

NEWS BRIEFS

SOUTHERN BELL REQUESTS CHANGES

Southern Bell this week asked the N.C. Utilities Commission to eliminate all monthly charges for blocking calls to 976 services. The company's proposal would allow its customers to sign up for blocking free of charge between May 1 and July 31. The plan also would reduce the one-time ordering charge to \$5 for customers who sign up for blocking after July 31. The plan addresses concerns by some phone customers who do not want calls made to 976 or 900 numbers. Previously, they were charged \$1 per month for residences and \$2 per month for businesses.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE EXCEEDS GOAL

The North Carolina Museum of Art announced this month that the 1988 Museum Members Drive has exceeded its goal. "At the end of February, the museum had 6,174 members," said Patrick McCusker, membership officer for the museum. "New and renewal memberships are still coming in, but our volunteers have already recruited 573 new members and passed our goal of 500."

NCCU STUDENT ORGANIZES FORUM

DURHAM—North Carolina Central University's B.N. Duke Auditorium will be the site of a forum on major issues affecting black Americans on Saturday, March 26.

The forum is titled, "Africans: Which Way Tomorrow?"

Speakers will include a congressman examining the political progress, or lack of it, of black Americans during the past decade; a veteran civil rights leader discussing the history and future of that movement; the chairman of the U.S. Equal Opportunity Commission discussing current policy on equal opportunity; a health researcher analyzing the impact of AIDS on black Americans; and an anti-apartheid activist from Cape Town, South Africa.

STATE EMPLOYEES IN RIDESHARING SURVEY

Gov. James G. Martin announced today that state employees will participate in the 1988 capital campaign to promote ridesharing in the Raleigh area. The capital campaign is a joint effort of state and local governments and private employers in the downtown area to promote carpools, vanpools and transit usage.

State, city and county employees as well as employees from several major businesses in downtown Raleigh will be asked to complete a commuting pattern survey. Respondents to the biennial survey will receive a list of other commuters interested in carpooling or vanpooling and information concerning Capital Area Transit routes.

"Growth in the Raleigh area has resulted in increased traffic, parking problems, accidents, not to mention the amount of time and money required for commuting to work," said Martin. "As the largest work force in the Research Triangle area, state government has a special responsibility to set a good example."

MAKING STRIDES

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP)—A Florida A&M University alumnus who has become a vice president at Xerox said Wednesday that blacks are making large strides in corporate America.

"We've come a long way real fast," said Bernard Kinsey, who is now vice president and general manager of the voice systems division at Xerox.

He said Xerox employed 121 blacks when he joined that organization in 1971, but that more than 6,000 now work for the company, which has 16 black vice presidents, including also from black universities.

Kinsey, one of five black corporate vice presidents participating in a two-day university industry cluster, praised black universities for developing talent for the nation's corporations.

The FAMU Industry Cluster included 53 companies which have employed more than 6,000 graduates from the school. More than 120 companies recruited through the school's placement center in February, said university spokesman Eddie Jackson.

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Neighborhood Zeal

Hill Street Area Fight Crime

BY R.P. CORNWALL CHUNN

For Sylvester White, Jr., proprietor of White's Barber Shop in the Washington Terrace shopping area off Hill Street, his neighborhood had become another 42nd Street and

Times Square of Manhattan, N.Y. fame.

"Unbearable" is the word he constantly used to describe the way life was in the Washington Terrace section of Southeast Raleigh. "It got so bad I dreaded going in that area.

"We were invaded by people trying to make a quick dollar. The traffic was unbearable. The people felt unsafe.

"Sometimes they would drift in to our shop to get a haircut, spend \$8 to \$10, and then go right back out to

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"In all my doings, I never called the authorities on them. I did inform them that somebody knew what they were doing."

the clientele they cater to, and there is less congestion in the Washington Terrace shopping area.

"The people that I've talked with are just relieved, happy and they feel safer now," said White, himself a minister, and in the Washington Terrace shopping area. (See HILL STREET, P. 2)

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Consented To Sex

Kidnapping Charge Dropped

Plaintiff Moves Out Of State

On March 7, 1988, 1211 Cross Link Rd., an 18-year-old man was arrested for the rape and kidnapping of a 17-year-old girl. It is only recently that we find the case to be built on falsified information and the alleged rape to be an untruth. Thomas E. Bennett, Jr. of Raleigh was accused of raping and kidnapping the student while employed by the Wake County School system as a bus driver. The student Ymene Vandoom, said she was the last passenger on bus 69 the afternoon of Feb. 19 when Bennett drove off Lake Ann Dr. near Umstead State Park in northwest Wake County. Ms. Vandoom told investigators that Bennett forced her to disrobe and had sex with her on the bus.

