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## Garner Road YMCA Recalls Community Contributions

**BY ALLIE M. PEEBLES**  
Contributing Writer  
When the Garner Road Family YMCA held its annual membership dinner recently, the speaker was Dr. George C. Debnam, local physician. This awards banquet was held at the Martin Luther King Student Union, and Dr. Wiley M. Davis served as chairman.

spiritual development of the Raleigh community. It also seeks to emphasize reverence for God, responsibility for the common good, respect for personality and the application of the Golden rule in human relationships, he said.

Debnam traced the history of the YMCA to July 16, 1846, when it opened its doors at 600 S. Bloodworth St. in a building which was formerly the school for the blind and deaf. Some of Raleigh's outstanding black leaders saw a need for a meeting place and began working hard to acquire the property.



**COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION**—President George Bush praised the contributions of Historically Black Colleges and Universities during a White House ceremony with many college presidents. Bush signed an Executive Order containing new initiatives encouraging growth in these institutions.

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### SAFETY COUNCIL AWARDS

The Wake County Farm Bureau Women's Committee and the Telephone Pioneers of America have won top safety awards from the North Carolina Safety Council. The awards were presented April 21 during the Safety Council's annual awards luncheon at the McKimmon Center on the North Carolina State University campus. The Farm Bureau Women's Committee was honored for their farm victim extrication program. The program included a classroom setting and eight training stations. More than 50 participants were certified.

#### ADVOCATE OF YEAR

Ms. Alice M. Smith, treasurer and manager of College Heights Credit Union in Fayetteville, is the North Carolina 1989 Financial Services Advocate of the year. Nominated by the Fayetteville Minority Business Development Center, Ms. Smith works with small and minority-owned businesses in Cumberland County. The credit union supports small businesses through business loans, bill consolidation, purchases, contracts, and advertisements.

#### FEDERAL TRUTH IN MILEAGE ACT

All motor vehicles sold in North Carolina must be accompanied by an Odometer Disclosure Statement signed by both seller and buyer showing the vehicle's recorded mileage and certifying whether the mileage displayed on the odometer is or is not the vehicle's actual mileage. Vehicle models that are 10 years old or older and those having a gross vehicle weight rating of more than 16,000 pounds are exempt from the new law. Commissioner of Motor Vehicles William S. Hiatt, said that the law is intended to reduce the possibility of odometer fraud by establishing a mechanical mileage record that can be traced to a vehicle's

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### Dismal Hiring Record

# National Museum Rapped

## Told Time "To Clean Up Act"

**BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.**  
NAPA News Editor  
WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Smithsonian Institution, the world's largest museum, but with a dismal record in terms of hiring blacks and other minorities at senior level management, curatorial and research positions, was bluntly told by Rep. Cardiss Collins (D-Ill.) that it is time to clean up its act.



**ABORTION AND GENOCIDE**—Washington, D.C. and the Supreme Court building was the scene of rallies in support and opposition to abortion. These recent demonstrations were on the eve of the Court's review of a Missouri law on abortion and were like demonstrations held throughout the country. Supporters shouted "abortion hides genocide" and "slavery was wrong and abortion is too." (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

## Bhopal Victim Touring Shiloh On Solidarity Mission For Justice

It was the world's worst industrial disaster and more than 4,000 people were killed and more than 200,000 affected by the accident at the Union Carbide plant in Bhopal, India. The accident spewed more than 4,000 tons of poison gas into the air and five years after this catastrophe, what has been the compensation for the

suffering? The Indian court ordered an early payment by Union Carbide of \$190 million and stipulated that such a payment would not poison the case against Union Carbide. The 500,000-odd persons asking damages have been told that they must wait six months to two years for the Indian

government to determine the validity of the claims. Many simply won't live that long. Some Bhopal survivors are telling their story to American workers and communities at risk and demanding justice for what they call corporate recklessness as well as uncompensated injured victims from industrial hazards, poisoned environments, and deaths.

In North Carolina the delegation will visit Shiloh, Robeson County and Rocky Mount, areas fighting effects of industrial hazards. These survivors of the gas leak incident in Bhopal will visit North Carolina May 4-6 as part of a month-long tour to meet with American workers and environmentally at-risk communities. They have come to the United States to appeal for justice to Union Carbide shareholders and to the American public at large. The victims are appealing the \$470 million settlement between Union Carbide and the Indian government that pre-empted a court trial and dropped all criminal charges, calling it a "sell-out." The continue to seek

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## Going Wilding: A Deadly Ritual For Black Males

**BY DR. LENORA FULANI**  
Special To The CAROLINIAN

The racial hatred that spews forth from every institution is the fuel that drives America—backward. Everywhere we hear that black people, in particular young African-American men, are less-than-human savages. Listen to what is being said about Harlem teenagers who are being questioned regarding the rape and beating of the woman jogger in New York City's Central Park last week. "I don't know if it was out of control for these types of kids," said the chief prosecutor for the Family Court Division of the city's Law Department. "I think that kids like this," he said, "given what I would call their predatory nature, are people who, given the chance, would do something like this again. There really isn't any way to control them—at least we haven't found it in the juvenile justice system."

