

A&T RESEARCH

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farmers. Webb said the facility will also house some consumer-oriented home economics research.

The Moore building has 23,000 square feet of space. It includes laboratories, offices, a small auditorium, seminar space, a computer laboratory, a mail and telephone survey room, and a post-preparation television room. The building, at Lindsay and Booth streets, will also house the agricultural research administrative staff and the extension communications staff.

Other participants in the program included James A. Graham, commissioner of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture; D.G. Martin, University of North Carolina, General Administration; Ms. Elizabeth Randolph, chairperson of the A&T Board of Trustees; Vic. M. Nishbaum, Jr., mayor of Greensboro; Jackie Mann, chairman, Guilford County Commissioners; Dr. Charles Bailey, chairman, A&T Student Government Association; David Miller, president-elect, A&T Student Government Association; and Vickie Young, a representative of N.C. Gov. James Martin.

HOMELESS

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"The response of Congress has been to fund emergency measures that accommodate but do not eliminate homelessness. Laws, such as the McKinney Act, aid the needy but do not address the root cause of a serious national problem: the shortage of affordable housing.

"Congress hides behind the budget deficit when it comes to housing our people, even as it finds the hundreds of billions of dollars needed for other national problems, such as bailing out the savings and loans and cleaning up nuclear waste dumps.

"As a compassionate and concerned people, we must bring to government an emphatic message to reverse the housing crisis.

"In mid-September, pilgrimages will leave New York City, Reno, and the west coast, making their way to Washington, D.C. There, on Thursday, Oct. 5, marchers will settle in camps around the city.

"On Thursday and Friday (Oct. 5-6), they will join with many others to visit Congress and express to elected officials the concerns that have brought them from all around the nation.

"Then, on Saturday, Oct. 7, at noon, we will come together at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C., to raise one voice with one message for the restoration of housing funds to the federal budget: "End the threat and the terrible reality of homelessness now through the creation of safe, decent, affordable homes for all our people."

INSIDE AFRICA

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which also confirmed attacks on civilians in the northern region.

The CCN reported that at least 40 civilians were killed by South Africans in three different incidents. They also stated that thousands coming from a SWAPO rally were ambushed by white men wielding machine guns.

NAMPA stated that SWAPO supporters and family members are special targets of attack. At the news conference here, copies of an article from the April 11 Namibian newspaper stated that a "hit list" has been devised by South Africa's special counterinsurgency unit, Koevoet.

These units are dispersed throughout the country and it is feared they will continue to terrorize the local population. Some of these forces are serving as translators assigned to United Nations peacekeepers.

EDUCATION DAY

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Hills, Inc., and Raleigh Federal.

Activities on April 25 begin at 7:30 a.m. with a rally for volunteers at Howard Johnson-Grabtree. The remainder of the day will be spent in one-on-one visits to prospective contributors to explain the work of the foundation and solicit donations. Volunteers will meet again at 3:30 p.m. to celebrate the results of the campaign.

"We are giving the corporate community an opportunity to get behind our school system and address the growing need for innovative, quality education at every level," King said. "Contributions are not intended to replace current school funding, but to supplement it. Our help goes directly where the need is greatest—into the classroom," he said.

The foundation is also mailing more than 20,000 letters to parents and friends seeking their financial support.

Since its founding in 1981, the foundation has contributed nearly \$300,000 in teacher grants, awards, incentives and scholarships for both teachers and students.

The foundation's "Creative Grants" program has funded more than 400 grants in the last six years that have involved more than 50,000 Wake County students. "Pleasures of Gold," another program sponsored by the foundation, presented its seventh annual talent show featuring outstanding Wake County students in a musical revue at April 19.

The Wake County Education Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization which works exclusively for public education. Governed by a 21-member board of directors, the foundation is located at 2302 Noble Road, Raleigh.

BLACK WOMAN

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say, from liberal to moderate.

But the 58-year-old Democrat says there is, and always has been, only one Doug Wilder, the grandson of a slave who climbed from a position as waiter at a downtown hotel to become the first black ever elected to statewide office in Virginia.

"Some people think I've orchestrated a more centrist theme since 1985," when he was elected Lieutenant governor, Wilder said.

"I've tried to let people see that I'm the same person I was," he said. "My record in Virginia speaks for itself. Some people don't even know my record."

