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NEWS BRIEFS

JOB AND EDUCATION FAIR

Teachers and prospective teachers from across North Carolina and neighboring states are invited to "Teach in North Carolina," a free job and education fair sponsored by the N.C. Department of Public Instruction, April 8 at Dorton Arena, beginning at 9 a.m.

SCIENCE AND MATH AWARDS

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Bob Etheridge has announced that nominations are being accepted for the 1989 Presidential Awards for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching program. Teachers can be nominated by colleagues, administrators, students or parents.

HEALTH AND CHILD CARE

Health and child care officials from North Carolina Pediatric Society and the N.C. Child Advocacy Institute will host a symposium to discuss coming legislative issues in North Carolina, including the need for quality day care and the Children's Health Incentives Reform Plan, a mandatory health insurance plan for infants and children. The symposium will be held on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 1-4 p.m. at the Sheraton Imperial, Research Triangle Park.

EARLY PAY RAISES

Teachers and state employees will probably get a pay raise before April 1990 as tax collections pick up and the General Assembly finds ways to cut spending, Gov. James G. Martin said earlier this week.

INEQUITIES IN TRANSPLANTS

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP)—Although a high number of black patients are on waiting lists for organ transplants, a relatively small percentage of blacks have been willing to become organ donors, health officials say. But during that same time, blacks received 20 percent of all donated organs and 40 percent of those currently awaiting a kidney transplant are black.

COURT MARTIAL TO BEGIN

CAMP LEJEUNE—A court martial is scheduled to begin for a Marine sergeant accused of dereliction of duty in the disappearance of a lance corporal who died after being abandoned in a California desert in August. The court-martial is set for Feb. 2. (See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)

Advisory Board Honors Three For Public Service

The Human Resources and Human Relations Advisory Commission has announced the winners of its 1989 Human Relations Awards. The commission presents these awards each February in recognition of Human Relations Month.

Winners of the annual awards are Alexander B. Denson of 3409 Huckaby Circle, John P. Green of 802 S. East St. and Balentine's Cafeteria, 410 Oberlin Road.

Denson receives the Citizens Award for his volunteer efforts and leadership with the Wake County Coalition for the Homeless. Denson, a federal magistrate, began working at a homeless shelter in 1987. Concerned with the lack of services for Raleigh's homeless population, Denson was instrumental in bringing together a group of concerned citizens to conduct a three-month study early last year on the problems of the homeless. In May, the group formed the coalition, which has worked with local government and community agencies to improve services to the homeless.

The commission honors Green for his community involvement with many groups, including the Central Citizens Advisory Council, the Garner Road YMCA Board of Directors, the Raleigh Appearance Com-

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Vote On Congressional Pay Raise Offered If Members Demand

BY DR. ALBERT JABS
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An Analysis

Teachers protest a salary freeze; some legislators resist minimum wage improvements, and 37 million in this country do not have adequate health care plans. With all of this the leaders in Washington will probably get a 50 percent pay raise... a pay raise which goes into effect within 30 days. Should this raise be rejected?

Two years ago in the same way, a congressional pay raise was given. In just two years, 1987-89, members of Congress will be doubling their salaries. Should this be rejected?

Perhaps President George Bush should challenge the way this is being done, along with Gov. James Martin and foremost servants of the people. In view of the deficits, medical indigents and the state of the economy,

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and a delegation from North Carolina. The elected officials should repudiate this naive process in the government according to some local observers.

People who are elected are first

Nnamdi Onuorah, instructor of business management at Shaw University, emphasized that a pay raise is not merited at this time. He claims that working people have difficulty in providing for their own needs and minimum wage is not enough for many of them.

Dr. Orus Barker, also a professor at Shaw University, states unequivocally that a pay raise is not in order this year, because of financial needs of the poor, homeowners and others.

