRIGHT
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50-year-old Ronnie Grubbs has dropped from his normal weight of 140 pounds to a slight 81 pounds. He speaks with a hoarse, barely audible whisper; he has throat cancer. Although he can eat some soft foods, he receives most of his nourishment through a tube protruding from his stomach. His doctors say his condition is terminal.

Such a prognosis would be devastating for any family, but for Ronnie and Shirley Grubbs there were additional problems. He has a sixth-grade education, her education ended at the fourth-grade. Realizing their predicament, their doctor called Hospice of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County, Inc.

A hospice volunteer helped the Grubbses work out a payment plan with the hospital and located a lawyer to write Mr. Grubbs' will.

"Hospice has been excellent," said Mrs. Grubbs. "It has been very good to us." She said Hospice provided her with someone to talk with about their problems.

For the past four months Julie



Cancer patient Ronnie Grubbs gets helping hand from Rhonda Brock, a Hospice volunteer nurse (photo by Mike Cunningham).

Rose, a registered nurse employed by Hospice, has visited the Grubbs' home at least once a week. "Julie always comes out whenever we need her," said Mrs. Grubbs. "She comes out when he's sick."

There is also a volunteer registered nurse from Hospice who

looks in on Mr. Grubbs two to three times a week. Rhonda Brock started working with the family about three weeks ago. She keeps an eye on Mr. Grubbs' skin, particularly where the tube is inserted, to be ready for a quick diagnosis should a

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Citizens report jails deplorable

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Last year, a citizen committee visited a Forsyth County Prison facility to investigate the conditions. They found cell blocks, which were made to hold eight inmates comfortably, instead housing 20. They also discovered poor lighting and ventilation, overwhelming heat, and extremely aggravating noise. The committee then began their research to assist with the matter.

The group, comprised of community volunteers, presented their findings and recommendations to the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners on March 10.

"We're trying to work with the board and everyone else as best we can," said organization spokesman Lawrence Vellani. "We talked to a lot of people and so far things are moving along quite well."

The suggestions not only deal with the conditions in the jails, but pretrial release affairs. Atop the list, the citizen committee recommends that a task force of public officials and private citizens completely evaluate and analyze the conditions, then submit recommendations.

"We need a group to look into criminal justice needs," Vellani said. "Sometimes it seems like one big puzzle. But we need information along the lines of rehabilitation resources, law enforcement, and prosecution."

Once the group is formed, it would put together a data base, which would have detailed information on every inmate.

"The only thing known about the inmates is the name, race, and gender," Vellani said. "There's no information on prior criminal record, current charges, how high their bond was set, their education, commu-

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THE NATION'S NEWS

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Integration case extended

HUNTSVILLE, Ala. --While the Justice Department plans to continue its racial segregation complaint against Alabama's system of higher education, it has filed with the state in a move that could keep a black federal judge off the case.

Sedition defendants left

FORT SMITH, Ark. The government has rested in prosecution of 13 reputed white supremacists, and District Judge Morris Arnold says the defense will conclude by week's end.

Men settle tavern lawsuit

WILMINGTON, Del. -- Two Afro-American men were allegedly denied service at a Wilmington tavern in 1985 because of their race have won a 2,000 out-of-court settlement of their federal discrimination lawsuit.

Justices: Examine quotas

WASHINGTON -- The Supreme Court today sent the case to a lower court a dispute over a racial-quota integration plan for a public elementary school in Chicago. The justices told the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals to study whether a challenge by a group of Cuban and American Indians to quotas at the Disney "magnet" elementary school has become

Congress nixes Reagan's civil rights veto

WASHINGTON (AP) --Congress overrode President Reagan's veto of a major civil rights bill Tuesday, ending a four-year battle to restore broad protection for women, minorities, the elderly and the handicapped.

A 73-24 vote in the Senate, followed by a 292-133 tally in the House, handed Reagan a severe political defeat and reversed a 1984 Supreme Court decision that sharply restricted the reach of four anti-discrimination statutes.

The votes in both chambers were well above the two-thirds majority needed to enact a law over a presidential veto. It was the ninth time Congress had rejected a Reagan veto.

"People who voluntarily take federal funds have an obligation to treat everybody else fairly," said Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass., summing up the rationale of lawmakers who have been pressing for the Civil Rights Restoration Act since the high court ruling.

The court said only specific programs or activities receiving federal aid had to comply with four major civil rights laws.

The restoration act bars discrimination by institutions, government agencies and

some corporations that receive any federal aid. That means if a college physics department, for example, receives federal assistance, the entire college would fall under the civil rights laws.

Reagan and his congressional allies argued for a less sweeping alternative, saying the act went far beyond simple restoration. They said it would curtail

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800 attend NAACP banquet

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The local NAACP's annual Freedom Fund Banquet drew more than 800 people to the convention center last Saturday night as the branch honored members of the organization and others in the community.

The affair was highlighted by the presentation of the Sara Lee/Charles McLean Community Service Award to Dr. Kenneth R. Williams, a former pastor and a former chancellor at Winston-Salem State University. T. Williard Fair, director of the Urban League of Greater Miami, was the keynote speaker.

The McLean Award was established in 1985 to recognize people in the Winston-Salem and Forsyth County community who

provide services and motivate others to improve the quality of life for themselves and others. McLean, who served as state field secretary for the NAACP for more than 28 years, was instrumental in promoting voter registration drives and in the enactment of the 1965 Voting Rights Act. He also had an active business career including the building of a shopping center in the East Winston community.

Walter Marshall, president of the local NAACP branch, in outlining the purpose of the occasion, said that Afro-Americans in the Twin City "are not doing it so well in Winston-Salem because we don't control anything." He said that although Afro-



NAACP President Walter Marshall takes the podium at last week's Freedom Fund Banquet (photo by Santana).

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