

Welcome, Oprah Winfrey

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The nation's number one television talk show comes to North Carolina's number one city for what promises to be an unforgettable event.

Oprah Winfrey, star of T.V.'s top-rated "The Oprah Winfrey Show" (seen locally on WRVD Channel 11) will broadcast her popular program from the Raleigh Civic and Convention Center Tuesday, May 24th at 10

a.m. (the show will air locally at 4 p.m. that afternoon).

Ms. Winfrey, famous for tackling subject matter ranging from Satan worshippers to Satin sheets, may have out done herself this time. Over 6,000 people from Raleigh and Durham are expected to be Oprah's guests, to talk about how they lost weight in a "Battle of the Bulge" inter city competition. The contest started April 23rd, when Ms. Winfrey

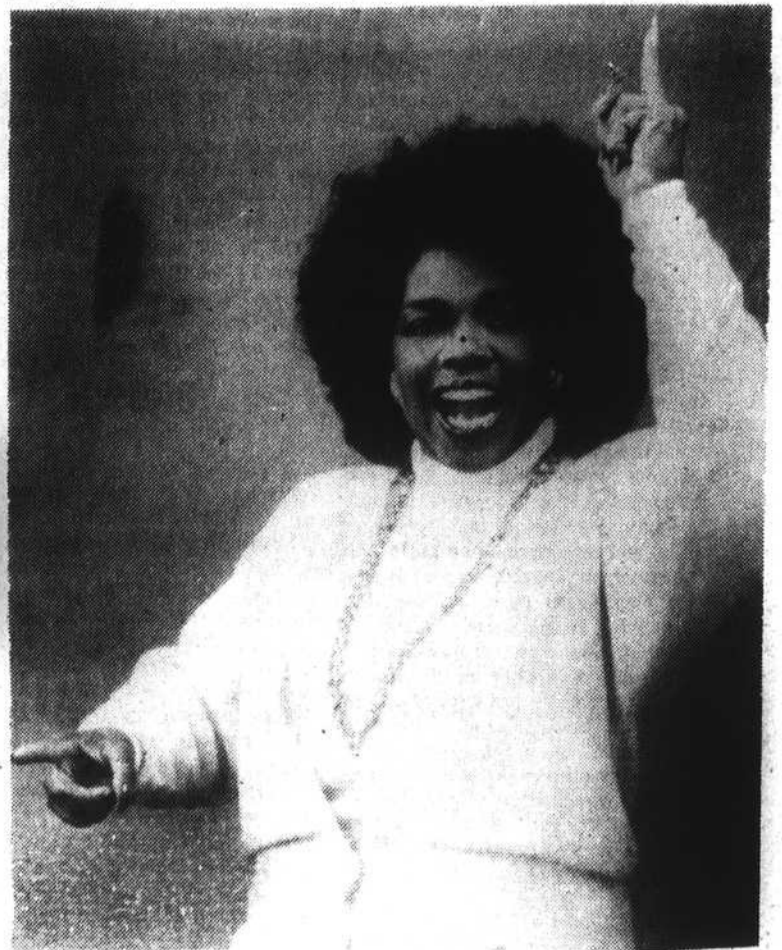
asked residents of both Raleigh and Durham to weigh in, go on month long diets, then weigh-out this past weekend. The city that lost the most pounds wins the competition, to be announced Tuesday morning on Oprah's Show.

According to Debra DiMaio, executive producer of "The Oprah Winfrey Show, one side of the Civic Center will seat Raleigh, the other side Durham with Oprah in the mid-

die. Several area high school bands and celebrities are expected to be in attendance.

Though Ms. Winfrey was not available for comment by press time, Ms. DiMaio told The CAROLINIAN that the idea for the intercity weight loss rivalry evolved from Oprah's own personal battles with the bulge. "We ("The Oprah Winfrey Show" office staff) decided that if we all joined

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R.W.C.A. Endorses School Bond

The education committee of the Raleigh - Wake Citizens Association has been very active in attending school board meetings concerning the building plans of the Wake County Public School System.

RWCA members met privately with Superintendent Robert Bridges and School Board member Dr. Holland, and have had numerous conversations with commissioner Vernon Malone. Education committee members have studied the written documents relating to the Wake County system's Long Range Building plan and have attended other community meetings where the building plan was discussed.

The education committee recommended to the RWCA membership endorsement of the \$125 million bond referendum and encouraged active support to aid in its passage. If the general membership supports the education committee's recommendation, "we pledge to monitor each step of the distribution of funds and keep the membership informed when changes in plans, due to inflation, higher-than-anticipated project bids, and other factors which could affect structures that serve African-American children occur," the committee stated.

