

Pharr To Head UNCC Student Body

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Senior, Rickey B. Pharr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pharr of 2338 English Drive, is presently preparing for his upcoming year as the first Black president of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Student Body.

Spending the majority of his time becoming acquainted with his administration and their occupations, Pharr says his main objective is to have a closer knitted relationship between the student officials and the administrative officials.

A member of the Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi and Keeper of Records and Seal, he recalls the presidential election as being a close one, winning by 50 votes.

Pharr denotes, "There's nothing different about being Black, it's how I serve the UNCC student body that counts." The result of hard work is reward, and that is just what Rick received for campaigning while his opponent enjoyed the NIT tournament.

A native of Charlotte, he graduated from West Mecklenburg High School and hopes to attend law school after the pursues his degree in Political Science at the University.

Dr. John Moore To Assist Dr. Ellis With UNCC Programs

Dr. John D. Moore has been appointed coordinator of continuing education and summer programs at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He will assist the director, Dr. Seth H. Ellis, in the operation of the programs.

Dr. Moore comes to UNCC from the Union County Schools where he was director of a career-based curriculum project, a federally funded program. Before that he was dean of student personnel at Nash Technical Institute at Rocky Mount.

He holds a doctoral degree and master's degree from N.C. State University and an A.B. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

His wife, Libby, teaches at Monroe Middle School. They have three children.

Dr. Moore is president of Union Toastmasters Club and a member of Monroe Rotary Club.

Attend Church



THE EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY of Rev. O'Dell Beasley, seated, 4th from right front row, as pastor of Wilson Heights Church of God at 2137B Ave. was celebrated last Sunday. Pictured with Rev. and Mrs. Beasley and children are guest speaker, Rev. Lester T. Staton, and member's of The Pastor's Aid, sponsors of the event.

Wilson Heights Church Honors Rev. O'Dell Beasley

Members of Wilson Heights Church of God celebrated their pastor's EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY last Sunday with a full day of activities beginning with the Morning Service and concluding at 7.

Mrs. Willie Caldwell, President of the Pastor's Aid, presided at the 4 p.m. session of pastor Rev. O'Dell Beasley's Anniversary celebration which featured a sermon by Rev. Lester T. Staton, pastor of the Church of God at Concord, N.C.

Rev. and Mrs. Beasley received presents and substantial monetary gifts from the enthusiastic crowd of approximately 200 members and friends gathered for the occasion.

Others participating in the afternoon program, which followed a 1:30 p.m. dinner; were Mildred Hough, who introduced the speaker, and Rev. R.B. Phifer and Jeanetta Maxwell, who lifted the Offering. Nancy L. Hough and Jeanetta Caldwell were ushers for the affair. Brother Samuel Curry delivered the Morning Sermon.

According to church spokesman Mildred Hough, "Rev. O'Dell Beasley came to Wilson Heights Church of God in 1968 following the sudden and untimely death of former pastor Rev. Columbus Crawford."

"It was a time of crisis," said Mrs. Hough, adding, "Since his coming we have increased our Sunday School attendance, we now have a Day Care Center and Kindergarten with \$4,000.00 worth of

playground equipment. We have expanded our physical plant to include a Multi-purpose building, purchased an additional house and 2 other lots. We also have 2 church buses for transportation for the Day Care Center and the church."

Mrs. Hough says Rev. Beasley, who has a program on

Radio Station WGIV on Sunday, "is on call at all times for counseling of his members during sickness, trouble, accidents, and death."

Wilson Heights Church of God is presently engaged in raising funds for construction of a new sanctuary and the acquisition of a church-owned Home For The Aged.

In Traffic Cases

O'HERRON Calls For Swifter Justice

A double-barrel plan designed to provide swifter punishment for traffic law violators and at the same time reduce congested criminal court dockets was outlined today by Ed O'Herron, Democratic candidate for Governor.

The plan would remove from the court dockets traffic law violations, such as improper turns, lesser speeding violations, improper lane change, tailgating, signal light violations, and failure to yield right-of-way. More serious violations such as vehicular homicides, drunken driving, reckless driving, driving after license has been suspended, hit-run, the major speeding violations, etc., would remain on the court dockets.

