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NAACP Director Says Campaign Use Of Willie Horton "Not Racist"

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS
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WASHINGTON, D.C.—The NAACP's campaign with President-elect George Bush to discuss some of the racial problems confronting blacks is not something new to NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Lawson Hooks. Hooks told NNPA in a wide-ranging phone interview from his Baltimore headquarters office, "I have met with George Bush once or twice a year for

ever since President Bush took office. It has always been on the meetings agenda, the discussions involving issues confronting the black community frank, open and broadly inclusive."

Hooks was responding to an NNPA query concerning his recent visit with the president-elect during which Bush reportedly said he plans to

appoint Hooks to his cabinet. Hooks did not comment on the report. However, Hooks said he has been "honored" that a black leader has been named to a cabinet-level post. Louis Sullivan, president of Morehouse College of Medicine, Atlanta, to the Department of Health and Human Services, and Lt. Gen. Julius W. Becton, Jr., director of the Federal Emergency Management

Agency, to head the newly created Veterans Affairs Department.

However, convicted murderer Willie Horton's furlough from a Massachusetts prison during which he raped a woman and became a campaign issue Bush used to literally strangle his opponent Michael Dukakis, troubled the civil rights leader.

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Police Search Continues

Woman Raped In Apartment

Intruder Climbs Up Building

A man who scaled the building to break into a third-floor apartment early one morning last week raped a Wake County woman who had just returned to her apartment complex on Tall Timber Drive near the Crabtree Valley Mall.

Upon entering her apartment, she noticed her belongings were out of order, and she was about to leave, but a man grabbed her, forced her to disrobe, and blindfolded her. He then took the woman to the bedroom and raped her.

After the act the rapist fled from the apartment and the woman called the Sheriff's Department around 3 a.m. A Sheriff's Department spokesman declined to say whether the rapist used a weapon. The attacker had somehow managed to climb an outside wall and broke in

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RACIAL HARRASSMENT—The Governor's Task force on systems. The Task Force are pictured from left, Josie Kite of Racial, Religious and Ethnic Violence and Intimidation held a Greensboro, Edward Knox of Charlotte, James Sears of public forum last Thursday in an effort to learn more about Gates, NC, and Carol Nemitz from Raleigh. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

"Godfather of Soul," His Life A Mess, Faces Six Years In Prison

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—For James Brown, the Godfather of Soul, Soul Brother No. 1, the self-proclaimed Pope of Music, it has finally come to this: six years in a South Carolina prison for trying to run over two policemen.

Just two years after a comeback run, Brown's life is a mess. The man praised by presidents for his good works cannot stay out of trouble. The singer of love ballads was charged this year with trying to kill his wife; it's his third tumultuous marriage. The crusader against drugs apparently has a PCP habit.

"Obviously, there is trouble within the confines of James Brown, the man," his attorney, Albert "Buddy" Dallas, said last week.

"It's unbelievable," said Robert "Flash" Gordon of Augusta, who worked for the singer-businessman's three radio stations in the 1970s, before Brown lost the stations and much of what he owned in tax and other money troubles.

"I can't imagine anything like this happening to him," Gordon said last Friday from Augusta, the day his friend checked into a prison evaluation center.

Brown, 55, has shown little sign of slowing down, either on or off the stage. He still performs around the world. He still makes records.

Brown was arrested at least seven times in the past year and a half, including twice in a bizarre 20 hours in September that culminated in Thursday's sentence in Aiken, S.C.

On Sept. 24, Brown led police on a two-state, high-speed chase until they shot out his tires. According to blood tests, he was strung out on PCP, a hallucinogen known as "angel dust." After posting bond, he was arrested for drunken driving.

His trial in Georgia on 10 misdemeanor charges stemming from the chase is scheduled for Jan. 23, 1989.

"This is not the real James Brown," said Dallas, his attorney of four years. Brown's problems, he

said, "originated during a time of domestic difficulties" with his wife, Adrienne. "He just can't get it to smooth out."

"I programmed three radio stations for him," Gordon recalled. "He didn't allow anything like that. If you even had any alcohol or anything like that, you lost your job. I don't know what has happened to him."

Longtime employee Fred Daviss saw him in September. "He had passed the point of no return," Daviss said. "He had trouble speaking. His wife was hiding the car keys from him. I pleaded with her to get him some help."

In the past, Brown made it on his own. Jailed for auto theft at 15, the former shoeshine boy got out and formed a singing group that became the Famous Flames. In 1956, he

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WAIT A MINUTE, I'M THINKING—Well not really, this student a hearing disabled student is telling Santa Claus what he wants by using sign language. Santa's intent stare is because he must communicate with his eyes and his hands. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

A Merry Christmas Wish For All Readers With Peace And Goodwill From Us Here

BY WILBERT M. SANDERS
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Christmas is a time for joy, and a time to be happy and a time for sharing, giving and receiving. We are living and experiencing the abundant life when with unselfish love we seek our own in another's good and never be content with abundance until we attend to the needs of the less fortunate.

All these attributes and qualities are manifestations of celebrating the advent of Jesus Christ, who came that we have and know the abundant life at this holy Christmas time.

