

Proctor: Community Begins With Leap of Faith

BY NATALIE NEIMAN
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Americans have the capability to move toward the community envisioned by Martin Luther King Jr., but divisions could hinder this movement, Samuel DeWitt Proctor told a group of about 80 during a speech in Memorial Hall Saturday.

"America has been through many wars," said Proctor, a theologian and activist. "It appears however that her greatest challenge lies before her right now — the achievement of a national spirit, a national soul."

Proctor's speech wrapped up the University's 15th annual Martin Luther King Jr. Birthday Celebration.

"We don't have to be comfortable at the expense of having four billion people hungry and uncertain about life all over the world," he said.

The Republican-run Congress exemplifies those who have tried to keep our society stratified, Proctor said. The balanced

budget debate boils down to a spiritual debate, he said. "We can't decide who we want to be as a nation," he said. "In 1994 a new majority in Congress was elected. While South Africa was rejecting 300 years of racial oppression and the systematic impoverishment of its native majority, the new contract and new Congress seem to be a reversion to policies and practices that defy the moral heritage of America."

Some scholars, because of biases, have stated that certain races are genetically superior than others, Proctor said. Moving toward a genuine community means acknowledging that differences are due to

social and economic situations, he said. "True community begins with a giant leap of faith ... that God created all homo sapiens," he said. "All of these differences can be redressed and the marvelous design of God for human fulfillment can be achieved."

Proctor said King's determination that America could be a unified society rubbed off on others, including himself. "Aren't you just grateful that every now and then, somebody comes along and just soars, just takes life and goes running," he said.

Proctor said he fully understood the impact of King's life when a scrawny,

tattooed, white cab driver informed him of King's death. "He said 'Mister, must be you don't know what done happen today,'" he said. "He started trembling and shaking and said 'Mister, someone killed Mr. King.' When King died, his world shook, too. He looked like the last person that would cry when King died."

Before the speech, Ladell Robbins, the president of the Black Student Movement, was presented with the 1996 Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship. Robbins said he would contribute the \$500 award to the construction of the Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center.

POLICE ROUNDUP

University

Sunday, Jan. 21

■ A Chapel Hill man was arrested for misdemeanor breaking and entering and second-degree trespassing at the Carolina Inn at 1:55 a.m., police reports state.

Deshaun Larmar Oldham of 2518 Gemena Rd. was identified on site by a Carolina Inn employee, reports state.

Saturday, Jan. 20

■ Jimmy D'Andrea was working on the new entrance to UNC Hospitals at 3 a.m. when he saw a vehicle run over his drill, police reports state.

D'Andrea attempted to stop the vehicle from leaving the scene, but the car did not stop, reports state. D'Andrea followed the car and got the license plate number.

D'Andrea came to the police department to report the car was a light blue/grey Colt, reports state.

■ Two mini planets were stolen from Morehead Planetarium at 9:37 p.m., police reports state.

According to reports, four white males took the mini planets from an exhibit while inside the planetarium. One of the suspects was described as slender with dirty blonde hair, reports state.

The suspects left the area upon the officers' arrival by driving away in a small, dark-colored vehicle, reports state.

■ Police were responding to a 9:45 p.m. fire alarm at Hanes Arts Center when they noticed that room 102 of the first-floor library had been broken into, police reports state.

According to reports, an unknown suspect had knocked out the door windows with a fire extinguisher to gain access to the library.

Police found nothing missing, and all doors were secure upon investigation, reports state.

Friday, Jan. 19

■ A flatbed trailer and four Bobcat forklifts were reported stolen from the UNC Landfill at 10:20 a.m., police reports state.

According to reports, a McCall Brothers, Inc. employee said the trailer and forklifts were secure when he left the construction site at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. When he returned to the site Friday morning, the items were gone, reports state.

■ Joseph Vine IV, 38, was arrested for second-degree trespassing near Whitehead Residence Hall at 1:33 a.m., police reports state. According to reports, Vine was sitting on the steps drinking a beer when an officer approached him and asked him for identification. After checking with telecommunication, officers found there was a trespassing warning on Vine, reports state.

Vine was placed under \$150 unsecured bond and released, reports state. A Feb. 20 court date was set.

■ Fletcher Ray Barbee, 27, of 209 Graham St. was arrested for possession of stolen property after he presented three books that were taken from Davis Library to the manager of the Carolina Union Bookstore, police reports state.

According to reports, Barbee tried to sell the stolen books to the manager of the bookstore. Barbee was placed under \$200 unsecured bond and released, reports state. A Feb. 6 court date was set.

■ A UNC student reported her bike stolen at 1:57 p.m., police reports state. The locked bike was removed from a bike rack on campus, reports state. The bike was valued at \$250, and a mount for the bike headlight was valued at \$15, reports state.

