

CA Hails Insurance Victory

By Sidney Moore, Jr.
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A recent decision by the North Carolina Reinsurance Facility Board of Governors to require notification to drivers ceded to the facility by auto insurance companies is being hailed as a victory by Carolina Action (CA).

The consumer interest group began working on this issue about five months ago, according to organization official Dave Gardner. It sought to get insurance companies to notify drivers of their change in status and give them a reason for the change.

Although the nine member board unanimously agreed to require notification, it stopped short of requiring companies to give a reason. The board ordered a legal opinion as to its right to grant the second request.

A number of legislators had also asked the board to require notification, according to Thomas F. Carpenter, of Aetna Insurance Company and chairman of the Reinsurance Facility board. He said the victory could be claimed by any one or any group that wanted notification.

As to the request for companies to give reasons for placing a driver in the facility, Carpenter said, "I'm not sure where that one's going to go."

He said a number of changes have been granted by the legislature that will be good for the industry and consumers. But, he fears that the board would be overstepping its legal authority by granting the additional CA request.

If the board does not have legal authority to require this action, CA is going to go higher up the ladder, said Gardner. He said the initial strategy of getting Allstate Insurance Company to lead the way on these issues did not work. If the board fails to act on the remaining request, the fight is expected to go to the commissioner.

Gardner also said Kemper Insurance Company is already informing its clients of the reason they are placed in the facility. A check with that company seem to verify that claim.

A company spokesman said Kemper is giving their agents the information as to why a client is ceded to the reinsurance facility. The agents then presumably tell clients. At any rate, it is available for those who ask.

The facility was created by the legislature to replace the old assigned risk program. Under that mechanism, a company could refuse to insure anyone they considered to be a bad risk, according to Gardner. Rates for those forced to buy assigned risk coverage was also higher.



Pan Hellenic Council Awards Banquet - pictured left to right front row are Gwen Frazier, Pamela Donaldson, John Caldwell, Jennifer McGriff, Denise Richard and Marilyn C. McClain, president. Second row left to right Robert Reeder, program chairman, Valerie Fee, Marilyn Davis, Lynette Barnes, J. Carlton Hughes and Susan Torrence.

First Annual Senior Honors Banquet Held Here Last Week

By Debra Stanley
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The first annual seniors Honors Banquet was held at the John Yancey Motor Inn on Sunday, June 4, at 5 p.m. The banquet was sponsored by the Charlotte Graduate Pan-Hellenic Council, Ms. Marilyn McClain, president, to give recognition to outstanding students who represented the ten Charlotte-Mecklenburg High Schools.

Excited seniors and their proud parents, fraternities and sororities, and friends from all areas of the city were the components of the enthusiastic audience.

The ten honorees and the schools they represented were Marilyn C. Davis, East Mecklenburg; Gwen O. Frazier, Garinger; John W. Caldwell and Valerie D. Fee, Harding; Lynette A. Barnes, Independence; Jennifer V. McNair Olympic; James C. Hughes, West Charlotte; and Susan C. Torrence, West Mecklenburg.

The program began with a delicious dinner. A musical

interlude was rendered by Ted Stewart, Negleatha Jones, and Delicia Harper, students at UNCC. Additional music was presented by the Pi Phi Chapter Ensemble of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Rev. Gregory Davis, Black Campus Minister, Duke University, was the guest speaker. He encouraged the students to have a dream and

UNCC Plans Workshop

School teachers will have an opportunity to look at the cultures and problems of Third World countries in a workshop June 19-30 at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

The workshop will be directed by Dr. Marvin Armstrong of the College of Human Development and Learning and Dr. Lyman Johnson of the Department of History at UNCC.

Presentations to the class will be made by specialists in African, Asian, and Latin American studies, by curriculum specialists and by a

go as far as possible to fulfill that dream.

The Charlotte Graduate Pan-Hellenic Council is composed of eight national Greek letter organizations. In observing their Founder's Day this year, they took the opportunity to honor these students.

Zoel S. Hargrave was presented a plaque for loyal and devoted service.

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librarian. Topics will include economic development, population trends, political violence and revolutionary movements.

Sessions during the first week will be held in the commuter lounge of the Cone University Center from 9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

For further information, call Dr. Johnson at 597-2183 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

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Wage Levels Govern By Price Increases

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"Price increases," according to the AFL-CIO Executive Council, "are the principal economic facts of life which govern the wage levels unions must seek."

Council analysis of government economic figures indicate that prices in April were 6.6 percent higher than a year earlier.

The big increases occurred for food, housing, fuel and medical care, reported the

council. Its analysis was derived from information released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

According to the bureau, over one-third of the rise in food costs in April was caused by the rise in price of beef.

Other increases involved fresh vegetables, poultry, pork, sugar and sweets, fats and oil products, and dairy products.

Prices declined in April for some items such as eggs, fresh fruits and coffee.

The cost of eating out went up, however. Restaurant

meals, snacks and alcoholic beverages increased.

The rate of increase in the prices of houses slowed in April, but such costs as financing, taxes, insurance, home maintenance and repair services increased. Fuel oil, piped gas and electricity prices increased.

Clothing prices increased twice as much as increases recorded in March.

Prices rose for women's, girl's and infants' clothing. Footwear also turned up after holding

steady for almost three months, said the bureau report.

Medical care commodities, such as prescription drugs and supplies rose. Doctor and dentist fees were both larger than in March.

Government analysts used reports of higher prices to compute an inflation rate of 9.5 percent. That figure exceeds Carter administration estimates of the effect of inflation on the economy.

To Be Discussed Requirements, Policies

For Minority Contractors

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), requirements and policies for minority contract-

Miss Black

North Carolina

Pageant Planned

The Miss Black North Carolina pageant will be held on June 23 and 24 at Winston Salem State University's campus.

Gloria Blackwell, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Blackwell of 2513 Kendall Drive will be representing Charlotte in the pageant. She was recognized for her outstanding baton twirling ability by Karen Langston who represented Charlotte in the pageant last year. Karen is also sponsoring Gloria in the pageant this year.

Contestants will be judged for talent, swimsuit competition, evening gowns, poise and coordination, and the question asked to them by the judges. The winner will be crowned Miss Black North Carolina by the reigning queen, Angela Watson of Greensboro.

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