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# Bush Confronting A Divided America

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Two former presidents—Republican Gerald Ford and Democrat Jimmy Carter—came to Capitol Hill last week to give President-Elect George Bush a bit of bipartisan advice—from selecting Oval Office staff, to managing the huge unmanageable budget deficit,

conducting foreign policy, to how to make peace and work with Congress. But not much on how to bridge the gap between a divided America. Coming on the heels of what former Democratic hopeful Walter Mondale charged was the "worst campaign" in recent memory, they offered few specifics to Bush on how to achieve the president-elect's stated aim to

achieve "a kinder, gentler America." Looking fit, the two former presidents strolled into the National Press Club bearing a two-volume "American Agenda Report to the 41st

group of former government officials and leaders of business, labor and the civil rights movement. Vernon Jordan, former president of the National Urban League, was the only black

Eagleburger, former undersecretary of state; and Carla Hills, former assistant attorney general.

The two presidents told the assembled press that they had paid a visit to President-Elect Bush and briefed him on the report. "He listened and made no comment," Ford said. They said tax increases and decreased federal spending are essential if America is to recover its fiscal health despite George Bush's stubborn "read my lips" stance.

replied Ford, "we have included a section called 'Children at Risk' in which we urge early intervention on the part of the president with poor children as a means of breaking the cycle of poverty. We proposed that all eligible children—only 20 percent right now benefit from these programs—be covered by Head Start, prenatal care, immunization, (See GEORGE BUSH, P. 2)

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President of the United States of America." This report had been compiled under the chairmanship of Ford and Carter, assisted by a bipartisan

member; others included former Secretary of the Treasury W. Michael Blumenthal, Henry Kissinger, former secretary of state; Lawrence



MS. LEE L. ROBINSON

## Wake Tech Crowns Ms. Lee Robinson Queen For 1988-89

Lee L. Robinson of Raleigh was crowned Ms. Wake Technical Community College after being chosen by Wake Tech students in a campus-wide election.

Kelly Tift of Cary was first runner-up, and Emily "Jill" Creech of Raleigh was second runner-up.

As Ms. Wake Tech for the 1988-89 school year, Ms. Robinson will represent the college as official hostess and goodwill ambassador.

Ms. Robinson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Smith of 1307 Hazelnut Drive in Raleigh. She graduated from Athens Drive High School in 1984 and is now enrolled in the criminal justice associate degree program at Wake Tech. She is married to David Wayne Robinson and has a son, David Wayne Robinson, Jr.

Ms. Tift, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Tift of 209 Gregory St. in Cary, is a 1984 graduate of Anthony A. Henninger High School in New York and the Bullock School of Professional Modeling. She is enrolled in the executive secretarial science associate degree program at Wake Tech.

Ms. Creech, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Creech of 5725 Woodcrest Drive in Raleigh, is also enrolled in the executive secretarial science program at Wake Tech. She graduated from Garner Senior High School in 1988.

In other Wake Tech news, Susan McLean of Willow Springs was installed as 1988-89 president of the Wake Technical Community College Student Government Association.

Other newly installed officers are M. Gregory Simpkins of (See MS. WAKE TECH, P. 2)

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## Arrested For Looting

### He Guarded Damaged Area Stores

Dewery Thurman Phillips, 57, of 2715 Chavis Drive, was charged with looting a tornado-damaged store that he had been assigned to protect.

Raleigh police say a man working for a local security firm was seen taking shoes from the Silver Slipper Shoe Store and putting them into his car.

The suspect was in charge of securing the Radio Shack and the Silver Slipper stores which were located next to the K-Mart at Townridge Shopping Center on Glenwood Avenue. Phillips was released under a \$5,000 secured bond.

Also last week, a man police had thought had bilked a clothing store out of \$1,100 in new clothes under the pretext of donating them to the Salvation Army has turned the clothing in to the charitable organization.

The store was the Austin-Taylor in the Ashton Square shopping center on North Boulevard. Mattie Kemp, the store president, at first thought she had been conned after talking with police officers, but after checking with administrators at the organization, she found that the man had eventually turned the clothes over to the agency.

By late Thursday afternoon, Kemp had a receipt in hand for the clothing. It seems it just took the man a couple of days to finish with his end of the charitable act. (See LOOTING, P. 2)



UNCF LEADER—Entertainer Lou Rawls receives an honorary doctor of letters degree from Dr. Talbert G. Shaw, president of Shaw University, recently. Rawls will host one of the biggest holiday specials on TV Dec. 17, the "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon, a benefit of the United Negro College Fund, which includes Shaw University and Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh.

