

Battle For Scientists

Tough AIDS Guidelines Issued In NC

Starting February 1, all people with known AIDS virus infection have been required to notify their sex and needle partners of this infection in the state of North Carolina, according to Dr. Rebecca Meriwether, head of the Communicable Disease Control Branch for the N. C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Health Services.

"This was one of the most controversial provisions adopted by the Commission for Health Services at its December 1987 meeting," Meriwether said. "However, it was passed in an effort to protect public health and prevent the spread of AIDS."

Several other AIDS-related provisions were adopted as communicable disease rules by the commission.

Persons diagnosed with HIV infection are required to refrain from sexual intercourse unless condoms are used, refrain from sharing needles and syringes, refrain from donating or selling blood, plasma, platelets, other blood products, semen, ova, tissues, organs, or breast milk; and have a skin test for tuberculosis (TB).

Physicians are required to give these instructions to the HIV-infected patients and to advise them about the

risk of transmitting the virus to unborn babies and through breastfeeding.

Physicians are required to give patients a form from the N. C. Division of Health Services and encourage its use for listing partners for whom notification is required.

Physicians are required to arrange an appointment with a Division of Health Services AIDS counselor

regarding partner notification services or to mail the form to the division so that the division can notify and counsel the partners.

According to some researchers and gay journalists, the Research Triangle is the major center in the nation for basic AIDS research—the grinding laboratory work that seeks to unlock the key to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which is

believed to cause AIDS. Basic research will provide vaccines against HIV, and drugs to fight both AIDS and the infections that afflict AIDS.

New York is the mecca for clinical trials, in which new drugs are tested on volunteer AIDS patients. In San Francisco, researchers focus on epidemiology, the tracking of how the disease is spread.

"You've certainly got some excellent people, major companies and major players, right there in your own back yard," says Howard Streicher, a researcher in one of the nation's most renowned AIDS

laboratories—Dr. Robert C. Gallo's lab at the National Institute of Health.

The disease itself has not spread as quickly in North Carolina as in more

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Wake County Hoping To Develop Daytime Homeless Shelter

Currently, Wake County homeless have no organized shelters available to them during daylight hours. But soon, they may be getting a refuge where they can find food and warmth before nightfall.

County mental health officials have applied for a two-year, \$911,147 grant from the National Institute of Mental Health to open a day shelter in downtown Raleigh, James W. Kirkpatrick, Jr., director of the Wake County Mental Health Department, said recently. Of that, about \$689,000 would be federal funds and \$222,000 would be county dollars. A location for the shelter has not been chosen, he said.

The shelter would be the first of its kind in Raleigh.

"To me, it's a long overdue effort to deal with people who just happen to be down on their luck," County Commissioner Vernon Malone said. Malone said he thinks the issue has not been a high enough priority, and added it's something that's been overlooked.

County officials are optimistic the proposal will be approved. Kirkpatrick said the shelter could begin operating two months after approval.

Kirkpatrick said the day program is the kind of program that is not present in the city because of zoning. He said it would provide breakfast and would offer a place for the homeless to come during the day.

For years, Wake County left caring for the area's homeless to municipalities and private organizations such as Urban Ministries. The

county has provided funding to those organizations. But commissioners Malone, G. Herbert Stout and Larry B. Zieverink have argued that the county should take a more active role.

A study in 1986, sponsored by a local human relations group, estimated there were about 2,000 homeless in Wake County.

Kirkpatrick said the mental health department was trying to "bridge the gap" between the time shelters close in the early morning and when they reopen in the evenings. Besides breakfast, the homeless who enter

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Police Target Fences

Man Snared In Probe

Raleigh police and Wake County sheriff's deputies arrested the owner of several Eastern Wake County convenience stores Thursday for investigation of receiving stolen goods and possessing two machine guns.

Investigators said Gerald Wayne Adams of 109 Sugar Lane, Knightdale, had been suspected of disposing of almost \$40,000 in stolen property. The detectives said they thought the goods had been stolen during burglaries of Raleigh-area homes and businesses.

Adams, 29, is the owner of several Mr. G's Markets, convenience stores in the Eastern Wake area, and is a licensed gun dealer, according to Raleigh police Sgt. W. L. Baker.

Adams was charged with eight counts of felony possession of stolen property, six counts of receiving stolen property and two counts of possessing weapons of mass destruction, Baker said. He was being held in the Wake County Jail in lieu of \$150,000 bond Thursday.

Police recovered about \$14,000 worth of stolen property, much of it electronic goods, during the investigation, and seized Adams' 1984 Ford Mustang which investigators thought was used to transport stolen property, Baker said.

The investigation was the work of a 10-man team of detectives from the Raleigh Police Department and the sheriff's department.

During a search of Adams' house Tuesday, Baker said officials had found the guns. One was an AR-15 semi-automatic rifle that had been converted to fully-automatic use, and the other Baker described as a "9mm high-tech semi-automatic with the same frame as an Uzi that had been converted to fully automatic."