"We also pledge to continue to advocate for structures currently not a part of the Long-Range

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Rights Groups Dismayed

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Department of Justice has a massive "case closeout project" under way in which it is asking the courts to drop desegregation injunctions against a number of school districts, notably in the South.

And the point man for this effort is a black man, Nathaniel (Nat) Douglas, a 15-year career official who is chief of the Justice Department's Education Section. A soft-spoken, graying, bearded man, Douglas' argument is gently persuasive in the turbulent atmosphere of slightly veiled racism and ebullient ideology of the Edwin Meese-W. Bradford Reynolds Department of Justice—a department that has seen top-level executives recently abandon it like rats from a sinking ship where angry staffers have painted the walls outside Meese's office with ridiculing graffiti.

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COMMUNITY AWARD—Ms. Blanche Jones from Raleigh accepts the Community Service Award from Willie Hunt, vice president for Marketing, Marris Wholesale Distributing Co., during the 6th annual "Bring Out Your Best" awards ceremony held at Shaw University.

Focus On Southeast Raleigh Brown Brings Vision To Board

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James H. Brown, Jr., when describing his recent appointment to the Raleigh Planning Commission, phrased it this way: "I'm brand-new."

But when talking with the 31-year-old real estate broker and civic leader, one gets the impression of mountains of knowledge and years of

experience. Brown's appointment to the commission brings the numbers of blacks to three, with Ed Worth and Mary Smith, out of a total of 11 members. During the nine years that he has been a real estate broker in the area, Brown said he has been involved in many facets of community life in Southeast Raleigh and throughout the

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JAMES H. BROWN, JR.

Shaw Recruits Disadvantaged Minorities

The Division of Science and Technology at Shaw University is continuing targeted recruitment efforts to increase the number of minority/disadvantaged students being trained in the fields of pre-medicine and allied health through its Health Careers Opportunity Program.

The program at Shaw, recently approved for a second three-year cycle of funding by the Division of Disadvantaged Assistance of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, provides academic enrichment activities to interested high school senior level graduates during the summer and to all levels of health science majors matriculating at Shaw during the academic year, with the objective of facilitating their entry into health professions schools.

Eugene N. Baskerville, Ph.D., director of the HCOP program at Shaw, explained, "The underrepresentation of health professional black, Hispanic, and other federally recognized disadvantaged persons is a problem of increasing concern. It is particularly disturbing to note that while the rate of growth of black and Hispanic populations is rapidly increasing, their college participation rate is currently declining. In the geographic area of North Carolina alone, approximately 24 percent of the total state population is composed of blacks and native Americans, yet, in 1985, only 3.8 percent of the physi-

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Task Force Seeks Strategies To Cease Shortage Of Black Teachers In North Carolina

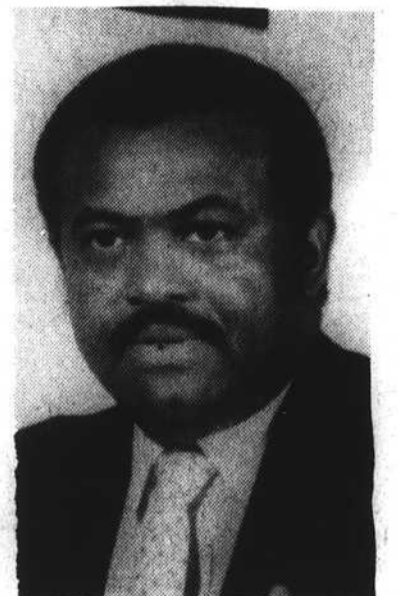
A state task force addressed the growing shortage of black teachers in North Carolina at a meeting of Southern education officials in Little Rock, Ark. on May 19.

The North Carolina task force is part of the Regional Task Force on the Supply of Minority Teachers, established last year by the National Governors' Association and the Atlanta-based Southern Education Foundation to develop policies to increase the number of minority teachers in five Southern states.

Dr. Lee Monroe, senior education advisor to Gov. Martin, presents the task force's proposal. According to Dr. Nathaniel Jackson, program officer for the Southern Education Foundation, the task force will submit its proposal to Gov. Martin and seek legislative support for funding its recommendations.

Among the initiatives the task force will call for are programs to:

- Develop and distribute to all grade levels materials to increase awareness of the teaching profession;
- Identify competent minority students as prospective teachers;
- Involve the media, civic and community organizations, business and industry in recruiting minorities for the teaching profession;
- Establish a multi-ethnic advisory committee at the state and local levels to assist in recruiting minorities;
- Establish loan forgiveness pro-



DR. LEE MONROE

grams and teacher scholarships; • Initiate cooperative data gathering linking the North Carolina Education Association, the North Carolina Public School Forum, Department of Public Instruction, public and private colleges and universities, state agencies, the North Carolina Financial Assistance/Education Authority and others to determine what each entity is doing to recruit minorities into teaching.