Wilder's critics remember him as a firebrand junior senator from Richmond, a voice for the forces that uprooted the city's white power structure in the 1970s and elected a black majority City Council in what was once the seat of the Confederacy.

Wilder's critics also remember his longstanding, and eventually successful, advocacy of a state holiday to honor the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Newspaper clips from the period show Wilder with an Afro hairstyle, his face contorted in oratory.

"They see the picture, and the rest flows," he said. "But I welcome my opponents to walk through the record with me."

That record is mainstream, Wilder says.

He cited an anti-drug paraphernalia bill he sponsored in 1971, the year after he entered the Senate. He also supported felony escape legislation and compulsory school attendance.

DORMS

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Recent Buncombe Correctional Center at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 4. The dedication ceremonies will kick off several days of activities at the new prison, including a meeting of the North Carolina Board of Correction and a weekend "open house" for the public.

The new Craggy Prison and the nearby work release facility were built under \$6 million contract awarded to Metric Construction Co. of Charlotte. It is the largest construction package awarded under the Emergency Prison Facilities Development Program.

State Correction Secretary Aaron Johnson, who will join Gov. Martin at the dedication ceremonies, said, "These two prison facilities are the cornerstone of correctional reform in North Carolina."

"Instead of serving as a symbol of the Department of Correction's past, this new Craggy Prison will serve as a symbol of our future," Secretary Johnson added.

Following the dedication ceremonies, Gov. Martin will accompany Secretary Johnson and Superintendent Shevill Allen on a walking tour of the new 312-bed, medium-custody prison. This modern, low-profile facility includes an electronic perimeter intrusion detection system, the first one used in the state prison system. The governor will also participate in a ribbon-cutting at the Buncombe Correctional Center, a 104-bed, medium-custody, work-release facility that began limited operations in January.

The North Carolina Board of Correction will conduct its quarterly meeting at the new Craggy Prison at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 5. The board, appointed by the governor, assists the secretary in the development of major programs and recommends priorities for the department. Membership of the board includes one voting member from each of the state's congressional districts.

Law enforcement officials and prison reformers will be given the opportunity to look over the new facility at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 5. The general public may visit the new prison from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 and Sunday, May 7. Visitors will be made moving into the new facility during the following week.

Some 2000 state of North Carolina prisoners are held at the Craggy Prison each day. A cup of coffee is provided for more than 100 of the necessary mineral.



TEAMING UP—Coors Beer and boxing great Sugar Ray Leonard have teamed up for a new line of signature/logo active wear featuring the champion boxer. The partnership displays the business acumen of the champ with a national product.

March 8th Chosen As Worldwide Women's Day

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Women from around the world chose March 8 as International Women's Day to honor Angie Brooks of Liberia, former president of the United Nations General Assembly. This September will mark the 20th anniversary of the election of Ms. Brooks. Only one other woman (the late Ms. Pandit of India) served in this position.

To honor this historic occasion, women's organizations, non-governmental organizations, international civil servants and individuals from a wide spectrum of international groups, joined in a steering committee to plan ways of celebrating the life and work of this remarkable woman. On March 8, women in the three United Nations headquarters announced the launching of an Angie Brooks Fund for the Promotion of Women Leaders. The fund will be used to sponsor women from developing countries to participate in training opportunities, workshops and seminars that promote women as leaders at the national and international levels.

The idea to launch an Angie Brooks Fund to promote women as leaders at the international level was a response to a finding of the UN Decade for Women that "all too few women were found to be in policymaking positions worldwide." The fund's objective will be to help train emerging groups of leaders and policymakers today and in the future.

A trailblazer since age 11, Angie Brooks was born in Montserrat County, Liberia in 1928. She was the first woman and African to serve as president of the UN Trusteeship Council, and the first practicing woman lawyer in Liberia. In addition to her many assignments with her government, Ms. Brooks has played an active role internationally. She has been decorated by at least a dozen governments in Europe, Asia, Latin America and Africa. In

addition to her doctorate of law degree, she has received honorary degrees from 38 universities, including Lincoln, Howard, Brandeis, Northwestern and Rutgers.

A mother herself, she has fostered and given education to more than 100 children from various parts of Africa.

The story needs to be told of this black woman who, in 1988, presided over the UN General Assembly. Her story is about courage, determination, and frustration. But the story also carries a message of hope to all those in very high places who are called upon to break down the hidden and not-so-hidden barriers of sexism and racism.

