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Small-Business Incubator Plan Seeks Council Review, Approval

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
A proposal that will positively move forward the city's participation in the creation of a small-business incubator will soon come before the full City Council for approval.

The proposal was presented to the City Council by the Law and Finance Committee by council member Ralph Campbell, Jr.

The project, called the Business Incubator Program, would serve as a way to incorporate new, small, predominantly black businesses into the Southeastern regions of Raleigh.

Campbell said the proposal, approved by the Law and Finance Committee, "...if located in Southeast Raleigh, will greatly impact the

economic development in that community."

Currently the proposal is scheduled

technology centers in the inner city and to reinforce the BTC to reflect the current business environment. The

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Ralph Campbell, Jr.



CAMPBELL

for a full council review and proposal March 7. The main objective of the program is to encourage business

plan also encourages the BTC to be located in an area that will add commercial viability and create job op-

portunities for Raleigh citizens.

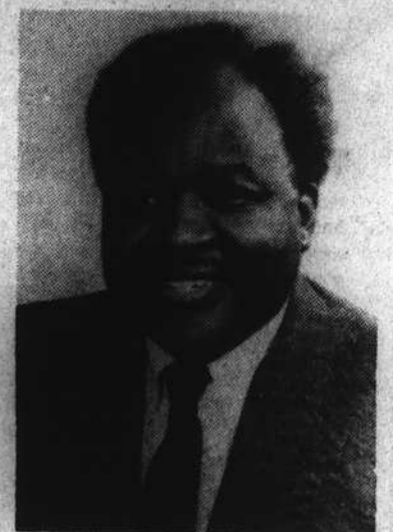
Campbell, on hand for a brief synopsis of the groups' intentions, stated, "The council has been looking for a way to participate in the creation of a small-business incubator since 1983. The proposal has been adopted and approved by the Law and Finance Committee."

In a message to the council, Campbell stated:

"As you are aware, there have been many hours of discussion on the city's role in an incubator program and this is also one of the council's priorities.

"After reviewing materials on incubator programs, discussion with

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FRANK BALANCE

Legislator Says National Guard Discriminating

(AP) While blacks make up more than a quarter of the members of the North Carolina National Guard, fewer than 10 percent of the guard's commissioned officers are black, a ratio that has sparked an investigation by the Legislative Black Caucus.

Guard records indicate only 11 blacks hold ranks higher than captain, far fewer than the 358 whites in upper ranks, and three black majors recently have been told that they will not be retained.

"The figures are the result of discrimination," Sen. Frank Balance, D-Warren, said in an interview recently. "Figures don't lie. The obvious question is, 'Why aren't there more black officers?' It appears to be a serious problem of discrimination, based on the numbers."

Balance will chair the committee looking into the situation for the group of black legislators.

Maj. Gen. Charlest Scott, adjutant general of the Guard, declined to be interviewed. Brig. Gen. Nathaniel H. Robb, Jr., who will be sworn in March 5 as the Guard's new adjutant general, was out of town and could not be reached for comment.

A Guard spokesman said that it has worked hard to prevent discrimination in its ranks.

"We're doing everything in our power to make sure there is not discrimination within the National

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House Elects Webb To Board Of Governors

Harold Webb has been elected by the N.C. House of Representatives to the University of North Carolina Board of Governors. The Board of Governors controls, directs and manages the total university system which includes 16 campuses.

Webb, formerly state personnel director, was supported by the Legislative Black Caucus and the House Democratic Caucus.

The position is for four years. It is one of 32 filled by the North Carolina General Assembly as the policymaking board for the university system.

Community Alternatives Sentencing Program Awarded

Model Plan Educates Offenders

The North Carolina Alternative Sentencing Association presented its annual award for distinguished service to the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Thursday at the Greensboro Sheraton. A second award for legislative leadership went to state Rep. Anne Barnes, D-Orange. The Alternative Sentencing Association is an independent advocacy organization formed exclusively for the promotion, development, implementation and support of community alternatives to incarceration for prison-bound adult offenders.

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has awarded approximately 100 grants totaling more than \$2.9 million in the area of criminal justice. The Reynolds Foundation, located in Winston-Salem, funded the state's first Community Penalties Program in Fayetteville in 1981. That program, along with three others in Greensboro, Raleigh, and Hickory, became models for programs funded by the state's Community Penalties Act which became law in 1983. The state now provides 80 percent of the funds for 13 Community Penalties Programs and local communities provide a 20 percent match. The Reynolds Foundation has supported numerous other model programs as well as efforts to educate the public about the use of community-based sanctions.

Elizabeth Harbourt, vice president of the Alternative Sentencing

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DEVELOPING POTENTIAL—From left, LaKays Britton, gave at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission's Erika Perry and Kella Farrington practice reciting the Black History Month celebration. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Challenging Career Day Project Focuses On Jobs, Professionalism

For the second straight year, a Career Day project at one of the magnet schools in Wake County has received outstanding community support from citizens who volunteer to introduce students to various occupations.

The second annual Career Day program was held at Ligon GT Magnet School on Tuesday, Feb. 28. The first three periods of the school day were set aside for this activity. Citizens living and working in the Raleigh area volunteered their time and expertise

to introduce students to occupations from their own personal perspective.

Preparation for this year's Career Day started in September 1988 when students were asked, as part of their orientation to eighth grade, to name their occupational goals. Their areas of interest were used as the source to choose the careers to be featured in this year's activity.

Presenters were invited to the Ligon Career Day who were highly recommended because of their expertise and exceptional performance in

their chosen careers. Some presenters brought materials in the form of visuals such as transparencies, films, filmstrips and written information. Some participants used demonstrations and showed samples of their subjects.