Some citizens say the public (See PAY RAISE, P. 2)

Mean-Spirited Decision

Caucus Hits Court Ruling

Set-Asides Decision Questioned

ANNAPOLIS, Md. (AP)—Black Maryland lawmakers concerned that a Supreme Court ruling in a Virginia case may set back affirmative action in government contracts have asked the state attorney general for an opinion.

The high court ruling restricts the ability of state and local governments to guarantee minority business a share of public contracts through set-asides.

"It does appear that you cannot put in set-asides as we have in the past," said Sen. Decatur Trotter, D-Prince George's, a member of the Legislative Black Caucus. "This is a devastating opinion."

"There will be an onslaught of contractors suing," predicted Delegate Curt Anderson, D-Baltimore, chairman of the caucus, who asked Attorney General J. Joseph Curran, Jr. for the opinion.

"This marks a huge change in the overall spirit of the Supreme Court. This is a mean-spirited decision," Anderson said.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, writing for the majority in the recent decision, said any governmental affirmative action program must be based on a record of prior discrimination and must be "narrowly tailored" to overcome only that wrong. The justices invalidated a Richmond, Va., minority set-aside law, saying the set-aside percentage was arbitrary.

Maryland lawmakers are worried about the ruling's potential effect on Baltimore, which has a 20 percent set-aside law; the state, which has a voluntary 10 percent minority procurement goal; and the suburban Washington counties, Anderson said. Baltimore City Council Vice President Jacqueline McLean said she anticipated the city might be forced to make some minor modifications in its set-aside law. In writing it, Baltimore addressed the high court's two major objections to the Richmond law.

"We held lengthy hearings and established a clear and convincing (See COURT RULING, P. 2)



ACTIVE STUDENTS—Hillside High teacher Eddie Miller and Roy Allen, were active in the recent move to get, and his students, from left, Darnelle Gambell, James J.K. Miller, and Roy Allen, were active in the recent move to get, the State of North Carolina to formally ratify the 24th Amendment abolishing the poll tax.

25 Years Later, Students Want State To Ratify 24th Amendment

Upon the urging of students from Hillside High School, a bill calling for the ratification of the 24th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America was introduced into the North Carolina General Assembly last Monday. The 24th Amendment, which became federal law in 1964, ended the practice of charging blacks and poor whites a poll tax in order to vote.

The bill was sponsored in the North Carolina House of Representatives by legislators Mickey Michaux, Sharon Thompson, and George Miller. In addition, the bill was signed by black House members from across the state. After its introduction, the bill was assigned to the Judiciary Committee for hearings which will be scheduled during the month of February.

The students from Hillside became involved in the project as a way to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the U.S. Constitution. Since North Carolina never acted on the poll tax amendment, the students set out to

change that. According to James Reaves, student body president at Hillside, "Even though the poll tax has not been in existence for more than 25 years, our students wanted to make sure that North Carolina symbolically moved from the list of 'unratified' to the list of 'ratified' states."

Reaves indicated that the students will return to Raleigh to testify before the Judiciary Committee during the hearings. He also hopes that a delegation of students can also be present when the bill becomes law.

Seventy-eight Hillside student council members were in Raleigh Monday when the bill was introduced. Thompson and Michaux have drafted a bill calling for North Carolina to retroactively ratify the 24th Amendment. This amendment, which eliminated the payment of a poll tax as a restriction to voting, was added to the Constitution in 1964. However, North Carolina never took an official position on the amendment.

The Hillside students have been working with Thompson, Michaux and other members of the Durham General Assembly delegation for the past two years.

Student Council advisor Eddie Davis, in an interview with THE CAROLINIAN, said, "Although the 24th Amendment was adopted 25 years ago, the Tar Heel State was not one of the 38 states that ratified. Our student leaders see this project as a way to have our state move from the 'unratified' to the 'ratified' column. In doing so, our students, with the help of the General Assembly, will have brought about a slight, yet symbolic, change in the United States Constitution.

"Most importantly, our students will learn the real-life legislative process. We had a large delegation on Monday night when the bill was introduced and assigned to a committee. We also plan to lobby and present testimony at the committee hearings for the bill."



