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referred to the division by the Wake County School System.

"Blacks are systematically terminated," Nimmons said. A black male employee was accused recently of using unnecessary force to restrain a 15-year-old child. Two black nurses denied any wrongdoing by the employee.

"A white nurse with no knowledge of the incident reported the matter to Ms. Ritchie two weeks after it happened," Nimmons said. The employee was fired April 3 and a hearing on the matter will be held April 26.

Ritchie declined to comment on the matter. "I am bound by confidentiality about any personnel action I take," Nimmons added that there have been cases where blacks and whites have been terminated and later a hearing was held and they were reinstated.

Nimmons said, "There is a pattern of blatant racial discrimination being practiced with respect to black children seeking admission and services in the child and youth unit. Black children cannot be treated and therefore are either referred to the psychiatric department within the hospital or they are sent home.

"White children are admitted in far greater numbers and are treated in far greater numbers than black children," Nimmons said.

"We are not practicing discrimination," Ms. Ritchie said. "Everybody who has looked at our admission feels that we are treating about the same proportion of white and black children who are being referred here."

Nimmons said the NAACP would probably investigate the allegations. "This whole thing is just a mess. It is ridiculous to experience these problems of blatant discrimination in a tax-supported facility."

INQUIRING

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those who are old because we are all going to get old someday. It is the moral obligation of each individual to help the elderly. It should be part of the family unit life's responsibility to help the elderly any way they can."

Archie Bond, 57, owner of Archie's Bus Service: "Yes. My children don't think about that. They always think about me helping them. Young people should help the elderly, especially their parents. They should help the people who helped them when they couldn't help themselves."

Susan Brooks, 21, a senior at St. Augustine's College: "Yes, the elderly is our foundation of life. If it wasn't for them, we would not be here. When they were younger, they made sacrifices for us. If they didn't we would not be here. We should really help them out."

Pecolia McLeod, 33, Raleigh: "Yes, they should. You are supposed to help the elderly. Everybody is going to be old. Young people should help elderly people. When I get old, I hope somebody helps me."

SPAULDING

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officials while authorizing the Rape Victim Assistance program and seeking the end to discriminatory election laws and securing support for black colleges.

The caucus members attacked Valentine, saying that he has demonstrated a "lack of vision and leadership by voting against the Democratic budget, against the Equal Rights Amendment and against essential jobs legislation in the Community Renewal Employment Act."

Efforts to reach Spaulding and Valentine were unsuccessful. If Spaulding wins the primary and the general election in November, he will become the first black representative from North Carolina since 1901.

"We feel very strongly that Ken can win this election and best serve all the people of the Second Congressional District," the members of the black caucus said.

SUSPECT

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house. Officers ordered him to come out. He came out unarmed. Police recovered a shotgun in the house which they believe was used in the shooting.

In other events: A St. Augustine's College coed was raped Sunday at Lee Residence Hall at N.C. State University, police said this week.

William F. Webber, 20, a student from Shelby, was charged with first degree sexual assault, NCSU campus police said. He was freed from the Wake County Jail Tuesday under a \$4,000 bond.

The Falcon student told police that she had a date with the State student Saturday night and visited him in his room at the dormitory.

She said she talked with him from about 7:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. Sunday when he pulled a knife and demanded she take off her clothes. Then he raped her.

Also: Two Raleigh children were taken from a smoke-filled car just seconds before the car exploded in front of Poor Boy's Grocery at 421 S. Bloodworth St., authorities said.

The children were left inside the car while their father was inside the store. They were taken to Wake Medical Center where they reportedly stopped breathing because they inhaled the toxic fumes.

The victims were identified as Kimberly Oates, 3, and Kenny Oates, 4, both of 1416 Carnage Drive. They were taken to Duke Hospital after being connected to an oxygen respirator, authorities said.

The girl suffered a serious eye injury because of the blaze, police said.

