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## COLUMN ONE

News And Notes From Charlotte And The Rest Of The World.

### North State Policeman's Ball

The North State Law Enforcement Officer's Association is sponsoring its 16th annual policeman's ball Nov. 30 from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at the Charlotte Convention Center.

Music will be provided by Sweet Dreams of Greensboro. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at Shazada's Freedom Mall or North Park Mall or East Town Market.

### UNCF Head At Livingstone

United Negro College Fund president William Gray will be the keynote speaker at Livingstone College UNCF banquet Dec. 3.

The banquet will be held at the Aggrey Student Union Hall at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in advance from the college's institutional advancement office from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. daily.

For more information, call (704) 638-5548 or 638-5549.

### West Charlotte Alumni Raffle

The West Charlotte High School Class of 1962 will sponsor a class scholarship raffle on Dec. 14. You don't have to be present to win.

First prize is a CD player, second is \$75 and third prize is \$50.

For more information, call John Love Sr. 392-1036 or 873-1485.

### JCSU Alumni Bash

Johnson C. Smith University alumni will sponsor a free holiday bash Dec. 6 from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. at the JCSU student union.

Music and refreshments will be provided and brown-bagging is permitted.

### Scholarship And Breakfast

The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund's ninth annual breakfast meeting will be held on Dec. 6, at the Government House Hotel, 201 South McDowell Street.

The 7:30 a.m. event is hosted by the CHA Scholarship Fund Committee and the Foundation for the Carolinas as the kick-off of the annual fund-raising drive.

The CHA Scholarship Fund was established in 1983 to award scholarships to deserving young people who reside in public housing and who, without this form of assistance, would be unable to attend college.

Currently, the Fund assists 42 students enrolled at 16 colleges and universities throughout the U.S. Since the program's inception, a total of 251 scholarships have been awarded totaling \$307,905.

Guest speaker for the event will be Robert Thomas Dooley, Jr., a member of the officiating staff of the National Football League.

The CHA Scholarship fund is administered by the Foundation for the Carolinas, and contributions may be mailed to the Foundation at 301 South Brevard Street.

## Despite Voices On Council, Blacks Still Ignored

By Herbert L. White  
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Although Charlotte will have three Blacks on city council Dec. 2, it won't necessarily make life better for African Americans.

Incumbents Hoyle Martin and Ella Scarborough will be joined by newcomer Nasif Majeed when the new board is sworn in next week, giving



Majeed  
mayor Harvey Gantt served.

the city three Black representatives.

The last time three African Americans were on the board was 1983-87 when Charlie Dannelly, Ron Leeper and former

But as mayor, Gantt could vote only to break ties.

"I think there will be a greater sensitivity to the Black community," said Ted Arrington, Chairman of the political science department at UNC Charlotte. "But I would say it would be more of an incremental change."

Even with African Americans on council, Black neighborhoods have lagged behind White areas in terms

of facilities and services, Arrington said.

Because of the redrawing of city districts to reflect an increase in Black population in District 4, Majeed beat Darryl Broome Nov. 5 to win his seat. Without bashing previous representatives of mostly-Black districts, he acknowledged Blacks have been neglected by the city.

"I'm not indicting anybody, but somehow the proof is in

the pudding," Majeed said. "It hasn't produced the right type of results."

Although Black voters are more likely to be distrustful of City Hall, an extra district representative may ease some concerns.

"(The Black community) will now feel council is a bit more approachable," Arrington said. "Their interests and concerns will be listened to. See **BROKEN** On Page 2A

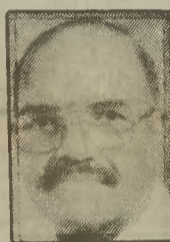
## Zoning Snafu Has Fraternity Singing Blues

By Joy Williams  
THE CHARLOTTE POST

A Charlotte fraternity can't seem to find a new home after a city council committee recommended a rezoning request.

Pi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. purchased a 9.8-acre parcel of land at Hamilton Court on Beatties Ford Road extension in October 1989 to build a new fraternity house, but has faced problems.

District 2 City Council representative Hoyle Martin said residents in the mostly told him they did not want the house built because they feared too much noise and traffic from the use of planned tennis courts and pool. Martin sided with the neighbors and said they had good reasons to not want the house built.



Martin

Omega Psi Phi bought the land about two weeks before Martin was elected. He said neither he nor the neighbors knew what the Omegas were planning to do with the land.

When the Omegas first bought the land they thought there were no problems with building the house, said Dr. Melvin Pinn, basileus of the chapter. Originally told the land was zoned for fraternal use, the Omegas got a surprise: then-Charlotte-Mecklenburg Land Development Manager Walter Fields told them the area wasn't.

"The only reason we (city council) haven't taken a vote is that they wanted a delay to try to change the neighbors minds," said Martin. The group met with area residents, but did not convince them the house would be an asset to the community.