An Uzi is an Israeli-made sub-machine gun.

Baker said police hoped to make more arrests of suspected "fences"—buyers to stolen property.

"We're trying to make it as hard on



BLACK AMERICAN PRINCESS—This Liba-born princess Jenee Starr is adding to her list of titles which include "Miss Personality," "Best Attire," and "second runner-up in beauty pageants held in New York and New Jersey. She hopes to wear the crown as Miss Black American Princess. She is from Red Bank, N.J. (Photo by James Blount)

Triangle Labor Force Altering Stereotypes

The 21st Century PAC of North Carolina announced its plans to target four State Senate races in 1988. These candidates include Frank Ballance (Warren), Shelly Willingham (Edgecombe/Pitt), Mary

McAllister (Cumberland), and Vernon Robinson (Forsyth). Should three of these candidates be successful, the Afro-American Senate Caucus would be doubled to six members.

The theme for the drive is "Take the Senate in '88." Each targeted campaign will receive \$1,000 in direct contributions. The 21st Century PAC will also provide technical assistance in using computers to support campaign activities. The effort will be kicked off with March fundraising efforts in Charlotte and Winston-Salem.

PAC Treasurer Nathan A. Harris, of Greensboro, stated, "We hope that the Afro-American press will endorse this drive and help build support across the state. Winning these seats will strengthen the hand of the black caucus and help protect our communities' interests across North Carolina."

The 21st Century PAC of North Carolina is a bipartisan, independent political action committee founded in 1985 to create a financial base to increase the number of black elected officials at all levels. The PAC played a pivotal role in the election of Congressman Mike Espy (D-Miss.) in 1986. After successfully assisting in the election of Judge Terry Sherrill, the PAC was active in several municipal races during 1987.



MARY H. FUTRELL

NEA President Will Address NCCU Graduates

DURHAM—Mary Hatwood Futrell, serving an unprecedented third term as president of the nation's largest teachers' organization, will be North Carolina Central University's commencement speaker Saturday, May 7.

Ms. Futrell, a classroom teacher from Alexandria, Va., was elected president of the National Education Association in 1983 and was re-elected to the post in 1985 and 1987.

At her 1987 re-election, she pledged to the association's 1.9 million members her intention to help achieve true education reform in the United States, and to ensure that the NEA's members play a significant role in all education decisions. (See NEA PRESIDENT, P. 2)

Connie Howard's Hard Work And Dedication Lead To A New Post

The management of WRAL-TV 5 has named Connie Howard to the position of news manager for Action News 5.

The announcement was made in a special TV staff meeting. The news of Howard's promotion was greeted by the Action News 5 staff with cheers and applause.

Since 1981 Howard has served the WRAL-TV 5 News Department in a variety of roles, including general assignment reporter, assistant assignment editor, weekend producer, 6 p.m. producer, executive producer, assistant news director and Action News director.

Before joining Action News, Howard was a general assignment reporter for WROC-TV in Rochester, N.Y., and WOIT-TV in Des Moines,

Iowa. She grew up in Otisville, N.Y., and attended graduate school at Iowa State University.

Senior Vice President and General Manager John Greene said, "Throughout her tenure here at WRAL-TV 5 she has distinguished herself through hard work and dedication. She has the experience and the expertise necessary to lead us to new heights in news coverage and presentation. This is a most deserved promotion."

Excitement at the station is running high and the feeling is summed up by these quotes from WRAL department heads:

Paul D. Quinn, assistant general manager: "WRAL-TV 5 just hired the best person in this or any other country to lead its News Department. She



MS. CONNIE HOWARD

has proved herself time and time again. It's great to see her get this opportunity to do it again. Go get 'em, Connie!"

Sharon Malmstone, promotion manager: "The people who put together Action News 5 are the best in the business. And Connie is the perfect person to take them to new heights. Her experience, knowledge and dedication are outstanding. But it's her energy that makes her stand out. We are thrilled."

Will Davis, program manager: "Connie has worked her way up from reporter to news director right here in our own community. I can't imagine anyone better qualified to make news judgments on behalf of our viewers."

Leah Chauncey, manager of local productions: "Connie is an exceptional choice. She is the best news in News."

Paul Pope, operations and weekend station manager: "This is one of the greatest things that has happened in

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UNC-Ch. Confab To View Many Labor Problems

CHAPEL HILL—The recent decline in American productivity, increasing absenteeism among employees and high levels of stress reported by workers at all levels will be discussed by top Triangle-area employers and public opinion expert Lou Harris at a University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill conference March 8.

"The Humane Workplace: Employee Supportive Programs" will focus on successful programs developed by Triangle employers that address these issues and have had a positive effect on productivity and morale in the worksite, said Florence Glasser, conference coordinator and a member of the Board of Directors of the Mental Health Association in Orange County.

