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Black Caucus Beginning New Leadership Era

The widely acclaimed North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus elected a full slate of new officers on Saturday to guide the statewide organization during the next two years. Elijah "Pete" Peterson of Rockingham was elected to the chairmanship; Betty Eddleman, Concord, vice chairperson; Ted Kinney, Fayetteville, eastern vice chair; Dr. Roy Moore, Greensboro, Piedmont vice chair; Robert "Bob" Davis, Charlotte, western vice chair; Diana Cotton, Winston-Salem, secretary; Ralph Campbell, Jr., Raleigh, treasurer; and Edward Gardner, Asheville, parliamentarian.

The Black Caucus' strength is its broad-based membership and its statewide communications network with the black community, including leaders who represent precinct organizations, civic and social organizations, public officials, community activists, business leaders, educators, the clergy and others who are committed to economic, political, social, civic and educational equality throughout North Carolina.

The organization started in 1976 when several key state black leaders perceived that there was a strong need for a statewide group which would consolidate the civil rights gains of the past into a new and effective thrust for black political influence; with the stated purpose to seek full equality for all black North Carolinians "from the mountains to the sea."

Chairman-elect Pete Peterson, a native North Carolinian, has worked in the state's public school system for the past 33 years, a high school principal for 20 years bringing a wealth of educational experience to the post. He has strong administrative skills and has developed an excellent rapport with students, colleagues, and government officials on all levels. In 1986 he was voted North Carolina Principal of the Year. In 1987 Peterson completed the challenging Principal's Executive Program at the In-

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Housing And Education

Price Unveils Agenda For Wake

Special To The CAROLINIAN
The 101st Congress may be grinding slowly into gear, but Fourth District Rep. David Price is ready to get back to work. "I've got a legislative 'wish list' that I'm eager to translate into policy," the congressman said.

Beginning his second term in Congress, Price took time out recently to reflect on the last two years and to look ahead at the 101st Congress. A former political science professor at Duke University, Price may have a unique perspective on the inner workings of Washington. "Having taught congressional politics for 13 years, I haven't encountered too many sur-

prises," he said. "The day-to-day life of politics is still one of process and procedure, not glamour and stump speeches."

"We'll be hammering out a comprehensive housing package for the 1990s. The housing crisis we are facing must be resolved. We need to raise the quantity and quality of affordable housing..."

Rep. David Price

Price's bill tightening regulations on home equity loans, signed into law last year, is one illustration of that

theory. The new law, which goes into effect this fall, requires lenders to disclose the full terms of home equity loans. "After taking out a home equity

building support among consumer groups and banks as well as the House, then bird-dogging it through the legislative process."

Price hopes to put those lessons to use in the 101st Congress as well. "This will be a hectic session, with a long list of important issues before us," he said. "On the national agenda, reducing the budget deficit is our top priority. At the same time, we also need to maintain steady economic growth, ensure the health of our financial institutions, improve education and health care and clean up the environment."