A decision whether or not to approve the Omegas' zoning request is expected. See **OMEGAS** On Page 2A

## Shabazz On Malcolm: He's Misunderstood

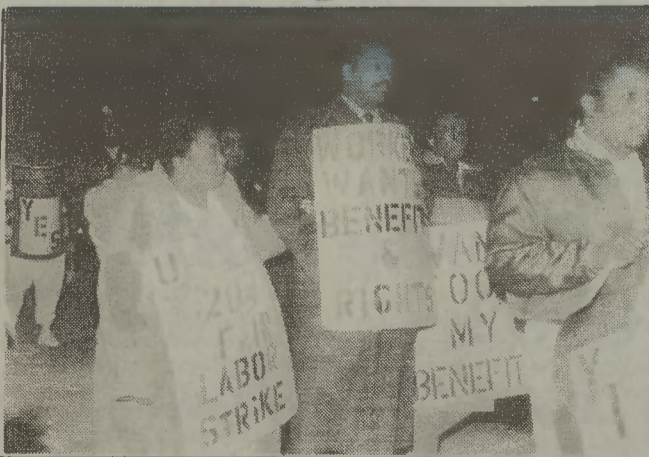
By Juana Jordan  
SPECIAL TO THE POST

Atallah Shabazz, daughter of Black nationalist Malcolm X, believes African Americans need to do some growing up.

"We can't allow differences of opinion to separate us," she told Johnson C. Smith University students on a recent visit to Charlotte.

Shabazz, a producer, writer and conversationalist, addressed the Smith family and left them with words of wisdom. "How many of you like yourselves?", she asked. "How many See **ATALLAH** On Page 2A

## Lending Support To Strikers



Photo/CALVIN FERGUSON

Political activist and former presidential candidate Jesse Jackson met with Avante Nursing Home pickets Monday in Charlotte before attending rallies in the area.



Photo/CALVIN FERGUSON

R&B master Luther Vandross thrilled thousands Saturday at the Charlotte Coliseum. Also on the program were comedian Sinbad and Sounds of Blackness. See story on page 1B.

## Former Charlotte Official Returns To New Assignment

By Rose Cummings  
SPECIAL TO THE POST

A former Charlotte Community Development Director is coming back to Mecklenburg County.

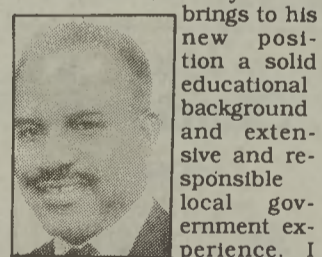
Harry L. Jones Sr. has been named Assistant County Manager for Administration Community Services. He starts Dec. 11.

Jones, 42, has worked in public administration since 1975. He has for the past year been Housing Compliance Director for the City of Dallas, Texas.

Prior to that position, Jones served as Assistant City Manager of Dallas. He was responsible for housing, neighborhood and community concerns. He oversaw the departments of housing and neighborhood services, health and human services, and street and sanitation services. He was also responsible for health and human services, cultural affairs, and community development -- total budgets exceeding \$126 million and nearly 2900 employees.

"I believe my experiences in Dallas as an assistant city manager have adequately prepared me for this position with Mecklenburg County government", says Jones.

In announcing Jones' appointment, County Manager Fox said, "Harry Jones brings to his new position a solid educational background and extensive and responsible local government experience. I am pleased to have Harry join our management team."



Jones

Jones is no stranger to North Carolina and Charlotte. He served as Community Development Director for the City of Charlotte from 1981 to 1984. Prior to that he held housing authority positions in Fayetteville (executive director) and Raleigh (director of operations.)

A graduate of Leadership Charlotte (1983), Jones is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment officials (NAHRO); and the National Forum for Black Public Administrators.

Jones, a native of Southern Pines, and his wife Becky, have four children.

## Advocate Fears For Her Job DSS Trying To Silence Critic?

By William J. Brock  
POST CORRESPONDENT

The Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services has moved swiftly to try and silence an outspoken critic of its Permanency Planning adoption arm.

Sylvia Grier said she was informed that she is to "make no more negative remarks to the media about DSS or adoption of Black children." Grier, president of community-based Friends of Black Children Council, attributed that instruction to employee Faye Harris, who acts as liaison between Mecklenburg DSS and FOBC. Grier also said DSS is trying to get her dumped as FOBC president.

"She said this came straight from John Walton," Grier added. "She also said that FOBC would continue on without me as president." Walton is the supervisor of Laurie Bettinghaus, who heads Permanency Planning. There has been apparent bad blood between Grier and Bettinghaus since their

## Church Wants Bush Counsel Out

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CLEVELAND -- A national body of the United Church of Christ last week called for the resignation of President Bush's counsel, C. Boyden Gray.

The call came in a resolution passed by the 17-member directorate of the United Church of Christ's Office for Church in Society, meeting at the denomination's central offices in Cleveland.

The resolution called upon President Bush to request Gray's resignation, citing Gray's attempt "to mount a new attack on affirmative action" even as Bush prepared for his Nov. 21 signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1991.

The resolution referred to a presidential directive, drafted by Gray and made public this week, that would have ended the use of preferences for minorities and women in federal hiring. The directive brought criticism from members of Congress and civil rights leaders on Nov. 21. See **CHURCH** On Page 3A

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