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Broad-Based Membership

Leadership Caucus Gains Momentum

Exclusive To The CAROLINIAN
Boasting a new confidence and increased organizational development, the North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus will meet here in Raleigh on Saturday morning.

The state's largest and most influential network of black business, educational, religious, political and community leaders will hold its meeting here on the campus of Saint Augustine's College.

The NCBL which has a member-

ship of more than 1,500 was founded in Raleigh 14 years ago and has enjoyed steady growth and development since then. In recent years, the group has moved its state meetings to other North Carolina cities: Charlotte, Greensboro, Durham, Wilmington and Winston-Salem. Newly elected officers have officially chosen Raleigh to be its home base for the next two years.

The basic strength of the group is its broad-based membership and its

statewide communications network with the black community. This diverse group convenes six times a year to discuss and plan strategy and informational matters important to the progress of those who want to improve the general living conditions of African-American culture. Issues expected to surface at Saturday's meeting include economic development, organizational growth, family and community issues and the political landscape of the 1990s.

Newly elected caucus chairman Pete Peterson, a high school principal from Rockingham, stated in an interview with The CAROLINIAN, "The Black Caucus has gained a tremendous amount of new energy and respect throughout the state. Our executive committee has chosen Raleigh as its home base for three very important reasons. First, it is centrally located, people from the eastern part of the state can get here without half a day's travel. The

highway system from the west, with the completion of I-40, means that our people from the western counties can come in less travel time. Second, Raleigh is our state's capital, the hub of most of the economic, educational and governmental decisions are made here. Third, we are developing a fairly sophisticated and up-to-date communications system which will require day-to-day challenges and

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CAMPBELL LIGHTNER

NEWS BRIEFS

INTERNATIONAL SPEECH

Dr. Albert E. Jabs, professor at Shaw University and a contributing writer for The CAROLINIAN, placed first in the Raleigh Toastmasters International Speech Contest recently. Jabs' speech, "Why I Slept with the Homeless in Raleigh," was extracted from an article he wrote on the homeless.

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Each year, the City of Raleigh observes the month of April as Fair Housing Month. The purpose of the Fair Housing Office is to administer the Fair Housing Ordinance No. 330 for the City of Raleigh. The ordinance makes it a violation of the law to discriminate against any person because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin in the access of renting, buying, selling and purchasing of housing.

SIREN TESTING

Residents of Wake, Chatham, Harnett and Lee counties may hear sirens in the 10-mile area around the Shearon Harris Nuclear Power Plant on April 17-21. Carolina Power and Light Co. will sound all of the sirens individually at a very low volume. During the tests, it is likely that residents will not hear the sirens unless they are very close to a siren when it is being tested. These tests are not intended to test the volume of the sirens, but to make sure each siren works.

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Farrakhan Rejected

Dissension Rips Summit '89

Bipartisan Coalition Threatened

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—"Where do we want the African-American community to be by the year 2000? That's the basic question," said Richard G. Hatcher, general chairman of the African-American Summit '89, convening April 21-23 in New Orleans, La.

But there is a more immediate question. For even as Hatcher, former longtime mayor of Gary, Ind., was making the announcement at a Capitol Hill press conference, dissension among officials of the event over granting fiery black Muslim minister Louis Farrakhan official status at the summit was threatening to rip apart the political bipartisan unity of the planners.

Fred Brown, chairman of the National Black Republican Council, told NNPA, "We had an agreement... at the outset that Farrakhan, Angela Davis (an avowed Communist Party member and educator), and (firebrand black nationalist) Stokely Carmichael would not have official status."

In a letter to Rev. Jesse Jackson dated March 24, Brown said, in part, "I am deeply troubled by events of the last few days which have signaled to me and other black Republicans that forces are at work which will ultimately prevent our bipartisan coalition from [participation]."

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FACE OFF—Karen Garr, president of the North Carolina Association of Educators, along with David Plummer, teacher in Greens County, stood at the steps of the Legislative Building to speak out against Gov. Jim Martin's career ladder plan. (Photo by Taha Sabir-Calloway)

NCAE, Gov. Martin Clashing Over Career Ladder Teaching Program

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Following Gov. James Martin's initiative to promote his version of the career ladder program to legislators Monday night during the legislative session, Karen Garr, president of the NCAE, and other members gathered

on the steps of the Legislative Building Tuesday to underscore their objections and make suggestions. Teachers from 12 of the 16 Career Ladder pilot programs revealed that some features of the program are working, but they also expressed opposition to statewide implementation as proposed by the governor.

At a recent statewide NCAE meeting, an overwhelming number of teachers attending went on record against statewide implementation of the governor's program, by a margin of almost 20 to 1. Such a vote should not leave in the minds of the governor and officials of the State Board of

Education any doubt about where the majority of teachers lie on this issue.

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claims Garr.
Her presence, along with teachers
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CP&L Offers Job Challenges In Non-Traditional Roles For Women

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
During the past 20 years more and more women have left homes and offices to take on jobs of a non-traditional nature.

These women have taken on everything from heavy equipment operation to working assembly lines in factories, although women have been involved in factories since World War II.