The idea to honor Ms. Brooks was initiated by a group of Africans and African-American women who see in Ms. Brooks a symbol of women's achievement in the political field. Honoring Ms. Brooks is to them a way to honor those women leaders who too often are forgotten.

Her Excellency Dame Nita Barrow, ambassador of Barbados to the United Nations, chairs the Angie Brooks Fund Steering Committee. Others on the committee include black women leaders from the United States, Africa and elsewhere.

American women's organizations interested in sponsoring or participating in the activities, and those wishing more information, should write to the Angie Brooks Committee Secretariat, c/o NGO Committee for the UN Decade of Women, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10017. Sponsorship consists of organizing seminars, conferences, exhibitions, etc., on African women through September 1989 as well as participation in the formal ceremony honoring Ms. Brooks and her lifetime of outstanding service to the world. The awards ceremony takes place during the 44th session of the United Nations General Assembly.

2,000 Expected At New Orleans Black Summit

NEW ORLEANS, La. (AP)—The Rev. Jesse Jackson, Coretta Scott King, Philadelphia Mayor W. Wilson Goode and activist Angela Davis are among 2,000 people who were expected this weekend for the biggest gathering of black leaders in more than a decade, organizers said last week.

"This is a historic conference. It brings together political, sociological, religious and philosophical groups of all kinds," said Delores Tucker, chairperson of the Democratic National Committee Black Caucus and one of the organizers of African-American Summit '89.

Unlike the National Black Leadership Conferences at Gary, Ind., Little Rock, and Richmond, Va., in the 1970s, she said, the meeting April 21-23 looked at a wide range of issues.

"This meeting is not focused only on a political agenda or any single agenda such as economic or social," she said. "It will look inward as well as outward."

And it is organized to make sure that state delegations include more members of grassroots groups than elected officials, said Ms. Tucker and Ramona Edelin, program chairperson and president of the National Urban Coalition.

"This is not a leadership group that looks at massive problems and does nothing about it," said Ms. Edelin.

Subjects to be discussed at the meeting included political options; political empowerment; media; foreign policy; health; education; housing; crime; drugs and the justice system; a four-year legislative agenda; civil rights; culture; economic empowerment; the labor movement; the church and youth.

"We are saying, there are certain things we will do and there are certain things the rest of society must do if we are to move forward as a first-class nation," said Ms. Edelin. "If you don't believe it, look at England, which is already a second-class nation because it failed to prepare itself technologically and socially."

The opening session will discuss preserving and advancing black families.

"We intend to reclaim our children," said Ms. Edelin. "We do not intend to be a leadership class that looks at the problems of children and does nothing."

She and Ms. Tucker said proposals for a black stock exchange and a black political party were likely to come up.

Louis Farrakhan had not indicated at press time whether he would attend.

National Black Republican Council Chairman Fred Black had said that he and other Republicans would not participate if Farrakhan, Davis or Stokely Carmichael are included because of their "history of either violent or bigoted behavior."

Ms. Tucker said Republicans from other groups have said they will attend regardless of Farrakhan's presence.

"This is a voluntary meeting. You can come if you choose," said Ms. Edelin.

Dexter Lock Co. To Recall Dead-Bolt Locks

The Dexter Lock Co. is recalling its dead-bolt door locks. They are locks that have been manufactured between April 1 and Oct. 31, 1988. The locks have been distributed throughout North Carolina, especially in the Raleigh area. The problem with the locks is that there is a defective hinge. If the spring breaks while the door is locked, it could cause the door to remain in the locked position. The toll-free number is 1-800-877-8888 for a free repair or replacement lock.

Drive Safely!

Sign Of The Times

BY YEMI TOURE

NO COMMENT: There is a cartoon strip called "Little Miss Roberts" drawn by Freda Blacksmith. In one series, two women are walking down the street. One sister says, "All the good men nowadays are all married or involved."

The other sister says, "C'mon, Marie! You're just too picky!"

"No, I'm not. I just want one good, honest guy— and before she can finish the sentence, swooping down out of the sky is a good, honest guy. A handsome, powerfully built black man with a large S on the chest of his tight-fitting outfit and a cape trailing behind.

"Hello, beautiful," he says to Marie.

She keeps walking. "Did you see the way he just plopped down here? Probably don't EVEN have a car."

Her friend agrees. "Where does he expect to get a job with a suit like that?"

