

# Barber-Scotia Starts Student Hugo Fund

Donald Smith, President of the Barber-Scotia College Student Government Association, announced the formation of a fund to assist the families of Barber-Scotia students rebuild after the devastation of Hurricane Hugo. 150 mile an hour winds buffeted the tiny islands 900 miles off the U. S. coast on Saturday and Sunday before moving on to Puerto Rico. Approximately 40 students from the U. S. Virgin Islands are students at Barber-Scotia College, a Presbyterian-related four year institution. Phone lines are down and the estimates of the damage done by the storm have been slow in coming in. All communication with the islands have been down since the weekend.

Several attempts by the college to find a way to establish communication for the students have not been successful. The United States Department of

State Citizen Emergency Office does not handle calls during a natural disaster to the U. S. Virgin Islands because the islands are a U. S. Territory and not a possession. Calls from the college were referred to the Department of the Interior. The person answering the phone there said, "All I know is that we have been told to say that the lines are down, that there is no communication with the island at this time." Responding to the inquiry about plans to assist families in the U. S. make contact with the Virgin Islands the person said, "I know of no such plans."

Calls to Congressman Hefner's office yielded the most hopeful information: though property damage is great there have been no casualties reported.

The college will now appeal to Amateur Radio Operators to as-

ist in 'getting the word through'. The Amateur Radio Relay League frequently helps with personal messages during times of natural disaster, and the College is hoping that the local Hams will be able to help.

The weekly Chapel Service at noon on Tuesday, September 19th in the Sanson Chapel on the Barber Scotia campus will focus on the Virgin Islands stu-

dents and their families. "We want to show the students our support and concern," commented President Lionel H. Newsom, "It's a terrible thing to be so far from home when something like this happens. They are worried about their loved ones, and we want to do everything we can to help them through this crisis." Contributions to the Virgin Is-

lands disaster Relief Fund may be sent to: Virgin Islands Disaster Relief Fund C/O Student Government Association Barber-Scotia College 145 Cabarrus Street Concord, NC 28025 A full accounting of the funds received and disbursed will be made later in the year.

## Report Damage Soon

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When your insurance company representative arrives, be sure to ask any questions then about the coverages provided in your policy. If you feel the insurance company's estimate is too low, you

may want to obtain an estimate from your own contractor.

If you have any questions or problems with your insurance company over a claim, you may contact the Consumer Services Division of the Department of Insurance toll-free, 1-800-662-7777.

## Family Needs Your Help

From Staff Reports

The family of Brad Newman lost its home due to a fire during Hurricane Hugo.

The family, which lost everything in the blaze, spent two days in a temporary shelter, but will move into a new residence today.

Food, furniture, dishes and clothes are needed. Mr. Newman,

an employee of Buffalo Tire at 5315 South Blvd. wears size 34 pants, medium shirts, 9 1/2 sneakers and 10 shoes. His wife wears size 8 clothes.

Their two daughters, four and five, wear size 5, 6 and 7 clothes and 9 1/2 and 10 1/2 shoes.

Donations can be sent to Buffalo Tire. For more information, call 523-2739.

## Whites Still Outlive Blacks

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11.5 percent of the total U.S. population and constitute 22.5 percent of the inner city population, were found to be at greater risk of drug abuse and its consequences.

Data obtained from the 1982 National Drug and Alcoholism Treatment Utilization Survey, suggest that blacks are three times more likely to be in treatment for a drug-related problem than whites.

Some data available suggest a relationship between drug abuse and homicide. A study conducted by the New York City Police in 1981 and 1982 found

that 53.1 percent and 46.4 percent respectively, of drug-related homicides involved black victims.

The statistics divulged in the report points that even with medical advancements, non-white Americans still haven't benefitted as much.

"Although our health charts do itemize steady gains in the health status of minority Americans, the stubborn disparity remained--an affront both to our ideals and to the ongoing genius of American medicine," Heckler said.