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REP. DAVID PRICE

Expressing Alienation

Groups Hit Justice System

Trial For Hastings Denounced

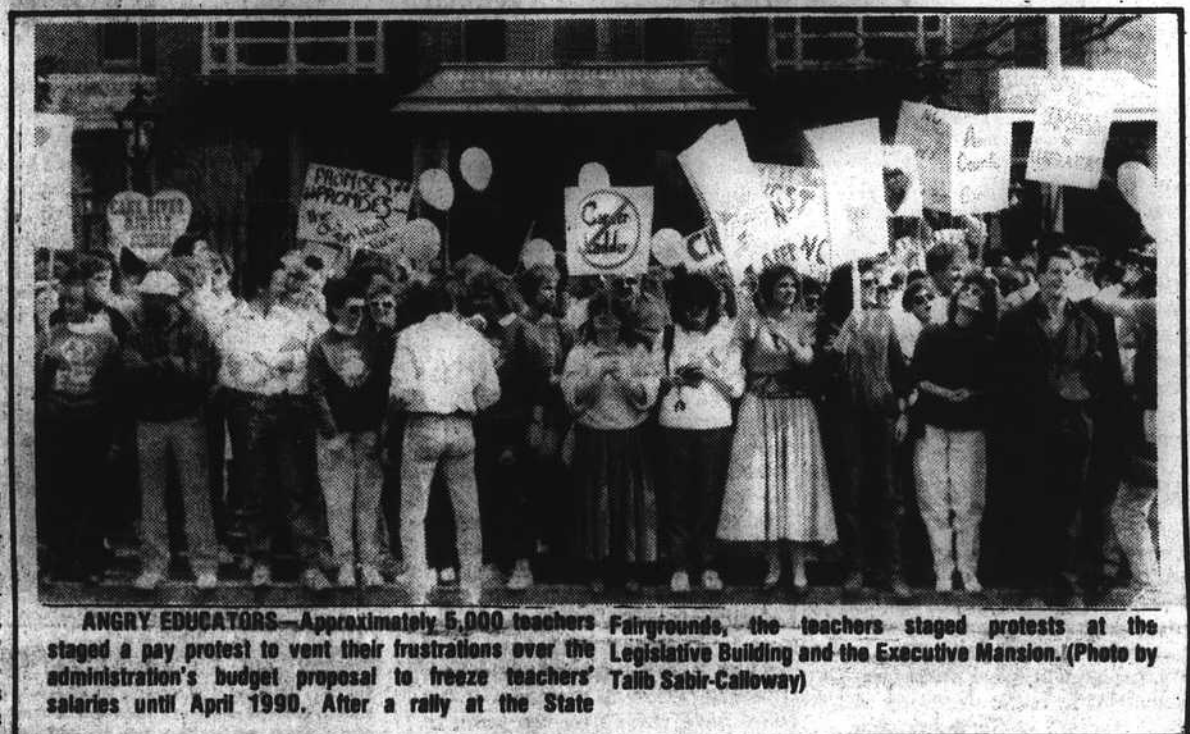
BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.
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WASHINGTON, D.C.—A discussion the other day of the pending Senate impeachment trial of federal Judge Alcee Hastings has raised an unsettling question for me. To wit: Are African-Americans losing faith in the American system of justice?

This is not an idle, academic question. For some time now, I have stumbled periodically, and not by design, into this murky area of African-American disenchantment. But for the most part I have dismissed it as occasions of personal pique, or momentary bitter assessments by shrewd, worldly cynics who have accepted injustice as a way of life (it's the way things are, so what else is new? they ask).

In the streets I encounter it all the time. Angry, street-smart black dudes, hanging out on the corners of the nation's city streets, can run it down for you in bitter words that become rapping poetry, but they are obviously not beneficiaries of the system and, thus, have no stake in supporting it. Undereducated, jobless, many on drugs or selling them, they are the nation's despised, the most obvious throwaways—a whole generation of them, my God!—heading for prison or an early grave.

But how I'm hearing it more and more from blacks who have a stake in the system—a leading magazine publisher, a top scientist (cancer researcher), an outstanding professional athlete, star male and female entertainers, a labor leader, a civil rights leader, a hardworking, committed teacher—in other words, from persons who would, it seems to me, have every reason to feel good about the system because they have succeeded, despite monumental obstacles. But they are saying essentially the same thing. So are black New York attorneys Maddox and Mason, and so, too, in a more tenuous way, is the National Urban League's gloomy annual report on the worsening plight of our people. The enraged blacks of Miami and Tampa, Fla., are expressing their complete alienation. (See JUSTICE SYSTEM, P. 2)



ANGRY EDUCATORS—Approximately 5,000 teachers Fairgrounds, the teachers staged protests at the Legislature Building and the Executive Mansion. (Photo by administration's budget proposal to freeze teachers' salaries until April 1990. After a rally at the State

Research Council Says Adopt New Solution In Tracking AIDS Virus

BY R.A. HODGE
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The federal Centers for Disease Control has been advised by the National Research Council to adopt a new solution in reference to the tracking and prevention of the AIDS virus. The proposal has suggested that all infants be anonymously tested within the United States for the presence of AIDS antibodies and to conduct national surveys of abortion-clinic clients. The committee also advised feasibility studies of the entire U.S. population.

