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QUESTION: In View Of Rising Costs For Higher Education, And The Demands For Skilled Labor, Is It Unjust To Deny Masses Of Students Diversified Career Skills Or Trades Training In The Public Schools, Beginning (For Guidance Purposes) With The Elementary Schools? Please React In The Affirmative Or Negative.

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The answer to the question put forth above is an enthusiastic "yes." The public school system must have as its primary function, the preparation of young people to assume productive and satisfying roles in the broad spectrum of careers in our society. This requires a curriculum which provides a variety of experiences and allows for the development of individual potential to a maximum degree. Skills development cannot be accomplished without a proper base of awareness or basic knowledge. Formal education should offer skills in abstract analysis and reasoning, decision-making, problem solving and other general processes necessary for success in many professions or careers of interest. The degree to which a youngster should be exposed in this area must be determined by the potential and interest of the individual. An adequate offering of trades courses should be available. The degree to which the school system does its job in the area of career preparation and planning will be greatly determined by the effectiveness of its guidance and counseling services from the elementary level through graduation or early departure. Students, as well as parents, should receive continuous assistance in assessing aptitude, cultivating interest and selecting learning experience, both inside and outside the school walls. It must be remembered that the public school is simply a vehicle through which the community seeks to aid the



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At Henderson Hospital Pregnant Woman Delayed Hospitalization Entry

Alleged Instances Cited As NAACP Attacks Injustice

Officials Hold Two Sessions

HILLSBOROUGH — North Carolina branches of the NAACP plan an all-out attack against the subtle practices that are hindering the cause of full freedom in the state.

The attack became stronger when the Hillsboro Branch lashed out against the political structure of Orange County, at its monthly meeting held March 13. It was alleged that an attempt was being made to purge the registration books, in an effort to cut off many university students and several blacks.

Kelly M. Alexander, Sr., speaking at the monthly meeting of the Wendell Roseville Branch, told an enthusiastic crowd that the power-structure had taken the top hats out of the "Uncle Toms" and the bonnets out of the "Aunt Jemimas" and placed degree caps and gowns on them, giving them literary authority to stop the march of freedom.

Thomas Sharplin, president, Hillsboro Branch, told his audience that he would go to court to stop the purge, which he said was due to the fact that a black man had been named chairman of the Democratic County Committee. The proxy alleged that "there was no holding to the high heavens as long as there was a white chairman, but as soon as a black man moved in there were rumblings in the camp."

Alexander praised the people in that part of Wake County in that they had helped to get a black chairman for the county School Board presiding over the meeting. "I know when the attitude black, including school teachers and businessmen would say, 'I'll make a contribution, but don't put my name down or give me a card.' That is not the kind of support that will give your children the kind of education they need to compete in the job market," he said.

His most blistering attack was when he said, "Blacks need to pay their debt to the (See NAACP ATTACKS, P. 2)

Solons Are Against NC Proposal

Legislation to require testing of all public school students in first, third, sixth and ninth grades has been opposed in its present form this week by the North Carolina Black Democratic Leadership Caucus. Also opposed in its present form is legislation to make mandatory the passing of competency tests by all high school seniors before the issuance of a high school diploma. Both pieces of legislation have been backed by Gov. James Hunt.

Both pieces of legislation are opposed by the Caucus because clarification of the type of testing to be done, the use of the test results, and composition of minorities in the structure to administer the tests. On March 5, the Caucus decided to develop a position paper that would be presented to the General Assembly by its

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ON WAY TO TRIAL — Oxford — Reuben "Sonny" Conley (R) is led to the Granville County Courthouse March 14 for the first day of his trial where he is charged with killing a Virginia State Trooper. (UPI)

Man, Sister Reunite After 58 Yrs. Apart

SMITHFIELD — Leaving home at 14 years of age with \$8 in his pocket, as a wonderlust, Millard Bell, 72, returned to his native soil, March 10, to the "happiest moment of my life."

He returned to meet his sister, Mrs. Lucille Bell Eason, 69, whom he had not seen since September of 1919. He also rejoiced in the fact he hoboed away, but came back in splendor. He arrived at the Raleigh-Durham Airport in a huge plane.

Mrs. Eason rounded up her outsprings and others of the family and left to meet him at the airport. They were not able to park on the regular parking lot and had to use the valet-parking-service. The welcoming party almost filled the mini-bus.

Even though the visit had a religious flavor, it was not the return of the "Prodigal Son." Millard had not wasted his tunds in riotous living. He settled down in 1944 and went to work for the Ford Motor Company, from which he is retired.

Proof of his settling down is revealed in the fact that he married and has a 27-year-old daughter and a 26-year-old son and a granddaughter.

Appreciation Checks Claimed By Two Here

THE CAROLINIAN awarded \$10 checks to two readers of last week's newspaper after the readers reported to THE CAROLINIAN office that they had found their names in advertisements on the Appreciation

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Mom Of 7 Tells Reaction

HENDERSON — Ms. Georgia Brown, a 25-year-old pregnant mother of seven children, told a representative of THE CAROLINIAN last week-end that she "had the time of my life trying to get admitted to Maria Parham Hospital here." She declared that Medicaid was going to pay her bill, but a policy at the hospital requires a \$100 deposit from Medicaid patients having babies.