Tuesday Wake County prosecutor dropped the rape and kidnapping charge against the bus driver saying that a letter written by the girl indicated she consented to having sex. Assistant District Attorney Thomas Ford said in an interview that he received the letter from attorney for the driver, Ann C. Peterson. Apparently rumors of the relationship between Bennett and Vandoom had reached her boyfriend and her mother. When confronted, the girl panicked and said she was raped. Ms. Vandoom has since relocated out of state.

Bennett, who graduated from Athens Drive in May 1987 has been officially suspended from work and his bus taken. Court records show that Bennett has received citations for at least seven traffic violations. The offenses include speeding, following too closely behind another vehicle, failure to yield, and failure to comply with restrictions.

The arrest drew attention to school system's screening procedures for bus drivers after it was learned that Bennett had three accidents and seven citations in 22 months. Two of the accidents occurred when he was driving a school bus and four of the (See PLAINTIFF, P. 2)



EDUCATIONAL TRENDS—The Rev. David Foy, NAACP public schools and how black students are meeting the President Raleigh-Apex Chapter, Fortia Brandon, and Khalil challenge in the classrooms. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Howard Dean Says Church Only Institution Blacks Controlling

BY MARIE FAUBERT

Dr. Lawrence N. Jones, Howard University Divinity School dean, told a gathering of 200 people at the Shaw Divinity School Convocation March 21 that the black church was the only institution that African-Americans "own, control, program, lead, and finance." He said that the fundamental need for the strength of the black church is the education of its clergy.

Dr. Jones reminded the Baptist ministers present that the clergy have three responsibilities: to preach, to teach, and to give example by their lives to the Gospel, which they proclaim and explain. He said the preacher must be rooted in good Biblical scholarship, must be able to know the bad news in people's lives in order to preach the Good News in a

way which will touch their hearts and inspire their lives, and must be filled with energy to be present to his people when they need him or her.

Dr. Jones reminded those who have the sacred call to preach the Word that a good sermon has content and style. He said it must be remembered that the "activity of the mind is not hostile to the activity of the spirit." He said that emotional response, hand-clapping, and rocking to rhythms are not the only indications that the Word is being preached effectively. He pointed out that good preaching requires "study, thought, analysis, and the careful use of language" on the part of the preacher.

Dr. Jones told the divinity school students that their first responsibility was to send the church persons who have integrity. "The Word finds unity with deeds," he said, "and the Word can be no more effective than the character of the person who speaks it."

Rev. Larry Edmunds and Mrs. Lorine McLeod joined Dr. Jones in

receiving honorary degrees from the school. Rev. Edmunds and Dr. Jones received the honorary doctor of divinity degree, and Ms. McLeod received the honorary doctor of Christian letters degree.

Dr. Charles Brown was named pastor of the year. Community Service Awards were presented to the Hon. Ralph Campbell, Jr., attorney Clyde Holt, Ms. Waltye Rasulala and Ervin Hester. The Alumnae of the Year Award was presented to Dr. Franklin Wiggins. The Salute To Greatness Award went to Mr. and Mrs. D.W. Headen, the parents of the president of the Shaw Divinity School.

Awards were also presented to the Very Rev. Martin J. Carter, who writes the weekly column "Pen and Cross" for The CAROLINIAN; Grover Bailey, editor of The CAROLINIAN; and Paul Jerry, publisher of The CAROLINIAN.

Dr. E.B. Turner, chairperson of the board of trustees, reminded the participants that the 55th anniversary and observance of Founders Day found the Shaw Divinity School on a new campus. He committed himself and the board of trustees to continued support for the academic growth of the divinity school and said that Shaw Divinity School has taken on "new ventures with great opportunities and challenges" and that the board of trustees is happy about the commitment of the Shaw Divinity School to the "development of leaders of Christian ministry." (See HOWARD DEAN, P. 2)

Dr. Holland Seeks To Return To NCCU Board

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Dr. Charles V. Holland will seek reappointment to the N.C. Central University Board of Trustees after having made an earlier decision that he would not do so because of a conflict of interest in his wife holding a state job.