RALPH CAMPBELL

Council Seeks Solutions For Bias Charges

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Civil rights organizations and watchdog groups have reported a rise in racial incidents in North Carolina and across the nation. Along with this increase, the Raleigh City Council recently was questioned about the escalation of discriminatory practices and harassment of city employees and urged to find an effective solution.

Finding a solution to handling discriminatory complaints is not as simple as it sounds, according to council member Ralph Campbell, chairman of the law and finance committee. Campbell said a great deal of opposition is evident in reaching a solution that would undoubtedly benefit all parties concerned.

Campbell said the reason the council is not ready to handle job bias cases is that they do not have the authority to enforce any decisions they may make regarding discrimination. However, they do have a civil rights officer to in-

(See RALPH CAMPBELL, P. 2)

Judges' Bench

DUKE EMPLOYEE RAPED

A Duke Medical Center employee was beaten and raped Tuesday as she walked to work early this week. This was the second attack near the center in less than 24 hours.

Both attacks happened in daylight and now employees at the center are fearing for their safety. Several attacks have also occurred in recent months.

Police said a man in a small black car followed the woman before getting out and grabbing her. The man dragged her into a nearby wooded area, raped and beat her.

This incident followed another rape Monday, when another female employee leaving the medical center was attacked by two armed men in a parking deck on Erwin Road.

OFFICER FIRED

Raleigh Police Officer Jeffrey A. Karpovich has been fired from the department after a misdemeanor assault conviction. He is appealing his firing and his conviction through the city manager. He was found guilty recently of kicking a drunk-driving suspect in the buttocks. Raleigh

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Shaw Divinity School Celebrates An "African-American Experience"

BY ELAINE HOLLOWAY
Special To THE CAROLINIAN

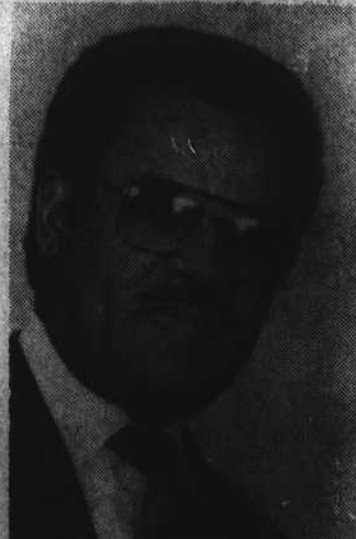
In thinking of one's heritage one's mind automatically travels back to the past and feels the grandness of days when all seemed well with the world, and of our forefathers, whose days were filled with thoughts of serving God, and taking care of family and enjoying dear friends.

The new Shaw Divinity School is reminiscent of such a time. On February 10th and 11th the School will host its 2nd Annual Heritage Festival.

The theme of this festival and all other Divinity School activities is "Share The Vision." According to the president, Dr. Gregory Headen, the vision of the Divinity School having its own campus was truly God inspired.

"The Divinity School is seen to be more than a school. Although it's main function is to train and educate would-be pastors to teach and preach the Word of God," Dr. Headen emphasized. "We do not want to turn out heavy-minded preachers, that are

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EDUCATORS TO FESTIVAL—From left, Dr. Albert O. Shaw of Shaw University and Dr. Pruzell N. Robinson of St. Augustine's College will give their insights on education Feb. 10 at Shaw Divinity School's second annual Heritage Festival. Their presentations are part of a two-day celebration beginning at 7 p.m. and including a host of information and performances, part of the "African-American Experience." Admission is free, and all events will take place on the 509 Hilltop Drive campus. For additional information call the Divinity School at 832-1701.



CAREER DAY—Among the school systems from all across the country attending NCCU's Career Day was Prince George's County Public School System in Maryland, the 16th largest in the country. Pictured above are Robert Gaskin, left, supervisor of instructional personnel, and Regina Humaine, right, principal of Roger B. Taney Middle School.