

R.J. Reynolds vice president to lecture on 'The Black Male Crisis'

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In conjunction with National Public Radio's "Class of 2000: The Prejudice Puzzle," WUNC Radio will kick off its fall lecture series on Sept. 13 at North Carolina Central University with noted speaker Benjamin Ruffin, vice president of corporate affairs for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, a division of R.J.R.-Nabisco.

The free lecture will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the B.N. Duke Auditorium at 1801 Fayetteville Road in Durham.

Ruffin is a graduate of North Carolina Central University and

the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was the special assistant to former North Carolina Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. and is nationally known for his ability as an orator and expert on African American issues.

"The Class of 2000: The Prejudice Puzzle" is an NPR week-long programming and outreach focus on the lives and biases of young people, and how they deal with stereotyping.

"Class of 2000: The Prejudice Puzzle," the first presentation of NPR's Specials Project, is funded by a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. The

project includes both concentrated reporting time and talent on a single issue and a major national outreach initiative to involve public radio stations in community efforts to address the issue.

Throughout the week of Sept. 9-15, more than a dozen five- to 20-minute NPR features will air on "Morning Edition" (Mon.-Fri., 6-9 a.m.), "All Things Considered" (Mon.-Fri., 5-6:30 p.m.), and "Weekend Edition" (Sat., 8-10 a.m.). Broadcasts of these programs can be heard locally on WFDD Public Radio (88.5 FM).

Together, the "Prejudice Puzzle" reports present the voices of a

cross section of America's young seldom heard in the media: blacks, whites, Hispanics, children of multiracial families, teenagers in the Alaskan bush, Native Americans at a powwow, Amerasian children looking for acceptance, gay and straight friends talking about sexual identity, teenagers in jail.

Ruffin's WUNC lecture will focus on one of the most passionate issues in the African-American community, "The Black Male Crisis."

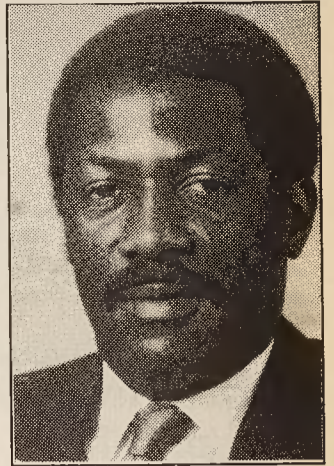
This lecture will be co-sponsored by North Carolina Central University and supported by the local chapters of the Youth and

College Division of the NAACP.

The WUNC Radio and NCCU hope to provide a lecture that will generate thoughtful and compelling discussion of a problem that -- far from being confined to the African-American community -- affects the future social and economic development of the nation.

WUNC Radio and NCCU hope to draw more public awareness to the problem through the Ruffin lecture.

For more information on the Sept. 13 lecture, contact Jeanne Phillips or Lee Hansley at WUNC at (919) 966-5454.



Benjamin Ruffin

Appellate Court judge seeks reelection

By GODFREY HERNDON
Special to the Chronicle

On Feb. 12, 1990 Allyson K. Duncan became the first African-American woman appointed to serve on an appellate court in North Carolina. She is one of only two African-American female appellate judges at the state level in the entire South.

At the time Gov. Jim Martin appointed her to the North Carolina Court of Appeals, Duncan was a professor at the North Carolina

Central University School of Law, and had just published a book entitled North Carolina Appellate Advocacy and had been named Teacher of the Year. "I was very honored by the confidence the Governor evidenced in me through this appointment," said Duncan. "I relish this opportunity to serve the entire people of North Carolina."

According to comments she made at her swearing-in ceremony, it was this desire to serve that led Duncan to her profession. When she was still a child, Duncan's par-

ents took her to see a play at North Carolina College (as North Carolina Central University was then named). The play, which dealt with the inequitable treatment suffered by an African-American man at the hands of the legal system, so moved Duncan that she kept asking the adults around her, "Why?" The inability of those adults to answer this question made a profound impression. "Then and there, I decided to become a lawyer. A

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Allyson K. Duncan

A&T hosts career program

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More than 5,500 area college students are expected to interact with 350 company and government representatives during A&T State University's 16th annual Career Awareness Program on Sept. 11 and 12.

"We expect to set new records all around," said Leon Warren, director of the career planning and placement center. "It will be the largest number of industry and government representatives, as well as students coming to the conference. A&T's career fair is generally regarded as one of the most successful in the nation."

The recruiters will be provided with briefings on A&T's academic offerings on Tuesday, Sept. 11, from 8:30 a.m. to noon in McNair Auditorium. They will be guests at the annual career awareness banquet that evening at 7 p.m. in the Embassy Suites Ballroom. Keynote speaker for the banquet

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NAACP opens new center

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING
Chronicle Staff Writer

When the NAACP Learning Centers open on Tuesday, Sept. 18, the newest addition will be at Hall-Woodward Elementary School on Nicholson Road.

"This is the first year we have opened a Learning Center in a school," said Mrs. Bessie Allen, NAACP Coordinator of the Learning Centers. "There was not a center in that area," she added. The presence of a center within a school in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system is a coup for the program, according to Mrs. Allen. She said that the previous principal at

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