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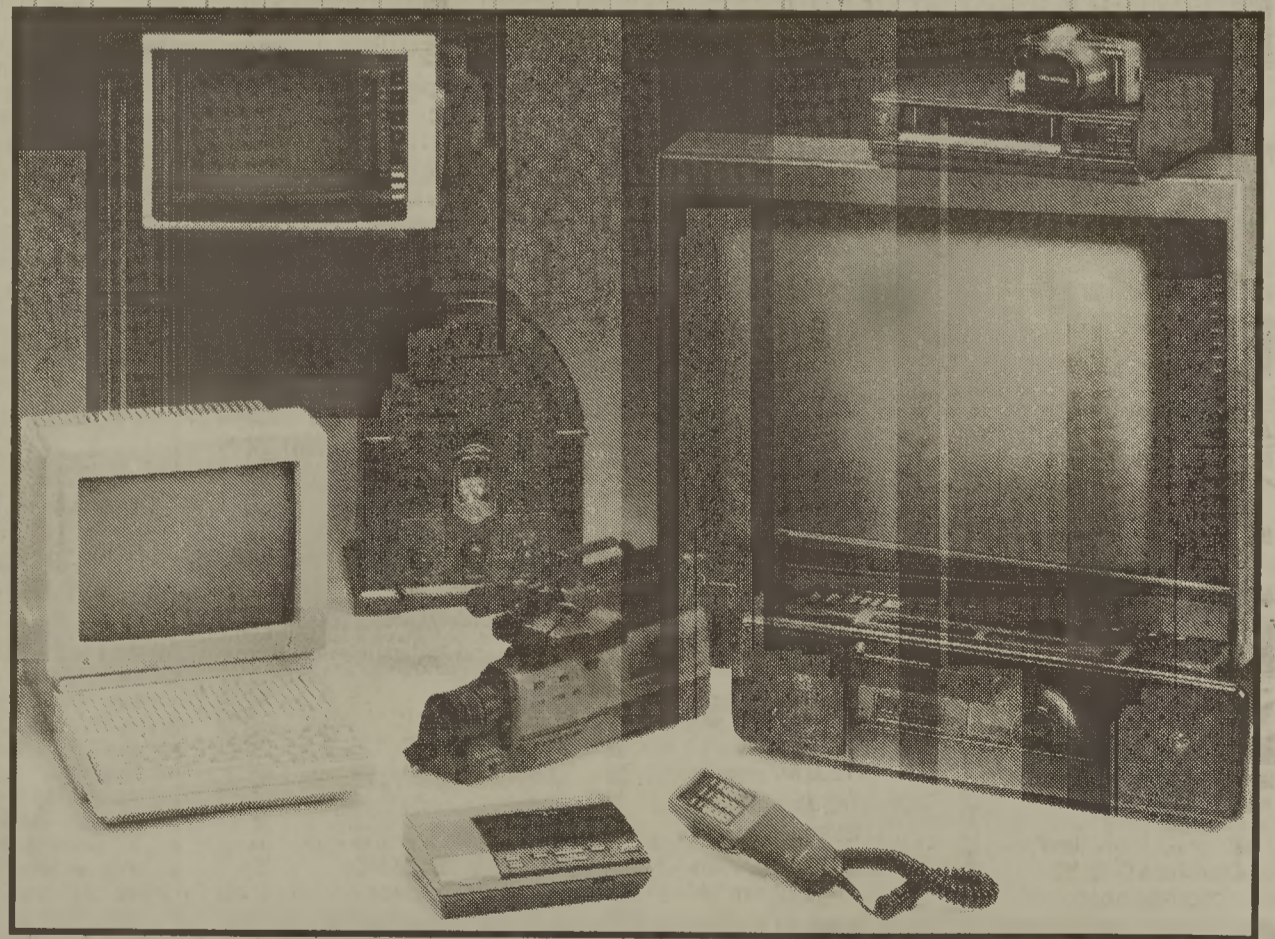
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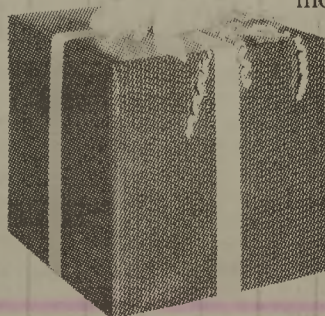
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