"Initially, my wife and I had made the decision that she would remain in her job and I would resign from the board," Holland said. "But after many phone calls (from) around the city and state, I have reconsidered. My wife will resign from her position in the lieutenant governor's office, and I will seek reappointment to finish my term on the board which will end in 1989."

Pearl J. Holland, his wife, was hired as a word processor and receptionist in Lt. Gov. Robert B. Jordan, III's office in 1986 at a salary of \$16,000 a year.

Holland, a Raleigh optometrist, is a member of the Wake County Board of Education and has served as chairman of the NCCU board since 1983 until last week, when he lost the chair. (See DR. HOLLAND, P. 2)

WEATHER

Variable cloudiness Thursday in the Triangle with partly cloudy skies in the mountains and mostly sunny in the east. Highs are expected to range from the 60s to low 70s. Chance of showers Friday with highs in the 70s, followed by cooler temperatures Saturday and Sunday.



DR. CHARLES V. HOLLAND

Appreciation Feature Has Three Winners

There were three winners in last week's Appreciation Money Feature, sponsored by The CAROLINIAN and participating businesses. The winners who found their names hidden on the Appreciation Page this week were Ms. Jessie Copeland, 17 Mecklenburg Terrace; Ms. Rhonda Hyman, 722 Lansing St.; and Paul Davis, 2330 Sue Ellen Drive.

After coming into The CAROLINIAN office at 518 E. Martin St. and properly identifying themselves, winners were awarded \$10 checks.

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SPOTLIGHT

SOUTH ST. BAIT SHOP "CRICKETS AND LIVE BAIT"

Shaw Divinity School Charts A New Course

BY R.P. CORNWALL CHUNN

One administrator at Shaw Divinity School sees the institution's recent relocation to Hilltop Drive in Southeast Raleigh near Rush Street as "providential."

"Throughout the Bible there are hill and mountain experiences where great things occur. We like to think of our closeness to God," said Dr. Joseph C. Paige, executive vice president of the institution.

"To us that whole site and area has a lot of theological significance. We believe strongly that God led us there to possess the land... We claim credit only for being obedient to God, and only for hearing Him as He talks to us and leads us."

The "us" of whom Dr. Paige speaks is 114 students in the school's regular program, 2,000 students in 13 extension centers around the state, five full-time faculty members (four with Ph.D. degrees), 12 part-time faculty personnel and four full-time staff persons.

He said the school expects to employ two more full-time faculty persons with terminal degrees in the near future.

A theological concept the school is now beginning to emphasize is the economic and political empowerment of the black community.

"It is a new Shaw Divinity School conceptually in that while we continue our commitment to teaching ministers, we now know that black (See DIVINITY SCHOOL, P. 2)

Judges' Bench

BREAKIN AT CENTRAL PRISON

Tuesday night a man dressed in blue jeans, dark jacket and a white hat tried to break into the Central Prison by climbing the fence. Central Prison Warden Gray T. Dixon said no one has ever attempted to break into the Western Boulevard prison before. It was around 8:00 p.m. when a white male approached the southwest corner of the prison, Dixon said. For the third and final time the man returned placing his hands on the fence and began to climb. The officer fired a warning shot and then the individual fled. Raleigh police are still searching for this man, said Lt. A.D. Batcherlor.

COUPLE TAKES LAW INTO THEIR OWN HANDS

An Orange County couple who last month admitted to trying to hire someone to kill four people in 1987 were given three-year suspended jail sentences Monday. Crawford Blake, 72 and his wife, Valley Walker Blake, 65, pleaded guilty March 7 in Durham Superior Court to charges of solicitation to commit murder. Authorities said the Blakes apparently had been trying to get even with a group of people they thought were responsible for the violent slayings of the couples two sons.

The Blakes were arrested in July 1987 after they tried to hire a man named Don Rather, who had been arrested that week at a Ku Klux Klan rally. But the man turned out to be an (See JUDGES' BENCH, P. 2)



ECCELESIASTICAL GOODWILL—The Very Rev. Martin J. Carter, S.A., who writes the weekly column for The CAROLINIAN, "Pen and Cross," receives an award from Dr. Joseph C. Paige, executive vice president of the Shaw Divinity School during the 55th founder's event held at the school's new location on Hilltop Drive and Rush Street. (Photo by Sister Marie Faubert)