Both children suffered burns, but late reports from Duke say they are in good condition and breathing on their own.

Lewis Howard Bennett, 24, was charged with exposing a child to a fire hazard, a type of child neglect.

Police do not know how long the children were left in the car while Bennett was in the store. A passerby noticed the smoldering car at about 10:45 a.m. Saturday and pulled the children from the back seat of the vehicle. When firemen opened the door to free the children, the car was engulfed by flames.

Firefighters suspect the blaze was started by faulty wiring under the dashboard on the driver's side. The matter is under investigation.

STAMPS

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computer match of more than three million entries is being handled by the Florida Division of Public Assistance Fraud, which provides each state with a list of food stamp recipients who have appeared on other states' rolls.

Syria said food stamp staffs in the counties will investigate duplicate listings during the next 90 days to determine if recipients actually collected food stamp benefits in two or more locations during the same month.

"Our preliminary data indicates that duplicate participation is occurring in the eight states, but the problem doesn't appear to be a serious one," Syria said. He said less than one percent of the 353,000 persons certified for food stamps in North Carolina during November 1983 may have filed for food stamps in other states. "Based on North Carolina's experience with similar match programs, we estimate that less than one fifth of this percent will prove to be cases of dual participation," Syria added.

County departments of social services are responsible for collecting claims associated with overissued benefits in the Food Stamp Program. During the quarter ending December 1983, North Carolina's 100 counties had recouped \$262,900 in overissued benefits.

"The Interstate Match Project should help us identify more quickly and accurately cases of duplication that cross state lines," Syria said. "The project also should serve as a deterrent to those recipients who might consider filing for food stamps in more than one location."



SHAW PRESIDENT AWARDED—Dr. Stanley H. Smith, president of Shaw University, receives the North Carolina Association of Black Educators' Presidential Award, Saturday, April 7, during the association's third annual statewide conference.

APPRECIATION

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Rand's name was hidden in an ad sponsored by Smith's Grocery. Ms. Jones spotted her name in an ad sponsored by Hudson Belk. Ms. Judkins' name was hidden amongst an ad sponsored by Ideal Cleaners.

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CHAIRMAN

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Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. for 14 years. She is currently a banking officer and manager of the Freedom Mall Branch in Charlotte.

"I will work to uphold this position to the best of my capabilities," said Ms. Brewer in ceremonies officiated over by Secretary of State Thad Eure. Ms. Brewer serves as a board member of the Social Planning Council of United Community Services and of the Family Housing Services. She was previously a member of the board of trustees of the Charlotte Nature Museum. Ms. Brewer attended the University of New Mexico and Central Piedmont Community College.

The powers and duties of the Personnel Commission include the establishment and governing of rules and policies concerning a position classification plan, a compensation plan for all employees, reasonable position qualifications, recruitment programs, employee benefits, employment conditions, investigation of complaints and the hearing of appeals of applicants, employees and former employees and the evaluation of employee performance. The Personnel Commission has the authority to authorize other programs which they deem necessary to promote efficiency and provide for a fair and reasonable system of administering personnel for the state.

Ms. Brewer is married to Clement A. Brewer, Jr. They have one son, Clement A. Brewer, III.

Harold H. Webb is director of the North Carolina Office of State Personnel.

LEE

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slowly. Lee also criticized Andrews for not addressing the needs of the black community in the district. "Ike Andrews has never taken a risk for the black community," Lee said.

Andrews said Lee's comments were "grossly unwarranted." He added that he is chairman of a congressional subcommittee on human resources which recommends social programs for passage by the House and Senate.

Many of these programs are designed to help blacks and other minorities. "If that's not sticking your neck out I don't know what is," office.

Winters, contacted at his Raleigh home Tuesday night, declined to comment

specifically on Lee's charges. "That's his opinion. We will see where the votes will go during the May 8 primary. He sees me as a threat to both of them and He is going to be pulling up the rear."