Something very terrible happened in Central Park that night. But we cannot let the sensationalizing salesmanship of the mass media and the pious hypocrisy of the politicians trick us into using our outrage at the de-humanization of this young woman as an excuse to dehumanize other human beings who—because they are black—are violated and brutalized every day of their lives. This is not meant to condone in any way what happened on that terrible, ugly night. But if we want to do something about it, we need to understand how it is that people—young people like your children, like my children—come to prey on other people. How is it that we as a society, this country called America, is producing young people who go "wilding"? Who brutalize and terrorize to get their kicks? Or to prove their manhood? I don't believe that we can begin to address those questions until we understand that it is not only young black men who go wilding. This is a wilding society. And wilding is a respectable activity—when it is conducted by the white corporate owners of America. From Vietnam to

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## Pioneer Black Doctor Honored As Myth Surrounding Death Renounced

**HAW RIVER (AP)**—For more than three decades, the story about the death of Dr. Charles Drew went like this: Drew, a pioneer in blood research and a teacher of black surgeons, was allowed to bleed to death in 1950 because doctors at the all-white hospital in Burlington refused to treat blacks. It's a lie that a national medical group wants to debunk for good. About 50 members of the Society of Black Academic Surgeons gathered recently at the place where Drew was fatally injured in a car crash April 1,

1950, on N.C. 49, two miles north of Haw River. They laid a wreath at a six-foot monument erected in 1986 at the scene of Drew's accident. "It's in the public interest to break this myth," said Dr. Onye Akwari, a surgery professor at Duke University Medical School and coordinator of a society seminar at Duke. "Historical truth should be very clearly documented. It's especially important for young people to know the truth." The false story of Drew's death began shortly after the accident. No one knows exactly how it started, ac-

cording to historian Charles E. Wynes of the University of Georgia. Wynes has written a book, "Charles Richard Drew: The Man and the Myth," published last year. But the story about the Southern hospital refusing to give Drew adequate treatment wound up in history books, newspapers, magazines, an episode of the "MASH" television series and countless conversations. "The entire nation, and not just the South," Wynes wrote, "was no stranger to stores about how blacks had been turned away from hospitals

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## Unique American Program Aide Promotes Extension Services

Ms. Mamie Richardson works with the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service as a program aide in the Expanded Food and Nutrition Educational Program. In her capacity as a program aide, Ms. Richardson works with families on a one-to-one basis and in group settings. Ms. Mamie Pope, parent involvement coordinator for Wake, Orange and Chatham Counties Head Start, has this to say of Ms. Richardson's work with Head Start parents at the Holly Springs Head Start Center: "Ms. Richardson has been instrumental in teaching the parents of our Head Start program economical food purchasing habits as well as the importance of a nutritious diet for preschoolers." In addition to the hours she spends helping others through extension, Ms. Richardson is involved in numerous

community activities, including St. Augusta Freewill Baptist Church and the Fuquay-Varina Consolidated Alumni Association. Most recently she was honored at the annual banquet of the Strengthening the Black Family Organization as the single parent of the year. Ms. Richardson follows in the footsteps of her late sister, Ms. Alice Jones, who was one of the original EFNEP aides in 1969, when the program began in Wake County. EFNEP is funded by the federal government and administered statewide by the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service. It is charged to help young families with limited resources, especially those with young children, to acquire knowledge, skills, attitudes, and changed behavior necessary to achieve adequate diets in normal

nutrition. The Agricultural Extension Service is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year. This uniquely American institution was begun on May 8, 1914 when the U.S. Congress passed the Smith-Lever Act. In 75 years the Agricultural Extension Service has become the envy of virtually every nation on earth. The Wake County extension staff is planning activities to help celebrate the anniversary locally. "Monday, May 8, is one big day," says Victor B. Lynn, county extension director. The public is invited from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. to enjoy exhibits, refreshments, entertainment, short presentations, and a plant clinic in the extension office complex at 4001 Cary Drive which is in the Wake County Office Park at the intersection of Poole Road and the Beltline.



MS. MAMIE RICHARDSON



**DEDICATED EDUCATOR**—Ms. Nora E. Lockhart after retiring as treasurer of the Berry O'Kelly Alumni Association was presented an arrangement of roses by Thomas Durt, president of the association. Ms. Lockhart retired from the school as a principal and is recognized as a dedicated educator and active community worker.