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Campbell Axed?

Must Raise Millions

Robinson Heads Fund

Details Are Not Revealed

BY WILLIE WHITE,
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One of Raleigh's leading civic and political leaders has run afoul of his occupational superiors at Wake County Opportunities, Inc. (WCO). However, everyone connected with the case seems to be playing the referral game.

The controversy focuses on a

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Praises Value Of UNCF

The president of St. Augustine's College here has been named president of the prestigious United Negro College Fund, a nationwide organization which raises millions of dollars each year for black educational institutions.

Dr. Prezell Robinson, frequently lauded for his leadership of St. Augustine's, said Tuesday that he will "push vigorously" several priorities of UNCF.

Among the efforts will be the \$50 million Capital Funds Campaign and \$17 million

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DR. P. R. ROBINSON

WEATHER

The extended weather forecast is as follows:

Skies were expected to clear across the state Thursday, with temperatures becoming cooler. Highs Thursday were expected to be in the 50s, but in the 60s in the east.

The extended forecast for Friday through Saturday called for fair but cold weather through the weekend. Highs Friday and Saturday will be in the 40s. A little warmer Sunday with highs in the 50s was expected, and lows Friday and Saturday will be in the 20s. Except the 30s on the coast. Lows Sunday will be in the 30s.



DEATH ROW INTERESTS RUSSIA — Almore, Ala. — Johnny Harris, an inmate at Holman Prison, awaits death in the electric chair for the stabbing death of a prison guard. The Soviet Union is waging a propaganda campaign built on Harris. The official Soviet press has pointed to the Harris case as an example of what it calls human rights violations in the United States. Harris' execution has been delayed during his current appeal. (UPI)

Chavis Writes Third Letter To Carter; Supporters March

One of the NC candidates for the Democratic Nomination for the U.S. Senate has announced that he will present a Wilmington 10 petition to President Jimmy Carter when Carter visits Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem Friday morning.

The candidate, Joe Felmet, said he has informed the White House, the Secret Service and local and state law enforcement officials of his plans.

In his petition, Felmet says, "We the undersigned voters of this country strongly urge you to use your power and influence on the Governor of North Carolina and the U.S. Justice Department to effect the immediate release and exoneration of the Wilmington Ten. We are convinced that

these people are political prisoners." The petition is sponsored by the National Wilmington Ten Defense Committee and has 19 other signatures.

In another development, the Rev. Ben Chavis, leader of the Wilmington Ten, has written a third letter to Carter calling for the President's intervention. (See CARTER, P. 2)

Howard Lee Gives Students Challenge

Student at Shaw University Career Days Assembly last week were told by a state official that it is important for them to understand that they have both challenges and responsibilities which they must face.

Howard Lee, secretary of the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, was keynote speaker at the Thursday assembly, which was sponsored March 8-10 by Shaw and the Youth Motivation Task Force of the National Alliance of Businessmen. Also hearing Lee were faculty, staff, businessmen, alumni and guests.

Lee said, "I've not come here today to talk about history, but to challenge you who are students here today, who are thinking ahead and who are in the midst of planning your career, to understand the great challenge that faces you, but more importantly for you to understand the great responsibility which has been placed on your shoulders."

"This is a time to think, a time to dream, a time to plan, a time to build; but more importantly, it is a time to strive for." (See LEE, P. 2)



HOWARD LEE

State NAACP Gears For Freedom Drive

A check by the public relations department of the N.C. State Conference of NAACP Branches revealed that the 1978 Freedom Fund Drive will be the greatest ever held. The fact that the annual trek to Raleigh is one month later than usual, Father's Day, June 18, seemed to have motivated the branches to make extra efforts.

The Lenoir Branch recently staged a spectacular fashion show in the Student Union Building at Elizabeth City State University that attracted a full house. The officers of the branch, headed by William Skinner and co-

ordinated by Bill (Hogg) Mathes, not only put together a real display of the fashions that will be worn this year, they also gave away more than \$1,000 worth of door prizes. The grand prize was a trip to New York City.

The prizes were given by the (See STATE, P. 2)



COMPETENCY TESTING QUESTIONED — Columbia, S.C. — Rep. Joseph R. Murray, D-Charleston, debated from his seat in the House here Tuesday on whether federal educational funds could help pay costs of a minimum competency testing program for the state's schools. (UPI)

Durham Woman Held In Murder Case; No Bail

DURHAM — The last chapter in the life of Jordan Thomas Elkerson, 49, the victim of the alleged wrath of Ms. Kay Thompson Dixon, a well-known cook, was held from the Scarborough & Hargett Memorial Chapel and Gardens, 3:30 p.m. Saturday with Rev. Essex Fields officiating. Burial was in Beechwood Cemetery.