Regarding the behaviors that help spread AIDS, the committee said that scientific evidence from other health campaigns shows that messages based on moral dictates do not work. AIDS prevention messages will be most effective when they are stated in "clear, explicit language" that offers a choice of behaviors. Other actions recommended include expanding needle-exchange and sterilization programs for intravenous drug users and placing more public service announcements about AIDS on television. Advertisements for condoms has been suggested to the networks.

There exists at present "no reliable

data on the current national prevalence of HIV." Counts of AIDS cases, for example, are "out-of-date indicators" of HIV prevalence. While the committee concluded that the most reliable estimates put the total number of persons now infected with HIV at approximately one

...At least 6.7 percent of American men have sex with other men at some point in their adult lives, and at least two to three percent engage in such behavior with some frequency.

million, it said the range of plausible estimates spans 500,000 to two million.

Information about sexual habits, especially between men, prostitution, and frequency of condom use, is "fragmentary, and the underlying research data are often unreliable," according to the report. While gay men comprise nearly three-quarters of AIDS cases to date, the most widely cited information on male homosexuality dates from the 1940s, was collected using flawed sampling

American men engage in such behavior with some frequency. Because of underreporting, even this newer data represents the "lower bounds" of the actual number of men who have such experiences.

One of the fastest-growing components of the HIV epidemic is IV drug users, their sexual partners and their children, the committee explained. It recommended a portfolio of research, and intervention ac-

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County Plans Government Observance

Wake County is participating in a statewide observance of County Government Week during Feb. 20-24, as proclaimed by Gov. James G. Martin and the Wake County Board of County Commissioners. This is the third time that county officials have joined together in a special recognition of the role and accomplishments of county government.

The purpose of designating a specific week to focus on county government is to "give counties an opportunity to inform citizens about the many services they offer and the many challenges counties face in trying to provide these services," said Jack Dossenbach, Jr., a Lee County commissioner who is president of the N.C. Association of County Commissioners.

"Many of our counties plan special events throughout the year to bring attention to the role of county government, but we hope to coordinate these efforts statewide so that during this one week in February, more North Carolinians will be learning about their county government," Dossenbach said.

Wake County will be sponsoring several events in connection with County Government Week.

On Monday, Feb. 20, with the assistance of the Wake County Public Schools and the Youth Leadership Council of the United Way, the Wake County Board of Commissioners and the county staff will host some 40 high school students as their counterparts for the day. The Board of Commis-

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NEWS BRIEFS

NEW WEAPONS AGAINST THEFT

A new top-dollar reward program is giving law enforcement officers a new weapon in their war on lucrative theft rings operating across the state. The program, called STAR, is being introduced to law enforcement officials statewide and Raleigh police investigators will get briefed on the program in a special meeting.

BROWN ELECTED DEMO CHAIRMAN

Members of the Democratic National Committee unanimously elected Ron Brown, a black man, as their national chairman recently. Brown used his personal warmth and skill in achieving the victory in the contest.

FIRST CIAA GOLF TOURNEY

St. Augustine's College will sponsor its first annual CIAA Golf tournament Friday, Feb. 24. The entry fee is \$35 per player and you must get your own partner. There will be prizes awarded for first, second and third place. For further information and details, contact Harvey Heartley at 828-3451, Ext. 287.

ANIMAL ORDINANCE

The Raleigh Animal Control Division will begin canvassing door to door throughout the city on March 2 for compliance with the city's animal ordinance. The ordinance states that dogs and cats over four months of age are required to have current rabies

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N.C. Incubator Helps Start-Up Businesses

