

Lawyers See Need For Law School

Student Interest Stressed

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"If it weren't for North Carolina Central University (NCCU) Law School, I would never have been able to get into the law field," Attorney Nate Currie said in a recent interview.

NCCU's Law School has recently become a very controversial issue. This controversy stems from accusations suggesting that the law school is inadequate because of the high number of students who failed the State Bar Examination recently. And whether or not this is a determinant of a quality law school, many use this evidence to attack one of the few black law schools in the state. About 70 percent of the black students failed the examination.

Successful black attorneys who graduated from the NCCU law school and who are practicing law in the Raleigh area have expressed unanimous opinions that the law school should not be closed. Attorney Victor Boone said, "I vehemently oppose the closing of Central's law school" and find it "absolutely necessary for the training of black attorneys. I question whether white institutions will seek to allow black students to come to those institutions."

Commenting on the adequacy of Central's law school, Boone said, "I feel I was as adequately trained as whites at Carolina or Duke. Some changes needed to be made, but all schools suffer some shortcomings." "When I attended, the facilities were grossly inadequate, though this is not prohibitive of a person preparing himself for law. We had access to law libraries in the area," he said. "Persons who are making these accusations are uninformed and unaware of what facilities are available."

Attorney Nate Currie said, "The school was inadequate in comparison to white schools in terms of facilities." Offering an example, he said, "Instructors, not so much as their qualifications, but the number of instructors," was a factor. When these (inadequacies) are compared to law, law being basically a self-taught course, one who devotes himself can learn the principles of law."

In reference to the strengths of the law school, Boone said, "I consider the more relaxed atmosphere to study law at Central a positive factor." The attorneys suggested that there was no single answer for the high failure rate of black Central graduates who did not pass the bar examination this year.

Attorney Acie Ward said that there is a psychological factor involved in those students who fail the State Bar Examination. They have a preconceived notion, "that they are not going to pass. Even if they don't verbally or mentally admit it," it is present in a lot of students, she said. "The psychological factor would not be there at UNC, Wake Forest or Duke." She continued, "It is part of the human process. On the surface it seems as though each person has the same chance" in passing the bar.

But in the final analysis, she said, "A law student gets as much out of it as he puts in." Attorney Carlton Fellers said, "Most of the whites from Central passed the bar." He

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★★★★★ This Week

Two Men Killed Here

Police Seeking Suspect

Raleigh city police are investigating two shooting deaths which occurred in the Raleigh area this week.

The most recent incident was the death of a 35-year-old man at a poolroom at 128 E. Cabarrus St.

John Albert Gist of 905 Wilmington Terrace, was shot in the head after a reported argument with an unidentified suspect.

The shooting occurred around 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Eddie's Billiards. The suspect immediately left the scene of the shooting, according to police.

Eddie Lee, Jr. of 1100 S. State St., was arrested for the shooting death of Andrew E. Terrell early Sunday morning.

Terrell was reportedly shot in the stomach with a pistol. The fatal incident was reported by Louvenia Todd Hill of 500-C Bragg St. Terrell was allegedly at the apartment of Luvenia T. Hill when the shooting occurred around 2 a.m.

He died at the Wake Medical Center shortly after his arrival. Officers C. D. Hinton and D. W. Martin made the arrest of Lee who is charged with murder. He is being held in Wake County Jail on a \$2,500 bond.



NOT AS PESSIMISTIC — Selaam, Tanzania — U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger (L) follows Tanzania President Julius Nyerere for further private talks, Sept. 21 at the State House.

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FEAR TROUBLE — Atlanta — Coretta King says the conflict in southern Africa is "explosive" and could bring the United States into a war and mean a black insurrection at home. She was speaking at a news conference in Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 19. (UPI)

Raleigh Housing Ordinance Passes

A local fair housing ordinance which black leaders believe would benefit the black community was passed and adopted by the Raleigh City Council Tuesday evening. The fair housing ordinance has been described as a supplemental ordinance to the existing federal law which prohibits unfair housing because of race, sex or national origin.

The meeting lacked the feuding of previous meetings in which the principles and effects of the fair housing ordinance were discussed. The ordinance was unanimously adopted, with Councilwoman Miriam P. Block first abstaining, but later joining the other council members.

Mrs. Block said that she felt the fair ordinance provided sufficient protection for the minorities in the city. She said she was influenced by black leaders, such as State Senator John W. Winters and the president of Housing Opportunities Made Equal, Spurgeon Cameron. She said that their expressions for instituting the ordinance led to her final decision to vote in favor of the ordinance.

Clarence E. Lightner, Raleigh's first black mayor, attended the meeting in which the ordinance was adopted. As mayor and city councilman, he supported a local fair housing ordinance.

The present ordinance is the result of a settlement between those who opposed various sections of the ordinance, mostly realtors, and between those who were strongly in favor of its adoption, many black community leaders.

How the ordinance will be administered was proposed to the council's committee. Although it has been adopted, it will not go into effect until further administrative decisions are resolved.

The ordinance will permit the city to investigate and study any complaints of discriminatory practices. Civil suit or criminal charges are the penalties. If conciliation cannot be reached, the civil penalty charge is \$200 per day, with a maximum total of \$1,000, and the criminal misdemeanor charges are \$50 per day and 30 days in jail.

Peaceful School Opening Hailed

WASHINGTON — The United States Commission on Civil Rights has hailed the "relative peace and calm" in the implementation of school desegregation plans this fall and praised the leadership in several cities for working toward that end.

