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Priorities And Advocacy For Rights Vital For Selecting The President

BY CAROLYN L. BENNETT, Ph.D.

As I close my eyes, shutting out all cosmetic distractions, and rehear the tone, attitude and utterances of candidates Bush and Dukakis, I'm wondering what message, what substance and priorities, will weigh in my decision about which one of these men should be president of the United States.

Which candidate is a "likable guy" and which is an advocate? Let's begin with the Constitution.

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democracy. It anchors our unity by balancing individual rights with concerns for the public good. It provides

limitations of each of the three branches of government. When a president presumes to

the president has presumed to undermine the Constitution, circumvent the will of Congress, and usurp the rights of the people.

Mr. Bush has told us very clearly that he will continue this erosion of constitutional governance. On at least three issues—the flag salute, prayer in public schools and legal abortions—he tells us he will "find a way to get around" the law. As we have seen in his comments and rejoinders over these many months of the campaign, he repeatedly places

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for representative democracy by separating the powers of government and clearly delineating the duties and

make law he is in violation of the Constitution of the United States. But more and more over the past years,

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Claims Discrimination

Inspector Sues Vehicle Department

White Male Hired For Position

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Although the N.C. Superior Court has ruled in favor of Isaiah Green, Jr., in the case of N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles vs. Green, the black DMV inspector says he still can't get the transfer he has been seeking since December of 1985 to Wake County.

Currently, Grene is working in Hillsborough with the Department of Motor Vehicles. Green told The CAROLINIAN, "I worked as a state trooper from 1971 to 1980, then I went with DMV Enforcement. I had served in Hillsborough and in Wake County as a vehicle inspection officer. In 1985 I was assigned to the Rocky Mount office, and elevated to the position of LEO-1."

Green went on to say, "Sometime around August 1985 my immediate supervisor asked that I transfer to Hillsborough to assist LEO-1 Manuel Cruz." Green said that the move was made so that Cruz could be closer to his family. Green lives in Wake County.

In December 1985, according to Green, he talked to DMV Director of Enforcement Donald Stahl. "Mr. Stahl indicated that a position would become available in Wake County in February 1986." However, when such a position became available, Green said, "Mr. Stahl hired a white male outside of the department to fill the post."

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Caucus Here Announces Its Endorsements

The Wake County Black Leadership Caucus met on Wednesday, Oct. 26, for the purpose of endorsing a full slate of candidates for statewide and local offices for the Nov. 8 elections.

The following endorsements were made:
Governor—Bob Jordan
Lieutenant Governor—Tony Rand
Secretary of State—Rufus Edmiston
Treasurer—Harlan Boyles
Attorney General—Lacy Thornburg

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NAACP Leader Says Blacks Should "Vote, Be Heard" At Polls On Election Day

BY BENJAMIN L. HOOKS
Executive Director, NAACP

Special To The CAROLINIAN
It is very unwise for anyone of voting age not to vote on Election Day. I fervently hope that black Americans don't fall into that trap on Nov. 8.

VOTE! BE HEARD!
That is the cry from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People that has sent ringing through the land in this political season. We believe that black Americans must make their voices heard in this election.

The full participation of black Americans in the political process has been a paramount concern of the NAACP since its founding in 1909. The

first case which the NAACP carried to the Supreme Court of the United States resulted in a ruling that invalidated the infamous "Grandfather Clause" in the Oklahoma State Constitution. The "Grandfather Clause" prevented illiterate black people from voting but allowed illiterate whites to vote because of the whites' ancestry.

That ruling in June 1915 was a historic breakthrough for civil rights. The ruling put the U.S. Constitution on the side of blacks' efforts to register and vote.

But the ruling did not end Southern stratagems designed to keep the ballot from blacks. Chicanery, rigged literacy tests, poll taxes and outright

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PREPARED TO VOTE—Registered voters will file in voting been active for the past months organizing and registering polls Nov. 8 for the elections. Coalitions and groups have potential voters for the upcoming elections.

Black Bank Rates Among "Safest" In Money Magazine's "Superstars" List

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Despite the record number of bank failures in the past years, there are still some safe havens for savings near you, particularly if you live in Raleigh, Durham, or Charlotte, where one of the "superstar" banks reside.

Since 1908 Mechanics and Farmers Bank has been serving North Carolina. "It started when there was no integration and if you were black and wanted to be in business, you had to go with a black company. And Durham was where the action was; it was even called the Black Wall Street of America," according to J.J. Sanson, Jr., who retired as chairman of Mechanics and Farmers after a career that started in 1938.

Today, Ms. Julia W. Taylor, president of Mechanics and Farmers Bank, is helping to make the state's oldest black bank among the best in the country.

An exclusive survey by Money Magazine identified the 175 "safest" banks in 41 states from Alaska to Wyoming and rated Mechanics and Farmers Bank as one of the "superstars."

The survey revealed that "The superstars tend to be much smaller than multibillion-dollar money center banks; the average asset size of a superstar bank is less than \$350 million."

"They are conservatively run institutions located outside major urban areas. Many can boast of long years of devoted service to their community," the survey said. Mechanics and Farmers was organized in January 1907 under the authority of a charter issued by the Legislature of the State of North Carolina. The group of nine persons who acted as original incorporators was headed by William R. Fitzgerald, who at that time was a well-to-do

black businessman who owned several brickyards and supplied practically all of the brick used in the construction of the major business buildings and churches in Durham.