City

Sunday, Jan. 21

■ Timothy Rand Lawrence of 6412 Coachman's Way, Fayetteville, was arrested and charged with careless driving as well as driving while intoxicated, reports state. Lawrence was stopped in a drive near the intersection of McCauley and Pittsboro streets after police observed him driving recklessly on Ransome Street, reports state. According to reports, Lawrence registered a 18 on the breathalyzer test. He was placed under a \$400 unsecured bond, reports state.

■ Jerome Clifford Delauder of 504 W. Haggard Ave., Elon College, was charged with aiding and abetting a driving-while-intoxicated suspect, reports state. According to reports, Delauder was found to be the owner of a car an impaired suspect was driving.

Saturday, Jan. 20

■ Reports state that Marion Christopher Medlin of 5014 Club Rd., Wilmington was charged with being drunk and disorderly. According to reports, Medlin was at BW-3 on West Franklin Street at the time of his arrest. Medlin was placed under a \$200 secured bond.

Friday, Jan. 19

■ Russell Wayne Rhoton of 100 W. Rosemary St. was cited for misdemeanor larceny from a business, according to reports. Reports state that Rhoton was caught by an employee of Rite Aid on 109 E. Franklin St. outside the store in possession of stolen merchandise. Rhoton was identified, cited and released, reports state.

■ Police responded to a report of breaking and entering from an auto, reports state. An unknown suspect pried the window seal of a car parked at the Eubanks Park and Ride lot until it shattered, according to reports. Stolen items include a cellular phone, valued at \$150, reports state. Damage to the car was estimated at \$150, reports state.

Rock On



Gavin O'Hara, lead singer of the local band Soccer, opens their CD release party performance at Local 506 on Saturday with bassist Paul Cardillo (right). The show, which marked the band's first CD release, drew about 150 people.

Nursing Home Under Scrutiny for Practices

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Allegations about the staffing procedure at Brithaven Nursing Home have led to a state investigation that began from complaints made in December of last year.

"The base allegations are dealing with staffing problems and the results of those are not complete," said Jesse Goodman, chief of medical facilities of the licensure section in the NC Division of Facility Services.

Katie McAlister, former director of nursing at the Brithaven Nursing Home on 1716 Legion Rd., worked for six months then left after what she said she felt would be improper cuts in staffing.

"The corporation cut staff back to what I considered an unsafe level of staffing," McAlister said. "There has to be a certain ratio (of nurses to patients) that allows to take certain care of the patients."

A ratio of two registered nurses and one licensed practical nurse for 46 beds decreased to one registered nurse and one licensed practical nurse, she said.

"They told me they were cutting it back into a sub-acute unit," McAlister said. Since she said she felt her license was at stake, she left. She also said it is the nursing staff's job to provide quality care.

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KATIE MCALISTER

Former Brithaven nursing home director

She said she felt the lack of proper care is the reason Brithaven has fallen under scrutiny. "I think that family members are complaining to the state because they think their family is not getting the care they need," McAlister said.

Brithaven also received complaints in December about nurses not following the proper medication procedures, Goodman said. These allegations are currently being looked into, he said. If allegations are substantiated from the report, corrections are to be made by the facility, he said.

"The facility then has 10 work days to develop a plan of correction," Goodman said.

Advisers of the Brithaven home were in conference Friday afternoon and were not available for comment.

Athletes Prepare for Special Olympics

BY MATTHEW BOYATT
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One need not argue the point that physical fitness and competition are beneficial to every individual's health and state of mind. As a state member of Special Olympics, North Carolina ensures that these benefits are provided for athletes who are mentally disabled.

In 1999, the Summer World Games of Special Olympics will be held here in the Triangle for the first time.

The Special Olympics were organized by Eunice Kennedy Shriver in 1968 as a result of the successful day camp Shriver established for mentally disabled individuals. Six N.C. athletes competed in the first games held by Special Olympics, and the state has remained an active member of the program ever since.

"The presence of Carolina athletes during the 1968 games brought the enthusiasm for Special Olympics back to the state," said Keith Fishburne, associate executive director of Special Olympics for the state of North Carolina. "Every county has its own local grassroots program."

Currently, there are 97 local Special Olympics programs in North Carolina with 23,000 athletes.

A common misconception concerning Special Olympics is that the program is open to all young individuals who are physically challenged. But in actuality, any mentally disabled person above the age of eight can participate.

"Special Olympics includes adults with

mental retardation as well," Fishburne said.

Athletes involved in Special Olympics train throughout the year in preparation for the state-level games. Each county holds its own competition in preparation for the state games in order to advance the athletes' skills. A basketball game between Orange County and Fayetteville was held Sunday at the Lincoln Center in Chapel Hill.

Fishburne said Orange, Durham and Wake Counties were among the most active in the state. Orange County has reported 138 athletes who are able to participate in at least 10 different sports including tennis, volleyball, swimming, softball, soccer, cycling, bowling, equestrian, alpine skiing and basketball, Fishburne said.

