

**MANNED VEHICLES**

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accomplishment for A&T," said Fort. "Not only will it include the substantial involvement of our scientific faculty in significant research and associated with this federal priority, but it will also provide our students with significant opportunities to be involved in world-class NASA-related research."

Fort said A&T's portion of the project will be coordinated by Dr. Vishnu S. Avva, a professor of mechanical engineering. He said A&T's research will be conducted primarily in the development, analysis, and fabrication of elevated temperature composite materials, and in their formation into complex shapes.

Avva called the project "fantastic." "One of our thrusts will be how we can send manned or unmanned space vehicles to Mars and beyond," he said. "At A&T we will be looking at the types of materials that would be suitable to design the space vehicles on a mission to Mars." Avva will serve as associate director of the combined project.

Other A&T engineering professors to be involved in the project will be Dr. William Craft, Dr. Juri Filatovs, Robert Sadler, Dr. Lonnie Sharpe, Jr. and Dr. Raphael Tsu.

The nine centers were selected from 115 proposals submitted last November to NASA in response to the agency's program announcement.

**SOUTHGATE**

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for the site.

Though the center has no final commitment at this time, he does expect a fast-food franchise to be constructed in a freestanding building on the site next to the bank.

"One should be in place within a year. It a golden opportunity for anybody to get in on the ground floor," Sansom said.

Regarding a service station, he said several overtures have been made to Texaco which owns a lot at the intersection of Rock Quarry and Crosslink roads. "We can't get a firm commitment on what they're trying to do," he said.

Some office construction is planned for the site on Crosslink Road opposite the shopping center and adjacent to land owned by Laodicea United Church of Christ.

However, Sansom said he anticipates the construction of more retail space before erecting office structures at a later time.

The I-40 highway is expected to also funnel traffic traveling toward Garner and on to the eastern of the state through the shopping center area.

**SHORTAGE**

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tion's six districts for 1987 and 1988:

District I (Mountains)—3 percent in 1987, 5.4 percent in 1988.

District II (North Central)—6 percent in 1987, 9.2 percent in 1988.

District III (Metrolina)—8.6 percent in 1987, 10.6 percent in 1988.

District IV (Triangle)—7 percent in 1987, 9.7 percent in 1988.

District V (Southeast)—3.4 percent in 1987, 9.2 percent in 1988.

District VI (Coastal Plain)—3.4 percent in 1987, 5.4 percent in 1988.

**COCAINE**

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records. Alfreda Lands, 30, of 1211 1/2 S. Person St., was shot in a driveway next to her home. After the shooting, the suspect allegedly went to a Garner Road mobile home park and forced a woman at gunpoint to drive him to Fuquay-Varina, said Sgt. W.H. Payne. The woman later fled to safety in a gas station, and the suspect drove her car until it ran out of gas along SR 1010.

Smith called police later and turned himself in, Payne said. Smith was also charged with kidnapping and the larceny of a 1978 Plymouth, according to court records. He was in jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond.

**JESSE JACKSON**

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Walters said Jackson's "backward" leverage has to do with "all those resources he can bring to the table—his proven ability to arouse the voters on substantive issues and the 10 million votes he won in 1984. His "forward" leverage are those 12 million votes in 1988. When the white and Hispanic vote is added, Walters declared, "there are a total of between 15 and 20 million, 25 percent or more of the base Democratic vote support. This is the kind of thing that Jackson and his organization can bring. That's a lot of votes and anyone who wants to run to win will have to deal with Jesse and this fact."

Dr. Walters, who has written a book, "Black Presidential Politics in America" (State University of New York Press), shrugged off suggestions that he speculate on who the Jackson campaign might put forward for top cabinet, policy-making, commission, department, agency or judicial posts. Said he, "There are thousands of people within the Rainbow Coalition constituency who would be eligible for these positions. So it would be idle to speculate on that at this point."

He emphasized that "The campaign is not over, in spite of the setbacks," adding, however, "if we would stop the race right now, the more than 500 delegates he has won and the tremendous strengths he has already gained in caucuses and primaries give him credibility and clout to bargain for all kinds of things at the Atlanta convention."

**Drive Safely**

**Black Family Views Arson Origin Racial**

GEORGETOWN, Del. (AP)—A black family that has been robbed and burned out of their home in a predominantly white neighborhood contend the arson was racially motivated.