According to hospital officials, the deposit is required to make sure that services rendered for the unborn child, not covered by Medicaid until actual delivery, will be paid directly to the hospital. The woman said her last two children were delivered at

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Ray Says He Will Testify

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — James Earl Ray's attorney says his imprisoned client will agree to testify before the House Assassinations Committee "under certain conditions," including its willingness to investigate a conspiracy theory in the death of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Another condition, said attorney Jack Kershaw, would be a limitation on the committee's power to control questioning of Ray, who pleaded guilty to shooting King in Memphis in 1968.

Kershaw, who said he was recently retained by Ray, said he would want access to FBI files dealing with King's enemies to determine who might have had a motive to kill the civil rights leader.

"We would want the questions to be directed toward a full revelation...to explore all possibilities of the existence of a conspiracy," Kershaw said.

HUD Threatens Cities In Community Program

NATIONAL BLACK NEWS SERVICE — The Department of Housing and Urban Development has threatened to cut off community development funds to cities that fail to use the money for projects beneficial to low-and moderate-income residents.

The threat was issued by HUD secretary Patricia Harris

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Advice Of LEAA Aids In D. C.

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The slow, careful, and effective manner in which Washington, D.C. authorities dealt with Hanafi Muslim terrorists last week was in keeping with recent advice from a Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) study.

While not necessarily endorsed by LEAA, the 661-page report said the value of life should be the overriding consideration in dealing with terrorist acts and urged restraint and careful negotiation by law enforcement agencies rather than force.

Hanafi Muslims Wednesday (March 9) seized control of three buildings in Washington and kept 134 hostages until Thursday (March 10) night. Throughout the ordeal, tension filled the city as the terrorists threatened to kill the hostages.

Negotiations were intense and involved several key factors, to include the involvement of three foreign ambassadors, who were also Muslim. However, the controlling factor seems to have been patience on the part of the enforcement officers.

In a brief response to news reporters, President Jimmy Carter also noted the importance of patience and restraint on the part of law enforcement officials. A similar restraint was used in Warrensville, Ohio the previous week. Two hostages there were also released without harm after many hours

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Zetas Set Conference In Raleigh

The Omicron (graduate) chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., will play host to a state meeting March 18-19, to be held at the Sheraton Crabtree Motor Inn here. Sorors, Sigma brothers, Amice, families and friends will be welcomed by the local Zetas.

The meeting will provide an opportunity for the graduate and undergraduate groups to consolidate their commitments to the sorority and highlight the role of women in today's society, both community and state.

Zeta is still striving to add a special kind of beauty and excitement to all that represents the zeta ideal through varied areas, such as the March of Dimes, Easter Seal Drive, Stork's Nest, conducting workshops, tots and teens (youth) - exposing them to cultural events, honoring ladies who have rendered services to their community, working with needy families, and working with Sigma brothers in special projects.

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SSD And Citizens To Talk

Wake County citizens will have an opportunity on Thursday, March 17, to help decide what social services should be provided by their Social Services Department.

A public hearing will be held on that date at 7:30 p.m., Room 700, Wake County Courthouse, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Cofield, chairman of the Wake County Board of Social Services, said

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LEAVE FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT — Washington — Hanafi Muslim leader Hamass Abdul Khaalis pauses Monday to his shoe like as he leaves his headquarters with 10-never prevent guard for the Police Department for booking in connection with the siege of three buildings March 9 and taking of over one hundred hostages. See other photographs on Page 18. (UPI)

Thousands Witness Against Executions

GREENSBORO — A massive mobilization of between 4,000 to 5,000 opponents to capital punishment will converge in Atlanta, Ga. Easter weekend, April 8-10, for what has been called a "Witness Against Executions." Sponsored by the Southern Coalition of Jails and Prisons, the "Witness" will include speeches by well-known freedom fighters, workshops, musical entertainment and a march to the state capital.

Making the announcement for the Coalition was North Carolina organizer Allan McGregor, who said more than 200 are expected to attend from North Carolina. He said that persons desiring to attend, needing transportation and housing were being provided for.

Questioned why the mobilization of death penalty opponents to Atlanta, McGregor said that "Georgia looks like the next place to have executions and it is important for us who oppose it to give the

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Blacks In Army Are Unskilled?

NATIONAL BLACK NEWS SERVICE — WASHINGTON, D.C. — Despite a major effort by the U.S. Army to offer equal opportunities for black soldiers, blacks are still "systematically underrepresented in the technical occupations," according to a University of Texas researcher cited in the March issue of Human Behavior magazine.

"Although the army has made great strides toward racial equality and has a package of programs that no other institution in America can match, its black personnel have yet to achieve full participation," says John Sibley Butler of the military effort.

Butler says blacks are too often cooks and supply clerks, too rarely medical and electronics specialists - and adds that no progress is evident on this front since 1965. In response to the oft-cited argument that blacks do poorly on

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Seek To Nix Hyatt Approval

According to information furnished The CAROLINIAN, many concerned citizens are up in arms to block the appointment of Dr. George Hyatt, Jr., to any position in the Federal Extension Service.

The information was made available as the result of an alleged study of the conditions in North Carolina, as they relate to Hyatt's hiring and promotion policy of blacks. Due to the results of the survey, it is requested that protests be registered at once to Bob Bergland, USDA Service, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. In support of the findings, the

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AMBASSADOR VISITS GOVERNOR — Sacramento — Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. (L) peers coffee for U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young at a breakfast meeting hosted by Brown March 12 at the state capitol. (UPI)