Elkerson's body was found lying in the 800 block of Wendale Ave. not too far from 222 Glendale, where he lived, and 804 1/2 Glendale Ave where the suspect is said to have lived.

Ms. Dixon is alleged to have taken a pistol from her purse and shot Elkerson in the face and stomach. No motive was given for the murder.

The victim was taken to the Durham County General Hospital about 1:30 p.m. and is said to have died at 3:30 p.m. The woman was arrested at 7:30 p.m. March 8. Arresting



MS. KAY T. DIXON

P. Mitchell Gets Influential Seat

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressman Parren J. Mitchell (D-Td.), has been appointed by the Speaker of the House to serve as a member of the Joint Economic Committee of the

Congress of the United States. He is the first black member of Congress to serve on the extremely influential committee which was established by the Employment Act of 1946 to advise Congress on all national

(See MITCHELL, P. 2)

Mrs. Ida Knight Gives Shaw \$500 For Land Purchasing

Mrs. Ida W. Knight, retired home economist of Raleigh, has made a contribution of \$500 to Shaw University. The gift is to be restricted to the proposed purchase of land as designated by the University.

Mrs. Knight has through the years, expressed interest in the civic projects in the community. She said that she is aware of the impact that Shaw University has made not only in the Raleigh community but also the state, the nation, and in foreign lands.

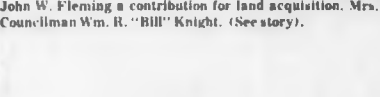
She is not an alumni of Shaw, but said that she is a recipient of the principles for which the institution was founded. She stated that as the "mother" school to many of the nation's black colleges, Shaw stands out

(See KNIGHT, P. 2)

Medical Center Opens

The new Sunnybrook Multi-Specialty Medical Center at 100 Sunnybrook Rd., will hold open house here Sunday from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The modern facility is the result of a long cooperative effort by several black doctors to increase medical service to Raleigh and Wake County. The new, 2-story modern structure houses eight doctors and a real estate firm.

See details on page 13 through 16.



PRESENTS CHECK — Mrs. Ida W. Knight, left, presents Shaw University interim president John W. Fleming a contribution for land acquisition. Mrs. Knight is the mother of Raleigh City Councilman Wm. R. "Bill" Knight. (See story).

Youths To Get Work

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of Labor Ray Marshall announced that more than a million disadvantaged youth, 14-21, will be hired this summer under the annual summer jobs programs.

Marshall said that \$706 million was being apportioned among 450 state and local governments serving as prime sponsors under the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA). The funds include \$670 million of the \$683 million appropriated by Congress for summer jobs and \$37 million in last summer's unspent funds. The remaining \$23 million will be used to fund the national Vocational Exploration Program (VEP) and for summer jobs programs to be operated by Negro American prime sponsors.

Marshall said sponsors are being urged to begin planning early in order to provide for an enriched summer program offering a variety of employment and training activities aimed at meeting the needs of the youth in their communities.

The funds announced are estimated to provide 1 million summer jobs at the minimum wage of \$2.65 an hour. Funding estimates were adjusted in light of the increased minimum wage to ensure that each prime sponsor receives enough to

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Appreciation Money
SPOTLIGHT THIS WEEK
BAKER'S SHOE STORE
"NAME BRAND SHOES AT AFFORDABLE PRICES"

CRIME BEAT

From Raleigh's Official Police Files

EDITOR'S NOTE: This column or feature is produced in the public interest with an aim towards eliminating its contents. Numerous individuals have requested that they be given the consideration of a criminal hearing on the police blotter. This we would like to do. However, it is not our position to be judge or jury. We merely publish the facts as we find them reported by the arresting officers. To keep out of the Crime Beat column, merely means not being registered by a police officer in reporting his findings while on duty. So simply keep off the "Blotter" and you won't be in the Crime Beat.

CUTON BACK

Ms. Williams Curry Covington, 1360 Branch St., told officer D.D. Adams that at 2:30 p.m. Friday at 540 Dorothea Dr. in a parking lot, she was attacked by cutting with a knife, according to police reports. The report showed Ms. Covington receiving a laceration on the left side of the back, which was treated, she was released. Robert Lewis Covington, 1360 Branch St., was arrested and charged with assault with deadly weapon, according to police.

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