## Panel Proposes \$20.5 Million To Help Poor

(AP)—A legislative panel has recommended spending \$20.5 million over the next two years to improve services for the poor and ensure equal access to benefits for people in all areas of North Carolina.

child abuse and neglect, the report said. Of those, 8,015 were "substantiated," meaning that government intervention was thought necessary to avoid a "risk of continued maltreatment."

The plan which the Social Services Study Commission will forward to the General Assembly for the 1989 session calls for spending \$11.7 million to fund 203 new positions for "child protection services," or preventing child abuse.

Another \$4 million was requested for a 10 percent increase in benefits for recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children.

The commission developed the spending plan from a cost-and-need analysis provided by the state Department of Human Resources.

Commission co-chairman Sen. Russell G. Walker, D-Randolph, said the panel wanted to help counties that were hard-pressed to meet state requirements for assisting low-income citizens.

Although far less expensive, the plan is based on the concept underlying the Basic Education Program, an eight-year, \$800 million blueprint for upgrading public schools, Walker said.

In both cases, he said the state is trying to assure that people in less affluent rural areas can get the same services as those in wealthy urban counties.

The \$11.7 million for child protection is a top-priority item, said Sen. J. Ollie Harris, D-Cleveland, because the problem appears more widespread than many experts had thought.

"We've just had a problem in my county where the [Social Services] department was notified of a child-abuse case and didn't react quickly enough, and the child was severely injured," he said. "It woke them up to the fact that we've got to check all these reports as soon as possible, and... that they need more staff, more help."

In its report, the Department of Human Resources calculated that another 109 investigative and 66 treatment positions were needed to improve child protection services, at a cost of \$9.4 million. The report also said that 47 supervisory positions were needed at a cost of \$2.3 million.

In the 1987-88 fiscal year, county social service departments received and investigated 23,713 reports of

## States Should Avoid "Frills" In Welfare

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Heritage Foundation, an ultra-conservative think-tank, has released a report from a former Department of Health and Human Services official now working with the group, which harshly criticizes the new welfare reform law.

The Job Opportunity and Basic Skills Training program, the centerpiece of the legislation, is intended as a national version of the

Massachusetts Employment and Training program, which centers on specialized training but does not force welfare recipients to take available jobs, says Heritage Visiting Fellow Kate Walsh O'Beirne in her "study."

She says the ET program was never scientifically proven successful in reducing the number of people on welfare. "Solid research... shows that (See WELFARE, P. 2)

## Brotherhood Dinner Honors Poet, Recognizes Outstanding Students

North Carolina State University honored Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks and six outstanding black students at its seventh annual Brotherhood Dinner Thursday, Dec. 1, at McKimmon Center. NCSU Chancellor and Mrs. Bruce R. Poulton hosted the event.

The Brotherhood Dinner each year honors an African-American who has made an outstanding contribution to the nation and the world. This year's honoree was Brooks,

who is widely recognized as one of the nation's leading poets of this century. Brooks won the Pulitzer Prize in 1950 for her book of poems, "Annie Allen," making her the first African-American writer to win a Pulitzer.

Brooks has been poet laureate of Illinois since 1969. She has written more than 15 books of poetry, one novel, two books on writing for young people and an autobiography.

The Brotherhood Dinner program included a talk by Brooks as well as a

videotape, "A Celebration of Gwendolyn Brooks: An African-American Poet," produced at NCSU.

Also honored at the dinner were six outstanding students from area colleges. Student honorees included:

• Nadine D. Clipper. Her guardian is Dr. James L. Jones, 1454 Corcoran St., N.W., Washington, D.C. Clipper is a junior majoring in radio-television communications at Shaw University.

• Leon Hudson, Jr., son of Mr. and (See BROTHERHOOD, P. 2)



FOR BROTHERHOOD—North Carolina State University honored Pulitzer Prize-winning poet Gwendolyn Brooks and six African-American students at the annual Brotherhood Dinner. NCSU Chancellor and Mrs. Bruce Poulton hosted the event. They are seen here with Ms. Brooks and her husband, poet Henry Blakely.



FINE ARTS AWARD—Toni Morrison, author of the '88 Pulitzer prize-winning novel "Beloved" has been named recipient of the '88 American Black Achievement Award in the field of Fine Arts.