E.J. and Gail Poe said last week they also think authorities are trying to downplay the fire and the fact that "KKK" was spray-painted on bedroom doors of the home.

The fire broke out shortly before 11:30 a.m. Monday in the dining room of the home the Poes were renting with the option to buy. The Poes lived there with their two daughters and Ms. Poe's sister, Nadine Dunn.

"When I walked in the house I took one look and said, 'Lord, somebody burned down my house,'" Ms. Poe said. "We don't bother anybody. We're a religious family. It was a horrible sight. We don't know why anybody did it."

A white "K" was spray-painted on each of the three bedroom doors, along with the words "hate" and "color."

Poe's brother, the Rev. Joe L. Poe of Dover, said he believe that whoever set the fire wanted to send a message to the family.

"I think the person knew what they were doing. They didn't intend to burn it down. They wanted to get a message across. They set [the fire] by the window so someone would see it," Joe Poe said.

The family lost all its possessions and is staying with relatives in

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**Settlement Reached In Local Class Action Suit**

A settlement has been reached in a class-action lawsuit brought against Norman K. and Evelyn B. Stanley on behalf of their tenants who paid rent to them after the deadline to repair ordered by the housing inspector. The Stanleys have paid an agreed-upon sum to the attorneys representing the class which is to be distributed to members of the class in proportion to the amount of rent each class member paid to the Stanleys after the deadline to repair and before the housing code violations were cleared by the housing inspector.

The members of the class have been identified from the housing inspector's records and the Stanleys' rent receipt records. The members of the class are Evelyn Burt, Bessie Bruckshen, Retha Burgess, Louise C. Wilson, Iloh Rutherford, James Evans, Wayne Smith, Matthew McLean, Vera Young, Jean Williams, Samuel and Virginia Clark, Jessie Pearce and Beatrice Crump.

These people rented from the Stanleys during the years 1980, 1981, 1982 and 1983. In order to collect their share of the settlement fund, the above-named people need to contact Augustus S. Anderson, Jr. at East Central Community Legal Services, 828-4647. Anyone else who thinks they should get a part of the settlement money because they paid rent to the Stanleys after a deadline to repair should contact Anderson. Any member of the class who does not make an application for a share of the settlement by July 15 will not be entitled to any part of the settlement according to the judgment entered by Superior Court Judge Donald W. Stevens.

For further information, contact Gus Anderson or Bob Miller at 833-9846.

**McKimmon Center To Host Sexual Assault Conference**

Professionals and volunteers who assist victims of sexual assault and domestic violence across the state are expected to attend a conference June 1-3 in Raleigh at McKimmon Center.

The conference marks the 10th anniversary of the founding of the N.C. Domestic Violence Project and the Office of Services to Victims of Sexual Assault, both housed in the N.C. Department of Administration's Council on the Status of Women. The conference is titled, "A Decade of Response: The Coming of Age."

"Programs and shelters across the state are seeing hundreds of women who are victims of domestic violence and sexual assault each month," Administration Secretary Jim Lofton said. "For 10 years now, the Council on the Status of Women has provided much-needed financial assistance and training opportunities to professionals and volunteers throughout North Carolina so that they may better serve victims of domestic and sexual violence."

Dottie Martin, North Carolina's first lady, will be a featured conference speaker. Others will include Reuben M. Greenberg, Charleston, S.C., chief of police, and Jinx Melia, author of "Breaking into the Boardroom."

Conference workshops will cover topics as varied as developing a cam-



**HOLDING HOSTAGES**—Caledonia, Noumea, New tracks leading to tribal villages. Separatists are still holding Caledonia—hooded Kanaks separatists are seen here holding 23 hostages in Ouvea island, east of Noumea. (UPI)

**NY Activist Loves Limelight**

**Sharpton Voices Causes**

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP)—The Rev. Al Sharpton, the bombastic Pentecostal minister with the James Brown hairdo and gift for gab, climbed atop the soap box long before he found the Tawana Brawley case.

"I've been screaming ever since the doctor slapped me at birth," said Sharpton, 33, a parishless preacher from Brooklyn who wears a Martin Luther King, Jr. medallion on a chain around his beefy neck.