Approximately 18 months after securing the charter, the bank opened for business on Aug. 1, 1908 in quarters located at 112 W. Parrish St., Durham, which it had rented from North Carolina Mutual Life In-

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Judges' Bench

TRAFFIC ACCIDENT
In a traffic accident Monday, in front of St. Augustine's College, a vehicle ran between a light pole and a fence and crashed into the stone wall which forms the entrance to the college.

The driver was identified as Mark Teel Gatlin, of 1104 Colonial Avenue, Greenville. The vehicle was facing west on Oakwood Avenue. As the driver started it, it suddenly accelerated forward between the light pole and fence, barely missing a fire hydrant, and crashed into the stone wall. According to the police report, the vehicle took off on two wheels, hitting the curve, and landing on four wheels.

The vehicle was a 1986 Toyota which suffered extensive damage to the front end.

Gatlin was taken to Wake Medical Center unconscious where he was treated and released later Monday afternoon.

ASSAULT CHARGES
David Gerald Spivey, 35, of 1896 Spring Drive, Garner, was charged with two counts of assault with a firearm on a law enforcement officer, assault on a female and impersonating a law enforcement officer. Spivey allegedly pointed a plastic replica of a .357 magnum revolver at police officers after a disturbance in a Raleigh restaurant Sunday, but the man put the gun down and was not harmed, said police officials.

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VOTE, BE HEARD—NAACP leaders Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks and Ms. Julia W. Taylor, encourage black Americans to go to the polls and vote Nov. 8. Hooks is the executive director of the NAACP and Ms. Taylor is the president of Raleigh-Apex chapter.

NEW QUEEN—A 21-year-old 3.77 grade point average student, Ms. Joanna M. Hunter, will be crowned Miss Saint Augustine's College on Nov. 5 at 7 a.m. at Emory Fine Arts Building on the college campus.

St. Augustine's Recognizes 1991 Class During Its 122nd Annual Convocation Service

Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh formally recognized the class of 1991 and the start of its 122nd academic year this week.

The event is a time to reflect on the college's accomplishments, discuss its future and pay tribute to its incoming freshman class.

The event took on an added significance this year, as Dr. Prezell R. Robinson talked about new thrusts for the college's future.

In Robinson's keynote address, he talked about the continued growth of the college, emphasizing the major renovation to the Penick Hall of Science.

He told friends, students, faculty and staff that once the renovation is complete the building will house one of the most modern science and mathematics facilities of any higher education institution its size. The college recently received a major grant from the Pew Charitable Trust, which once matched will give the college \$1.5 million for renovation and furnishing of the building with what Robinson calls "state-of-the-art equipment."

"We must attract more students to the fields of science and mathematics," said Robinson, and this renovated facility along with the college's excellent faculty will go a long way toward attracting these students.

He also announced that he had just received a letter approving a

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Raleigh Native Excels As A Top GM Employee

BY ALLIE M. FEEBLES
Contributing Writer

Ms. Vivian B. Logan, a Raleigh native, has been cited as one of Detroit's automotive women who, because of their excellent performance, went to the top ranks. According to a General Motors news release, Vivian stands out in the blue-

gray decor of the company's plush surroundings because of her poise and impressive mannerisms.

Just recently, Vivian was promoted to serve as director of international affairs—commodities. "She's a consummate professional and has negotiated transactions in the millions of dollars," stated the writer of the General Motors release.

Vivian worked in personnel for 3½ years before assuming the position of

trade analyst with Motors Trading Corp., a subsidiary of General Motors. Her experience had previously been in personnel at A&T State University, Bennett College and Wayne State University. Vivian holds the B.S. degree in speech and theater from A&T State University and an M.S. degree in education. She also holds a master's degree in fine arts from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Vivian considers her work challenging, interesting and very rewarding. She admits that her career path has changed, but she loves her work in materials management.

Her job has many advantages, one of which is traveling all over the world. Last year alone, she traveled

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NEWS BRIEFS

NON-VIOLENCE ADVOCATE

Mubarak Awad, a Palestinian-American advocate of non-violence who was expelled from Israel June 13 by order of the government of Israel on the basis that his visa had expired, will discuss Israeli-Palestinian issues Nov. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Meredith College's Cate Center.

The Israeli government accused Awad of being a behind-the-scenes leader of the Palestinian uprising.

BUS SYSTEM EXPANDED

The Raleigh City Council has agreed to plan for an expansion of the Capital Area Transit bus system. The city will hire a consultant to develop a short-range plan for the system that suffers from low ridership. At a cost of \$20,000, the consultant would plan for new and improved routes, computer and express services, park-and-ride facilities and better public information.

FAILURE TO APPEAR

CHAPEL HILL—A warrant was issued Tuesday for former UNC football player Derrick Fenner, charging him with failure to appear in court on a charge of credit card theft. Fenner was charged with stealing an American Express bank card on May 14. Orange District Court Judge Stanley Poole issued the warrant after Fenner, 21, did not appear in court on Oct. 25. Bond was set at \$5,000.

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