"We have a school-based swimming program which will begin in February," said Colleen Lanigan, director of Orange County's Special Olympics program. "The school-based program is limited to children who are still in the school system."

Lanigan assumed the leading role in Orange County's program in the summer of 1990. "Our program was started in the late 1980s," she said. "It's hard to pinpoint an exact date because there were no records kept until 1988."

On the state level, Special Olympics games are held each season. These games are arranged by the N.C. Special Olympics (NCSO), which was chartered in 1971. The seasonal games arranged by the NCSO are gauged for those athletes who have excelled during county-level competitions.

Lanigan said the majority of her coaches

were adult volunteers in the community who were not linked to the families of individuals with developmental disabilities. "(The coaches) continue with the program because they truly enjoy teaching and interacting with the athletes," Lanigan said.

In addition to Orange County's specialized training staff, there are also a number of UNC students who volunteer with Special Olympics.

Jackie Denoncourt, a senior from Jacksonville, has been one of Lanigan's volunteers for more than a year. "I've been working with children my whole life, and this is just an extension of that," Denoncourt said.

So far Denoncourt's most memorable experience has been the swimming training she was involved in last year. "I had one young student who didn't want to get in the water at all," Denoncourt said. "By the end of the swimming season she not only would get in the water, but would laugh the whole time because she was enjoying it so much."

The benefits of Special Olympics activities stretch well beyond the physical training athletes receive. "The program improves each individual's self-image and ability to function in society," Fishburne said.

The future plans of Special Olympics are already in the works. Between Feb. 4 and 6 the South East Regional Winter Games will be held in Boone. Also in the works are the Winter World Games, which will be held in Toronto in 1997.

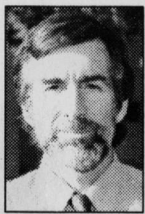
School Board Votes To Use Workdays to Make Up for Snow

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Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools will use teacher workdays to make up five of the six school days missed for recent bad weather, Board of Education members decided at their meeting Thursday night. The board forgave the sixth missed day, allowing students not to make it up.

Students will attend classes on Jan. 22 and 23, Feb. 19, and Mar. 23, all originally teacher workdays, and on May 27, Memorial Day. Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools Superintendent Neil Pedersen proposed the five make-up days as an alternative to the make-up plan the board approved at the beginning of the year, which would have extended the school year two days to June 13.

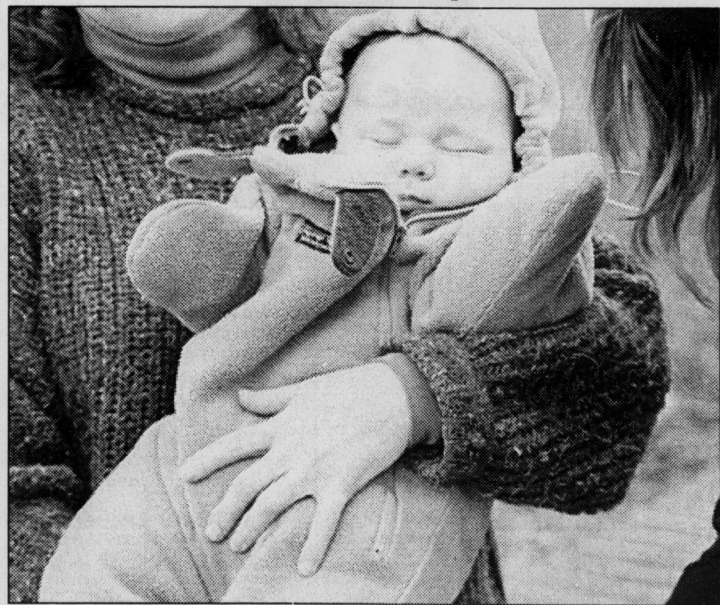
Pedersen said he made his recommendations after extensive discussion with teachers and parents. "One comment I frequently heard was, let's not extend the school year later into June," Pedersen said. "Most people would agree that extending



School board member HARVEY GOLDSTEIN said students needed to make up all days missed due to snow.

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All Bundled Up



Ezra Hickey, 3 months old, naps on Franklin Street on Sunday despite freezing temperatures. "Actually, we moved here from Maine to escape the cold," said his father, Shawn.

Student Elections Notes

More Throws Hat in Ring For Carolina Athletic Association Presidency

Seth Nore, a junior business major from Charlotte, announced his intent to run for president of the Carolina Athletic Association on Sunday.

Nore currently serves as a co-chair of athletic enhancement on Student Body President Calvin Cunningham's cabinet.

He said his plans were twofold. First he wants to increase student involvement in CAA. "I want to increase member involvement, with members being the whole student body," Nore said.

Nore also wants to make sure the CAA is accountable to the student body.

"I also want to be accountable to the entire student body, to what they want and need."

STAFF REPORT

Anyone interested in announcing his or her candidacy for office should contact Daily Tar Heel Managing Editor Marc McCollum at 962-0245.