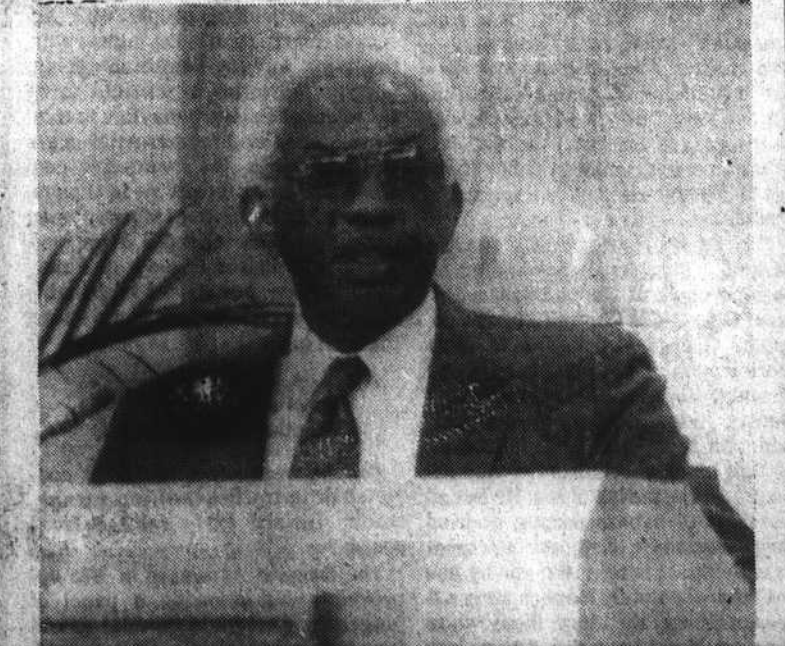
Tom Darden, president of Cherokee Sanford Group, Inc., the largest brick company in North Carolina, has been named the first chairman of the board for Business Innovation and Technology Advancement Center, a business incubator jointly operated by North Carolina State University and the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce.

BITAC provides services such as legal, marketing and operations support for new, innovative, high-growth and technology-oriented businesses in the Raleigh/Research Triangle area. BITAC Executive Director Ken Adams said the innovation center does more than the normal incubator, which often only provides shared office space and equipment for a number of new business tenants. BITAC actually helps entrepreneurs create and manage their businesses through networking and applying technology and expertise from nearby higher education.

"We're excited about the direction of BITAC and to have Darden as our first chairman," said NCSU Chancellor Bruce Poulton. "He is a well-respected business leader, both here in the community and throughout the state, who can provide the direction we need."

William E. Graham, Jr., chairman of the board for the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, echoed Dr. Poulton's enthusiasm. "Darden's success in the brick industry and other endeavors speaks highly of his leadership and expertise in entrepreneurial development," he said. "We feel confident that the BITAC project will contribute significantly to the economic growth of the Raleigh, Wake County and Research Triangle Park area."

In addition to Darden's appointment, 21 key community leaders were named to the board. They include Dr. Ronald Swain of Shaw University and John W. Winters of John W. Winters Co.



BUSINESS INCUBATOR—Wake County Commissioner Vernon Malone welcomed the Business Innovation and Advancement Center, Inc., to the area in a ceremony at the Chamber of Commerce. BITAC provides innovative startup businesses with the tools to plan and operate their companies. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Judges' Bench

CONSTRUCTION SITE THEFTS
Since December 1988, 10 thefts have occurred at construction sites around the city. Copper pipes, wiring and fittings were stolen in many of the cases.

Anyone who has seen people or vehicles at or near construction sites after normal working hours is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 834-HELP with a description of the vehicles or suspects, license plate numbers or any other information. Callers need not give their names and could receive a reward of up to \$1,000.

DRUG-TESTING BILL

The State Senate Judiciary III Committee began studying a bill to define the way drug testing should be conducted in the workplace. The panel took no vote on the proposal.

The bill, sponsored by Sen. Franklin L. Block, D-New Hanover, would not require drug testing, but would set up standards to ensure the tests are administered properly. Random drug testing would be permitted only in jobs that could pose a safety or security hazard. Other testing would be allowed only on the basis of reasonable suspicion or to screen new employees, who would be informed of the policy beforehand.

The bill would allow no disciplinary action based on the results of a drug test alone. And the bill sets out standards for reliable tests with follow-ups if necessary.

DRUG TRAFFICKING BILL

The use of investigative grand juries in drug trafficking cases would be allowed permanently and law enforcement officers could use electronic surveillance on a limited basis under a bill filed by Rep. Charles L. Cromer, R-Davidson.

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