Can't we just for a few moments pause and divert our attention from problems and concentrate on this beautiful time of the year? At Christmas we wonder about the joyous occasion it is supposed to represent. We find it is to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace; the one who came to save the world from sin; the one who taught love and goodwill between men

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Judges' Bench

Max Robinson, TV Anchorman, Is Dead At Age 49

America's first black news anchorman to reach the network level died Tuesday morning due to complications of AIDS.

Howard University Hospital spokesperson Tonya Swanson said Max Robinson, 49, succumbed to AIDS. Robinson had been ill for more than a year and had been bedridden for more than a month, Roger Wilkins, a family member, said.

Robinson's success began at Washington's WTOP-TV, where he won top ratings for a decade for his on-air performance. As proof of his ability to deliver and report the news, he went on to the national network, joining ABC News.

In 1978, he co-anchored the evening news with Peter Jennings in London and Frank

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JACOBS DEFENDS HATCHER—Timothy Jacobs, 30, who is residing with the Onondaga Indians in New York while battling extradition to Robeson County to face 14 counts of kidnapping, told reporters at a news conference Monday that he had heard rumors that co-defendant Eddie Hatcher was on the reservation.

But as far as he knew, Hatcher, 31, had not been to the Onondaga reservation during the weekend and he said that he did not know Hatcher's whereabouts.

TRAFFICKING IN COCAINE

Gordon Ronnell Hines, 31, of 1022 Faison St., Wilson, was charged with trafficking 140 grams of cocaine last week. Authorities arrested him at Raleigh-Durham International Airport Thursday. Hines was charged with trafficking cocaine by possession and by transportation. He was being held in Wake County Jail under \$200,000 bond. The airport drug inter-

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NEWS BRIEFS

FOOD FOR NEEDY

Sixteen fraternities and a sorority at North Carolina State University have collected 35,072 pounds of food for distribution to needy residents and tornado victims in Wake County.

The NCSU Inter-Fraternity Council's 21st annual fall food drive broke the group's record by more than 6,000 pounds. Students collected canned and packaged food by going door-to-door in Raleigh during the fall semester. The food has been given to Wake County Relief, a church-based organization that will distribute it.

HOLIDAY CALLING

WASHINGTON, D.C.—American Telephone & Telegraph Co. says it expects to handle more than 47 million long-distance calls this Christmas—a holiday



GIFTS FOR CHILDREN—Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Spencer, Ruth Woodson, Tezisa Perry and Lloydine Perry, Theta Omega Chapter presents its annual gifts to the Central Standing left to right, Dorenia Hammond, Mary Aldrich, and Children's Home in Oxford, N.C. Pictured are Barbara Flood, Linda Gill, Health Committee co-chairman. (Photo by James President, presenting a donation to Michael Alston, Director O. Williams) of the home. Also pictured are seated, left to right, Joan

Prestigious Fraternity Offers Its 1988 Distinguished Service Awards To Four

Eta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious black fraternal groups, honored four of its distinguished members at its annual Go-Dutch Dinner. The affair was held in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center at St. Augustine's College.

The following four brothers were honored: Ted Padgett, Judge Stafford G. Bullock, Dr. Clinton R. Downing and Dr. George R. Debnam.

Padgett, who is station manager for airport operations, Trans World Airlines, Inc. at RDU, received the chapter's Distinguished Service Award for Bigger and Better Business.

Padgett coordinated all ground activities for Pope John Paul II's tour when he visited America in September 1987. As the current chairperson for the chapter's Bigger and Better Business Committee, Padgett has thrust the chapter forward in exploring business possibilities that are new and unprecedented for the group.

Judge Bullock, a local judge in the Wake County District Court, was honored as the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award for Social Action. In addition to citing Judge Bullock's exemplary commitment to community and public service, the group lauded him as an outstanding judge who is known for his judicial moderation and restraint.

Dr. Downing was awarded the chapter's Distinguished Service Award for Education. One of a very

few blacks with the rank of full professor in the University of North Carolina system, he is currently serving as a full professor of education at East Carolina University. As chairperson for Eta Sigma Chapter's Education Committee for years prior to stepping down this year, his contribution to the organization, particularly in the area of education, was described as "enormous." Education is one of Phi Beta Sigma's most vital programs.

The group's coveted Man of the Year Award went to Dr. Debnam, a

well-known and popular local physician. This was the third time that Dr. Debnam had walked off with the chapter's most prized award. In addition to the award, he received a standing ovation from the audience. He also received gifts from his pastor and pastor's wife, Dr. and Mrs. David C. Forbes, Sr., which was presented by Jesse C. Saunders, chairman of the Board of Deacons at Martin Street Baptist Church.

The chapter's vice president, Dr. Marion Phillips, acted as master of

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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE—Judge Stafford G. Bullock (center) smiles proudly as he is awarded the Eta Sigma Chapter's Distinguished Service award for Social Action by Dr. Dudley E. Reed (at right), the Chapter's president. Shown (at left) is Mr. Dallas Foster, the Chapter's Director of Publicity, who introduced Judge Bullock.