"Neither Dayton nor Dallas nor any of several large school systems which are desegregating for the first time has experienced violence or disruption," the five-member panel said. "And although several unfortunate incidents have occurred in Boston and Louisville, they pale in comparison with those of last year."

The commission restated its contention that lack of leadership had resulted in violence in other cities and called on Congress to consider President Ford's proposal for a national community and education committee composed of citizens with community experience in desegregation activities.

The committee would serve in an advisory capacity to local leaders in other communities faced with desegregation orders.

"Where positive leadership exists, desegregation is more likely to be achieved with minimal difficulty," Arthur S. Flemming, chairman of the commission, said. "Where it is lacking, confusion, anxiety and disruption are often the result."

The civil rights watch-dog panel said that desegregation programs were also going smoothly in Montgomery County, Md., Mount Vernon, N. Y.; Akron, Ohio; Omaha, Neb.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Joliet, Ill.; Rosedale, N. J.; and Brentwood and Ferguson-Florissant, Mo.

Offers No Reason In Action

Judge James B. McMillan of the Western Federal District Court, in a surprise move, has dismissed himself without explanation from hearing the appeal of the Charlotte Three. The case is now referred to U.S. District Chief Judge Woodrow Wilson Jones, to either hear himself or assign to another judge.

Speaking for the North Carolina Alliance Against Racial and Political Repression, coordinator Anne Mitchell said, "This ominous development is yet another in a series of attempts by the repressive forces in this state to re-incarcerate Dr. James Grant, T. J. Reddy, and Charles Parker of the Charlotte 3."

"We demand that the systematic repression of activists in North Carolina cease immediately, beginning with the reversal of the Charlotte 3 conviction and the immediate release of Rev. Ben Chavis and sister and brothers of the Wilmington 10. For these cases represent the consistent use of the full repressive powers of this state to imprison the leaders of all of us who are fighting for justice and equality in North Carolina."

Convicted in 1972 of burning a stable in Charlotte, N.C., T. J. Reddy and Grant were (See JUDGE, P. 2)

Women Advise Carter

ATLANTA, Ga. — Three nationally prominent black women were among the attendees of the first meeting of the 51.3 percent committee — the women's section of the National Advisory Panel of the Democratic Carter-Mondale presidential campaign.

The committee, made up of outstanding women leaders and elected officials, met at Colony Square here, to be briefed by directors of major departments of the Democratic team.

Rep. Cardiss Collins (D-Ill.), Pennsylvania Secretary of State C. Delores Tucker, and Mayor Doris Davis of Compton, Calif., were the prominent blacks at the briefing session.

Rep. Collins said that while Carter has talked on a number of issues, he has not addressed specific issues of (See WOMEN, P. 2)

Three Readers Win Money

Three winners are announced as Appreciation Readers of the week: Ms. Francine Spencer of 1405 Lewis Way; Mrs. Mary E. Raines, of 1300 Branch St.; and John R. Moore, of 813 Newcombe Rd. They reported to THE CAROLINIAN that they had found their names among the advertisements on the Appreciation Money Page.

Ms. Spencer's name appeared in the Be a Hive advertisement, Mrs. Raines' name was in the (See APPRECIATION, P. 2)

Officers Push For Courses

ARLINGTON, Va. — A newly formed group — the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives — has urged that all American high schools offer courses in criminal and social justice and that the nation establish equitable and uniform penalties for convicted criminals.

Those were among other recommendations by the more than 60 senior black police officers from 24 states who attended a recent 2-day meeting at the Twin Bridges Marriott Hotel here, sponsored by the Joint Center for Political Studies (JCPS), the Police Foundation and the Federal Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA).

The officers in attendance were all above the rank of captain. The closed-door confab centered on ways to reduce crime in low-income urban areas where a large percentage of minorities live and where crime rates are very high.

"Too often the police and the community are so busy fighting one another that the criminal slips through both gaps," said Reginal Eaves, Atlanta's commissioner of public safety.

Hubert Williams, Newark's police director and chairman of the new group said: "We intend to address basic issues of criminal justice because the way the country is moving, the civil liberties of all Americans are being jeopardized. The old ways have failed — it is time now for new voices, new policies and for legislation that is progressive and aimed at (See COURSES, P. 2)

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AN URGENT APPEAL

NNPA Wants Black Reporter On Ford-Carter Debate Panel

The Board of Directors of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) has dispatched an urgent appeal to the League of Women Voters that it assign a black reporter to the media debate panel assigned to ask questions in the Ford-Carter debates Thursday night.

The board noted that the League has already selected an all-white panel and that more than 25 million, a majority of the nation's minority groups, will be deprived of "a black viewpoint" at the presidential debate beginning in Philadelphia next week.

In sending a letter to the league, Dr. Carlton Goodlett, NNPA president, said he was acting after a unanimous vote on a resolution of the board that "a distinguished black reporter sit in the press panel to assure a complete coverage of America's Civil Rights and the candidates' viewpoints re-

garding black Africa which at the moment is the focal point of world politics."

The directors met at the Summit Hotel in New York City last week to project a wide-ranging program for the 1977 Sesquicentennial year of the founding of the black press. The group stressed that the vast black market is reached by NNPA editors of more than 200 newspapers and magazines read by more than 6,000,000

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MAKING A POINT — Columbia, S.C. — Dr. M. Maceo Nance, president of S.C. State College (L), makes a point when the Special Committee Studying Police-Community Relations made its report to Gov. James B. Edwards (C). Committee chairman James A. Rogers (R) presented the report which recommended improvements in training and community relations programs in the state's law enforcement agencies. (UPI)