While similar efforts have been implemented in Southern states through

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Ms. King Petitions Israelis Release Arab Prisoner

ATLANTA, Ga.—Coretta Scott King has appealed to Israeli leaders to release from prison and retract an order to depart from Jerusalem, Mubarak Awad, a leading Arab spokesman for nonviolent conflict-resolution in the Middle East.

A Jerusalem-born social worker and youth counselor, Awad has been training Palestinians in the non-violent philosophy and strategies of Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Jr. and Abdul Gaffer Khan, a Moslem disciple of Gandhi who died last year. He has also provided the first Arabic translations of major works of nonviolence and circulated them via mobile libraries in the occupied territories of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. Awad has vigorously opposed violent retaliation against Israeli citizens and soldiers.

Awad was arrested on May 6 and is being held in solitary confinement. Reportedly, he has been denied a mattress, pillows and blankets after

beginning a hunger strike. He was also arrested last December, but was released after a groundswell of reaction from Arab and Jewish supporters. An earlier deportation order had been suspended until his recent arrest.

Ms. King, president of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-violent Social Change, cited Awad's "strong personal commitment to Martin Luther King, Jr.'s principles of nonviolence as a way of resolving conflicts." She said that Awad, who is the founder of the Palestinian Center for the Study of Nonviolence, has "worked tirelessly to advance values and literature of nonviolence for Arabic-speaking people" and has been "dedicated to fulfilling the dream of Jewish-Arab reconciliation and brotherhood."

Ms. King, who met with Awad last summer, urged Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister

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RECEIVING RECOGNITION—Sherwood H. Smith, center, chairman and president of Carolina Power & Light Co., receives the honorary doctor of civil laws degree from Dr. Joseph J. Sanson, Jr., St. Augustine's College Board of Trustees, left, and St. Augustine's College President Dr. Prezell Robinson, right. Smith was recognized for his exemplary service in support of education during the college's 121st commencement exercises.

Meeting The Needs

Prison Reform: Change The System

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The Department of Justice recently reported that, of the record high number of 586,609 federal and state prisoners incarcerated in the United States, 246,833 are black men and women. Black correctional officials across the country are expressing grave concern over the prison population which is 40 percent black while the total community represents only 12 percent of the general population.

"One of the things that frightens me about black America right now, is that I don't see that I used to win or to survive as hard as I used to see it. Now that scares me. I see people becoming so addicted to materialism. They tend to forget that there is something that has made us survive all these years. It's called moral fiber," according to Samuel F. Saxton, president of the American Jail Association and director of corrections for Prince Georges County, Md. Saxton explains that most people

get into trouble because they are followers and not leaders. "They get socialized into trouble. There is a tendency to see people come to jail in twos and fours and for years, nobody understood that."

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—Samuel F. Saxton

Those in corrections, he says, have watched other disciplines begin to analyze their issues, but have not followed suit. "We have sat on the sidelines and haven't picked up on some of the lessons they have learned. Corrections and law enforcement does not operate in a vacuum. We are part of a whole out there somewhere," he stated.

Saxton suggests that one of the key reasons for the growing number of in-

mates is that the system is not focused on some of the critical areas that need to be served. "We are putting our assets in the wrong place. The battle in corrections has been that 60 percent [incarcerated] right in the

middle who cause most of the trouble. The system has tended to look at everybody as exactly the same, and they have ignored that group in the middle."

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, female prisoner growth outpaced male inmates in 1987 by 2.4 percent or 28,839 women jailed. Experts in the field attribute the rise in drug trafficking in the United States as one of the major reasons for the increase.

"The great majority of the women incarcerated are caught up in the drug scene somehow. And the kids are going to get caught up in that, too, unless we can find a way to divert that," stated Saxton.

With the rise of the women's liberation movement, he says, came women's lib in the jail system. "You see some women getting into trouble independent of men, but it is still the rule that the average woman that gets into trouble did so in conjunction with a male."

The women, he says, are more difficult to deal with because of the "strong attachment" to their children. "We've got to have programs that talk about how to raise youngsters here in the jail. Most of them [mothers jailed] have not been educated enough to work with the



PARTY BUSINESS—Democrats H.M. "Mickey" Michaux and Lt. Gov. Bob Jordan met at the state Democratic Convention to discuss party business and pick delegates for the 1988 Democratic National Convention. (Staff photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)