Those offenses removed from the courts would be handled administratively by a system of hearing officers. The officers could impose fines, place points on drivers' records, and other punishment such as attending safe driver school, but could not impose prison sentences. Drivers not satisfied with the verdicts of the hearing system could use an appeals process into the formal court system.

The relief which could come to the courts from such a system can be seen in statistics for 1975. During the year, 717,208 moving violations charges were sent to district courts. That meant a court record had to be set up for each of the 717,208 cases. In each case, the clerk of court had to do the paper work involved, receive the fines, record the judgement of the court, notify the State Motor



Ed O'Her... Democratic candidate Vehicle Department of the result. This is a tremendous, but necessary, amount of paper work.

Of the total, 479,173 cases were handled by waiver, when the defendants waived their right to trial and pleaded guilty. These waiver cases didn't take up the time of judges and prosecutors, but did require the paper work by the clerk's office. If the waiver cases alone had been handled by a hearing examiner system, the paper work in 479,173 cases would have been eliminated from the court system. The simpler hearing examiner system would require less paper work.

There was no breakdown between more serious and lesser traffic violations in the 717,208 cases during 1975, but it is safe to assume that the majority were charges of a less serious nature which could be handled in an examiner hearing system. Police officers would lose

less time in appearances in the hearing system than is now the case in court appearances. This would mean more time for officers to patrol the roads.

"If something isn't done to relieve the crowded dockets in our district and superior courts," O'Herron said, "we will face the possibility of a near collapse of our judicial system. The federal constitution demands speedy trials for all defendants, but crowded dockets mean delays of months and even of years in some cases. Much of the congestion of dockets comes from the thousands of relatively minor traffic cases before the courts."

It would be less expensive, and more efficient, O'Herron believes, to employ the hearing officers and set up the hearings system than to increase the number of judges and prosecutors needed to handle the growing court dockets.

Another advantage to the hearing system would be that police officers wouldn't be required to attend the hearing unless the driver requests his presence. It would be easier, too, to schedule the hearings so that both the driver and the officer, if his presence is required, would have a great deal less waiting time. In the courts, participants in a traffic case, both officer and defendant, may have to wait hours or even days for trial.

"The regular court system would have more time to handle the really serious traffic cases under this proposal," O'Herron believed. "The

courts could schedule these cases more efficiently, and could avoid many of the delays which are now so commonplace."

New York has such a system, and it has taken thousands of cases from the criminal court dockets. Their Brooklyn office, for example, held more than 150,000 hearings in 1974 with eight hearing officers and 24 support staff.

The New York system has computerized driver records. The hearing examiners, after hearing the case and making the decision, can call up the driver's record and add points to it then and there.

North Carolina already has a system under which traffic charges are put on a computer. The computer capability is already available for use in a hearing examiner system.

Rodney Day Named

United Way Chairman

Announcement was made Monday that Rodney D. Day, III has been named Chairman of the Public Service Division of the 1976 United Way Campaign.

Day is President of Johnson & Higgins Carolinas, Inc. He currently serves on the Boards of United Community Services, Social Planning Council, and Planned Parenthood of Greater Charlotte.

He is married and has three daughters. Mr. and Mrs. Day and daughters reside at 4034 Beresford Road in Charlotte.

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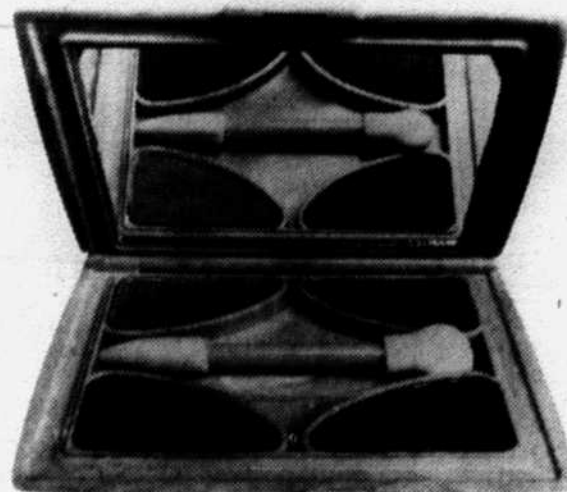
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