"Silence is not one of my characteristics," Sharpton said. "Anytime somebody tells me I get a lot of attention on my causes, that's a compliment. An activist is supposed to get attention. What am I supposed to be, an activist that kills the limelight on an issue?"

Reports, however, suggest Sharpton mouths off to more than just the news media.

In January, Newsday reported Sharpton gave information on black leaders, elected officials, organized crime figures and others to the FBI. Sharpton was also allegedly under investigation for scalping rock concert tickets earmarked for ghetto youth,

but has denied any wrongdoing.

"All that was a whole lot of talk. That's all. There's no grand jury. We gave some drug information," Sharpton said.

Sharpton has directed anti-drug rallies and took to the New York subway in December and January to lead the "days of outrage" protests against racial injustice in the city.

He screamed about racism in Howard Beach, where three white teenagers were convicted of manslaughter last year in the death of a black man they beat and chased onto a highway.

Now he is advising the 16-year-old Brawley, who he says was abducted, raped and sodomized by a group of white men in a small town 70 miles north of New York City. Racial epithets were written on her body.

On Sharpton's advice, she has refused to tell her story beyond a fragmented, almost incoherent interview with police the day she was found.

State Assemblyman Roger Green, chairman of the Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus, has accused Sharpton of using "tactics that encourage race wars."

The Rev. Carl Fleminster, executive director of the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York, said it was a travesty Sharpton and his friends had "refused to let this investigation proceed except on

their own terms."

But Sharpton says he wants to focus on what he calls a pattern of police and racial abuses.

"Enough is enough. We're going to break it on this case," Sharpton said. At age 4, Sharpton gave his first sermon, a 22-minute piece at a church in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn. He was licensed to minister at age 10 and appeared with gospel singer Mahalia Jackson when he was 16.

As a 12-year-old, he met Adam Clayton Powell, the late congressman and head of Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist Church. "You know, kid, you got to know when to hit it and when to quit it," Sharpton said Powell told him.

In 1969, Sharpton worked with Jesse Jackson on boycotts of food stores under "Operation Breadbasket." He says Jackson told him, "Turn on the heat, and don't ever turn it off."

In 1972, Sharpton met James Brown, the self-proclaimed godfather of soul music. Sharpton toured with Brown and reverently copied his wavy hairdo.

"I thought I had seen God when I met Adam Clayton Powell. When I saw James, I knew I had seen God. James is everything I would think God would be if He was walking around," Sharpton said in an interview with the Associated Press.

**Newspaper Staff Said Sympathetic To NC Captors**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—In Robeson County, N.C., even the newspaper staff who were held as hostages in February were sympathetic to the frustrations and demands of their captors. According to an article in People magazine, the hostages called Eddie Hatcher and Timothy Jacobs "the conscience of the county."

In the Disciples' Division of Homeland Ministries' Church Action for Safe and Just Communities seminar held here April 15-17, participants heard statements from Thelma Clark and Eleanor Jacobs, the mothers of Hatcher and Jacobs.

After listening to the two women, participants in the CAS-JC seminar agreed to return to their respective organizations and either write a resolution or endorse and take action on a resolution already written by the Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ.

That resolution calls for the U.S. House and Senate to conduct congressional hearings on the allegations of wrongdoing in Robeson County and supports freedom for the Robeson Three.

Disciples' and United Church of Christ representatives at the seminar also vowed to work with families and organizations in Robeson County to build the trust and unity necessary for the residents to combat the problems.

Clark and Jacobs detailed some of the violence and fears that led to their sons' actions:

•The population of Robeson County is predominantly Native American and black, yet the power structure is totally in the hands of the white community.

•The murder rate in the county is the highest in North Carolina and twice the national average.

•Joe Freeman Britt, prosecutor in the county for 14 years, is listed in the "Guinness Book of World Records" as the deadliest prosecutor in America for having sent 47 people to death row.

•An official investigation ordered by Gov. James Martin showed a pattern of institutionalized racism, illegal drug trafficking, and racially motivated violence and other forms of racial oppression.

•John Hunt, a jailed Tuscarora Indian leader who believed his life was in danger, provided information to Hatcher and Jacobs which detailed the involvement of the local law enforcement officials in the country's drug trafficking.

Other speakers at the seminar, Benjamin Malcolm, New York, N.Y., former commissioner of corrections in the state of New York, and Judge Webster L. Brewer of Indianapolis,

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