Others used lecture and question-and-answer techniques to make their occupations come alive to the students. Presenters were welcomed in the cafeteria for breakfast by the administrative team headed by Dan Bowers, the principal of Ligon, and his assistants, Janis Dellinger, Alexis Spann and Dwight Womble.

They were welcomed and assisted in the classroom by the teaching staff of Ligon.

The presenters for the 1989 Career Day were, from the architectural field, Tom Wells from Smith and Sennett; art, Ms. Cynthia Pimentel; Army, Jimmy White; business administration, Sheila Graves from Mechanics and Farmers Bank; computer programming, Steve Stephenson from Westinghouse; building and construction, Bob Royal from Carolina Contractors Training Council; counseling, Ms. Barbara Allison; dancing, Ms. Jeanette Eley from Lehman Studios; engineering, Keith Williams from CP&L; EMT, Wilbert Dunn; freelance editor, Ms. Nancy

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Red Cross Tries To Erase Racist Image, Changing Toward Equality

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The American Red Cross is making a determined effort to erase an ugly image of racism and bigotry that has been a part of its long, murky history of performing urgent services in times of dire human need and disaster. The single most glaring instance of that bigotry dates back to World War II when the Red Cross segregated black blood. It's ironic that the man who discovered the process enabling the Red Cross to

preserve blood (plasma) was an African-American, Dr. Charles Drew. The American Red Cross only recently has begun giving Dr. Drew proper if overdue recognition.

In 1985 when it declared, "The American Red Cross recognizes the need to raise the level of minority participation in activities of the national and chapter sectors, the organization formed the Black Initiatives Committee as well as the Hispanic Initiatives Committee. These committees were mandated by the ARC Board of Governors to

"assist Red cross units [chapters, services to armed forces stations, regional blood services, operations headquarters and national headquarters] with initial steps toward permanent involvement of minority populations as providers and recipients of Red Cross services."

Simply stated, the American Red Cross which was chartered in 1881—the International Red Cross was chartered earlier, in 1863—was acknowledging its long history of racism and was informing its 2,700 chapters (200 of which are Key Resource Centers), 56 blood regions, service and program directors/managers that the organization is serious about stamping out racism. It emphatically urged all concerned to move toward true across-the-board equality in hiring, promotions and in dispensing services and administering programs.

Earlier this year, the black and Hispanic groups were merged into one—the Equal Opportunity Committee. Chairman of this committee is William E. Green, a black San Francisco lawyer.

Although the ARC Board of Governors was once chaired by the late Jerome "Bud" Holland, few blacks have been represented on this governing body. Today, however, ARC has four blacks on its 50-member Board of Governors. They are Thomas H. Routt of Houston, Texas; James M. Rosser, president, California State University; William T. Harris, president, Harris Cleaning Services, Inc., Rochester, Pa.; and Julius W. Bee-

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their chosen careers. Some presenters brought materials in the form of visuals such as transparencies, films, filmstrips and written information. Some participants used demonstrations and showed samples of their subjects.

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Judges' Bench

DEPUTY SUSPENDED

Sheriff John Baker, Jr., has suspended a deputy indefinitely for "conduct unbecoming a law enforcement officer." Derrick Johnson, a patrol deputy with the department for over a year, was suspended with pay Feb. 14. Baker did not disclose what led to the suspension, calling it a personnel matter. The deputy has not been charged with any violations.

MURDER-SUICIDE

A retired Durham police officer, J.W. Price, 64, apparently shot his wife to death Tuesday before taking his own life in their southern Durham home. Police found the body of his wife, Maxine Dickerson Price, 33, at a neighbor's house, where she apparently had run for help. She had been shot twice, once with a shotgun and once with a pistol. Specially armed officers found the body of Price on a couch after storming his home. Price died of what authorities said was a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He retired from the Durham force as a sergeant in 1983, after 29 years of

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HIGHLY-CHARGED ANGER—Joe Mavrotis, speaker of the N.C. House, shown above with Vilma Luaka, president of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Association of Educators, has engaged students at N.C. A&T State University by saying the agricultural school at A&T is not any good and perhaps East Carolina University should have one instead. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

NEWS BRIEFS

DALEY WINS PRIMARY

CHICAGO, Ill.—Richard M. Daley, son of the legendary boss of Chicago politics, defeated Mayor Eugene Sawyer in a Democratic primary Tuesday and took a giant step toward the City Hall office his father held for 21 years. Sawyer, the city's second black mayor, ran up impressive margins in his own strongholds, but was hampered by a lower turnout among blacks than whites.

FBI DISCRIMINATION

FBI director William S. Sessions announced that he had ordered sweeping changes in the bureau's affirmative action program in the wake of findings that the bureau had discriminated against blacks and Hispanics. An internal investigation uncovered serious deficiencies in the operation of the bureau's Office of Equal Employment Opportunity Affairs.

DISCLOSURE OF DIRECTORS

Secretary of State Rufus L. Edmisten asked a legislative study commission recently to require corporations to publicly disclose the names and addresses of their directors.

AIDS PROGRAM

A billion-dollar bill for AIDS and other health problems affecting North Carolina blacks will be due soon according to medical, insurance and legislative experts. AIDS, drug abuse and sickle cell anemia hit blacks hardest and by 1991 the annual cost of hospital care for AIDS patients in North Carolina could total \$1.3 billion, according to Dr. M. Lynn Smiley, a Burroughs Wellcome Co. researcher.

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PRO AND CON—From left, Michael Moore, artist from Durham; Prof. Carlyle Johnson, art director, NCCU; and Prof. Chandra Cox were on hand at NCSU to discuss the merits, pro and con, of being a black artist and how that influences one's work. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)