Lee conceded that Winters' candidacy will probably throw the contest into a runoff between two of the candidates. "I think John will get his fair percentage of the votes. Any time there is a third candidate he will get votes."

Lee predicted that Andrews and he would defeat Winters and they would face each other in a runoff. "It's not impossible for me to win in the first primary. If blacks vote for me, I can win the first primary."

Lee, 49, served as mayor of Chapel Hill from 1969-75 and was appointed secretary of the N.C. Department of Natural Resources in 1977, a job he held until 1981.

This is Lee's second try to win the Fourth Congressional District seat. He lost in 1972 to a 20-year incumbent. In 1976, he lost in the Democratic runoff for lieutenant governor to James Green.

Gethsemane To Hold Worship Services

Gethsemane Baptist Church will have worship service at 11:30 a.m. April 15, along with recognition of senior citizens.

Sunday School will start at 10 a.m.

The public is invited to attend.

IMPACT

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election and will participate in it in greater numbers... will have a stronger interest in the issues... in registering to vote... and [will increase involvement with] the other candidates with a stronger and greater turnout."

Windley said, "I think it should help to increase voter registration. Also, it will stir up interest in the presidential primary, and maybe result in a higher voter turnout."

On the matter of voter turnout projections, all the responses point to a significant increase of black voters going to the polls this year.

Windley stated, "I think for this election, given many of the things that are happening, it might be close to 70 percent."

"Fifty to 60 percent of the black voters in this state, that's conjecture," said Father Calloway.

"I'm sure it will be a great deal more than it has been... [According to] what they have done so far in other areas, it's going to be better," said Rev. Turner.

Dr. Nimmons said the turnout "could be higher than ever... 70 to 80 percent maybe."

DO YOU KNOW?

CARRY-OUT SERVICE IS BECOMING MORE POPULAR

That the number of fast food outlets is expected to double in the next decade? Industry experts project that by 1990, the number of fast food outlets will top 130,000.

That foam cups retain the temperature of a drink up to six times longer than other disposables? Restaurants have found this temperature holding ability to be an advantage. The foam insulation is ideal for large size soft drinks—it eliminates watered down drinks and helps retain carbonation.

on their reaction to second primaries, the speakers agreed that blacks stand to lose more than they gain by way of this mechanism.

"On the strength of the best thinking of my political allies and friends, [their elimination] will probably give blacks a better shot at public office," said Calloway.

"We always lose out in second primaries," Nimmons said. "My position would be that we ought to do away with them. They don't serve us in any meaningful way."

Rev. Turner stated, "I would go on record for doing away with them. It seems to hurt the black candidates much more than it helps them."

"I'm opposed to second primaries. Traditionally blacks have suffered very poorly in second primaries. To my knowledge, no black has been elected if he ran against a white candidate in a second primary. In addition, it is very expensive to hold a second primary, and the voter turnout is always very low," said Windley.

The elimination of second primaries is one of the issues which Rev. Jackson has challenged the Democratic Party to adopt.

JACKSON

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will realize that as never before, we have one who can speak for us.

"He is voicing our sentiments," said Rev. Coppedge. "He has walked where we walked. He talks our talk. He sits with us. I'm sort of reminded of one of the prophets, Jeremiah, who sat where the people sat. The result is that you can communicate better."

"Ronald Reagan has never been poor, and I doubt that he wants to be poor... He does not want to walk in our shoes... as Christ became one among us," said the leader of more than 50 of Raleigh's black ministers.

Dr. Julius Nimmons, president of the Raleigh-Apex Branch of the NAACP, stated, "I think it's great. I'm more enthusiastic now than I was initially. I certainly hope that he will get greater and greater support from black voters. In fact, I'm going so far as to say personally that I'm certainly going to support him."

"I will be voting for Jackson on May 8. I would encourage all blacks and others who feel that Jackson brings a kind of freshness to the political scene, to vote for him also," said Nimmons.

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