"Today's employee benefit package was designed in the 1950s when the stereotypical American worker was a male breadwinner who

supported his wife and 2.6 children," Glasser said. "Only 11 percent of American families now fit that stereotype."

"The labor force of 1988 is more diverse in gender, age and family structure. Many companies are now changing their benefit packages and rewriting their personnel manuals to accommodate the new work force," she said.

Glasser said the conference theme is based on the growing recognition by employers that good job performance and productivity are directly related to the mental health of their employees.

Although the conference is geared toward top decision-makers, executives, managers and other people involved in policy-making for public and private firms, it is open to the public, Glasser said.

"Citizens who want to learn more

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Lenoir County May Opt For Voting Machines

The Lenoir County Commissioners are pondering the costs of voting machines.

The board met with members of the Lenoir County Board of Elections and a representative of the Shouptronc Corp. to discuss the possibility of purchasing machines.

Roy Lawyer of Shouptronc said the cost of 63 machines plus the computer system would be \$314,800 by direct purchase, a \$10,800 increase over the first time the commissioners reviewed the machine last year.

According to state law, one voting machine is required per 500 registered voters and the number is on a precinct basis. There are a total of 27,990 registered voters as of Monday.

Chairman Lynwood Barwick expressed interest in the purchase of

one voting machines, out at the cost the board was originally quoted last summer. Although Shouptronc offers to finance the purchase, the board of commissioners is interested in securing its own financing, Barwick said.

Commissioner M.E. Creech also expressed his concern over the one-year warranty provided by Shouptronc. He felt a three-year warranty would be more in line with the purchase of the machines.

Lawyer said he would be in contact with County Manager Wayne Deal and Lenoir County Board of Elections Supervisor Mary Jeffers concerning the warranty and price.

Lawyer said the voting machines were foolproof. "It's impossible to throw an election. The batteries [in the machines] should last seven to

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NAACP Lawyers Score Voting Rights Victory

BALTIMORE, Md.—NAACP lawyers scored a major voting rights victory in St. Louis recently when a federal judge ruled that the city's Board of Elections had violated the Voting Rights Act by failing to manually review uncounted ballots cast in predominantly black wards.

U.S. District Judge William L. Hungate found that under the city's punch-card voting system, most of the nearly 3,000 uncounted ballots cast in the March 1987 primary came from wards where most of the voters were black. The failure of the election board to manually count those ballots discriminated against blacks, he said.

Judge Hungate ordered the election board to eliminate these discriminatory practices by manually counting ballots rejected by its

computerized equipment and to educate voters (from the wards from which more than 60 percent of the ballots were uncounted) about the proper use of the punch-card system.

The judge's ruling came as a result of a suit filed by Michael V. Roberts against the election board. Roberts, a black candidate who lost his bid for president of the St. Louis Board of Aldermen to a white candidate, said he lost because blacks did not know how to use the punch-card system.

In his suit, Roberts called for a new election, but Judge Hungate refused to honor his request, citing a manual recount he had ordered as part of the case which showed that even with the uncounted ballots, Roberts had still lost by 60 votes.

Represented by NAACP General

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Dr. Peebles-Wilkins Appointed To Direct NCSU Social Program

Dr. Wilma C. Peebles-Wilkins has been appointed associate department head and director of the social work program in North Carolina State University's Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work.

One of NCSU's first black female graduates and a Raleigh native, Peebles-Wilkins joined the university's faculty as assistant professor in 1978 and was promoted to associate professor in 1984. She assumed her new post Jan. 1.

Peebles-Wilkins is an expert on the history of social welfare services. She earned her bachelor's degree from NCSU in 1967, her master's from Case Western Reserve University and her doctorate from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

NCSU's social work program was

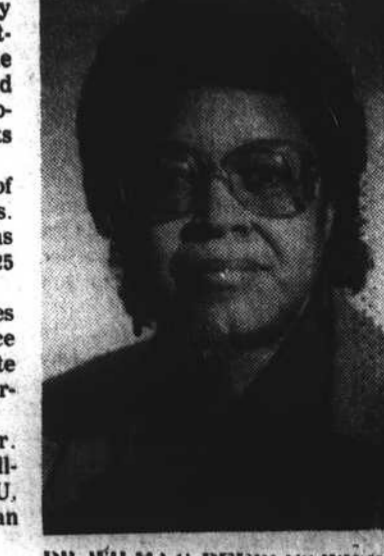
started in the 1960s and became fully accredited in the early 1970s. Recently, social work was added to the name of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology to recognize the program's importance and increase its visibility.

The program grants bachelor of social work undergraduate degrees. The social work program now has five faculty members and 125 students.

"The program prepares graduates for entry-level professional practice or advanced standing in graduate school, and beginning-level state certification," Peebles-Wilkins said.

Peebles-Wilkins succeeds Dr. Nelson Reid, who has returned to full-time teaching and research at NCSU. "Dr. Peebles-Wilkins has been an

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DR. WILMA C. PEEBLES-WILKINS