However, with the continuous technological changes and opportunities offered by companies, the non-traditional jobs are appearing attractive and rewarding to some women.

Recently an employee at a utilities company gave up her desk, PC, skirts and heels for jeans, sneakers, a truck and a handheld computer.

A seasoned employee with approximately eight years of continuous service with Carolina Power and Light Co., Ms. Gloria Hinton gave up the luxuries of an office to find another challenge within the diversified organizational structure of CP&L.

Ms. Hinton, in an interview with The CAROLINIAN, said that her career began with CP&L at the Harris Visitor Center as a stenographer. She has since worked in various clerical support and administrative capacities in the Northern Division Right-of-Way, with the division administrative manager and Northern Division personnel. Recently she



A DIFFERENT ROLE—Ms. Gloria Hinton, a seasoned employee at CP&L, gave up the luxuries of an office to find another challenge, reading meters, an area previously dominated by males. (Photo by Taha Sabir-Calloway)

Senior, Junior Sigma Scholars Honored Here

Eta Sigma Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity will present its 12 Senior Scholars on Friday, April 14, in the Fine Arts Building at St. Augustine's College. The public is invited to attend the affair. Heavy refreshments will be served.

In addition to presenting its Senior Scholars, Eta Sigma Chapter will also recognize its 16 Junior Scholars and acknowledge the presence of scholars' parents.

Dr. Thelma Roundtree, vice president for academic affairs at Saint Augustine's College, will bring the welcoming remarks and Dr. Dudley E. Flood, Eta Sigma Chapter's president, will bring the greetings.

Brother Odell Watson, the director of the Sigma Scholars Program, will discuss the history and the purpose of the program and Brother W.L. Rose, the associate director, will present the Senior Scholars. Other participants will include Dr. Clinton Downing, immediate past chairman of the chapter's Education Program, who will recognize the Junior Scholars and their parents; Dr. Marion Phillips, the chapter's vice president, who will acknowledge the parents of the Senior Scholars.

Brother Malachi McCullough will act as master of ceremonies and

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Judges' Bench

CAR THEFTS

A Raleigh man who has been arrested five times since last August in connection with attempted auto thefts from the same dealer has served only 30 days in jail despite a laundry list of convictions indicated on court records.

This case is indicative of the increasing problems and concerns faced by car dealers, causing a great deal of frustration, because the laws for car thieves are so lenient.

And with the mandated prison
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Black Leaders Split Over Slave Market Issue, Attack Symbolism

FAYETTEVILLE (AP)—A black Fayetteville city councilman whose grandfather was sold at Fayetteville's Market House says he understands black legislators who plan to boycott a session at the old building, but he doesn't see it that way.

"I understand how the black legislators feel and what they're saying," said Theibert Torrey. "I'm very proud to be a part of the governing body of this city, knowing democracy

really works. As a grandchild of a slave sold, I'm very proud to be a part of the governing body of this great city."

The symbolism of the Market House became a state issue last week when the N.C. General Assembly's 17-member Black Caucus voted to boycott a legislative session there on April 13. The session is to commemorate the 200th anniversary of North Carolina's ratification of the U.S. Constitution at this site.

"The Market House is a symbol of the Market House," Fayetteville City Councilman Joseph L. Pillow said. "In the past, slaves were sold there, but there's nothing we can do about it. We need to look at how far we have come from when blacks were sold as slaves to when blacks were making the laws that abolished slavery."

"I think it's blowing it out of proportion," Pillow said of the boycott. "We have to look at the positive aspects of the symbol of the city. We can build on what happened in the past or we can live in the present and make the future."

The caucus decision upset many civic leaders, including state Rep. Alex Warner, D-Cumberland, who said they believed legislators were making a racial controversy where none should exist.

But many local black leaders said they hope the issue will soon be settled.

"We know that in places like Richmond, Charleston and New Orleans the slave market was greater, but the point is they disposed of slaves at the Market House," said Sippie Burton, president of the NAACP's Fayetteville Chapter from 1969 to 1986 during the height of the civil rights movement. "When you see the cross, the crucifixion comes to mind."

Burton said black people around the state associate Fayetteville with the Market House and the Market House with the sale of slaves.

"If a black from Fayetteville is visiting someone and says 'I'm from Fayetteville,' they say, 'Oh, that's where the slave market is,'" Burton said.

The legislative caucus on Wednesday rejected a second appeal by Rep. Bill Hurlley, D-Cumberland, a bicentennial organizer and former

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Second Time Around, Dr. Beckwith Is Named Wake County Principal Of Year

Dr. Jeanette Beckwith, principal of Carnegie Middle School, has been named Wake County Principal of the Year by the Wake Schools administrators and central office staff for a second consecutive year. She will represent Wake County in the regional competition the latter part of April.

Some of the programs which Dr. Beckwith has spearheaded at Carnegie include the following:

•The Advocate Program for at-risk students. Administrators, teachers, and community leaders are paired with particular students to provide support and serve as role models.

•The Principal Student Academy. Dr. Beckwith meets with students to share ideas concerning activities, programs, and schoolwide projects.

•Student Parent Teas are a series of recognition ceremonies
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DR. JEANETTE BECKWITH