TRASH IT: Along the Nile River at a place called Giza, the blacks of ancient Africa built the monument known as the Great Pyramids of Khufu, thousands of years before the Christian era. It stood taller than a 46-story building, was made of 2.3 million blocks of sandstone, and is recognized as one of the great wonders of the world.

Today in New York City, another huge pyramid is being built. It is located on Staten Island, and it is made totally of trash.

Yes, the City of New York, unable to figure what to do with so many empty bottles, burger wrappers, old typewriters and flat tires, is making a

monument out of them, reports a New York newspaper. When this modern pyramid is completed in the year 2005, it will stand 24 feet higher than the ancient pyramid at Giza. On a clear day, you will be able to see this pyramid from miles around, and smell it downwind even farther.

MISMATCH: White folks generally, including a majority of the Supreme Court, think affirmative action programs go too far. Black folks think they don't go far enough. Commentator Andrew Ward suggests this as the best way to understand the issue:

The White Team and the Black Team are playing the last football game of the season. The White Team owns the stadium, owns the referees and has been allowed to field nine times as many players.

For almost four quarters, the white team has cheated on every play and, as a consequence, the score is White Team 140, Black Team 3. Only 10 seconds remain in the game, but as the white quarterback huddles with his team before the final play, a light suddenly shines from his eyes.

"So how about it, boys?" he asks his men. "What do you say from here on we play fair?"

FOR THE RECORD: Sometimes, to get a point across, it is best not to preach to people. Sometimes telling a story can make the point better than a lecture. The technique is as old as Aesop's fables and as new as a rap or as personal as a fictitious letter from one "friend" to another. I used the fictional letter technique in my recent column on "Brewster Place."

Ms. Dorothy Redford Guest Speakers For Public Forum

The African-American Studies Committee of the Raleigh Historic Properties Commission will hold a public forum with guest speaker Dorothy Redford. Ms. Redford, author of "Somerset Homecoming," will discuss the use of oral histories in conducting historic research.

The forum is free and will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 27, in the Fine Arts amphitheater at St. Augustine's College.

Inspired by Alex Haley's "Roots," Ms. Redford's research into her own family origins led to the now-historic reunion that brought more than 2,000 descendants of Somerset Plantation slaves together for a reunion. She is also director of Somerset Place, the plantation on which her ancestors lived and which is now a North Carolina historic site.

The public forum will conclude this phase of "Raleigh's Roots: An Oral History of Raleigh's African-American Communities." This project of recording oral histories from residents of Raleigh's historic African-American neighborhoods was sponsored by the Raleigh Historic Properties Commission and funded by the North Carolina Humanities Council and the City of Raleigh. The oral histories will be added to an architectural survey of the neighborhoods now being conducted by the Historic Properties Commission.

Anyone wishing more information about the forum should contact Project Director Terri Myers, 534-1976.

Local Leaders To Study Life In Indianapolis Ind.

What do the metropolitans of Raleigh and Indianapolis have in common? Leaders from the city, county, school board, colleges and universities and the business and professional community will find out May 3 and 4 when they visit Indianapolis, Ind., for an inter-city visit conducted by the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce.

"The concept behind the visit is to expose our area's leaders to the leadership of a city which is meeting unique challenges faced by a growing community," said William "Dub" Graham, chairman of the Raleigh chamber. "We chose Indianapolis because we expect that they will have a remarkable success story to tell."

Mayor Upchurch is among the 45 Raleigh participants who will hear accounts from Indianapolis leaders on how they have developed outstanding business partnerships in education, the arts, amateur sports, tourism and downtown development. Participants will also hear how the city has dealt with its sports and recreational facilities needs. A tour of the Hooper Dome and Civic Center is planned.

Indianapolis leaders participating in the visit include Mayor William Hudnut, Dr. Percy Clark, superintendent

of Lawrence Township Schools; Mike Higbee, director of the Department of Metropolitan Development for the city; Bob Beckmann, chairman of the board for the Arts Council; Carol W. Collins, executive director of the Commission for Downtown; William McGowan, president of the Convention and Visitors Association; and Thomas A. King, president of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce.

"The visit will be a learning experience—a chance to exchange strategies," said Marc Jordan, president and chief executive officer of the Raleigh chamber. "What we hope to leave with are creative ideas to further strengthen public/private participation in the community."

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