

ing New Challenges

School Closing Brings End To Era

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When Zebulon High School closed its doors on June 7, it marked not only the closing of a school year, but the closing of an era—an era which started in about 1930 with the Wakefield-Zebulon High School.

In 1943, the name was changed to Shepard High. Shepard School served black children of eastern Wake County until 1970, when the "separate but equal" school system was eliminated and Wakelon School and Shepard School merged. Wakelon School became Zebulon's elementary school, and Shepard became Zebulon's high

school. The intervening years of 1969 to 1989 saw many changes in the continuing struggle to upgrade the overall quality of education in the Zebulon area.

Beginning next school year, high school students from Zebulon will attend the new East Wake High School, which is located a few miles west of Zebulon. Many educators, administrators and parents believe that a larger school could offer broader and better curriculum, and thus better prepare today's youth to meet the challenges of a new century.

And so—as the Wakefield-Zebulon, Shepard, Wakelon and Zebulon High

School era ends, a historical review may add meaning and a greater appreciation of the continuing struggle to come to grips with the problems relating to the education of our youth in the waning years of the 20th century.

It was in about 1930 that the first four-year high school program was started at Wakefield-Zebulon (Shepard) School. The first school principal, Charles A. Marriott, purchased the first school bus (using his own money) to transport black children from Riley Hill, Wendell, White Oak, Pilot, Knightdale, Shotwell and Wilder's Grove. That

was the first formal effort to provide transportation for black students to any school in Wake County. Senior citizens recall that the parents of students made weekly payments to help defray the transportation expenses and to help maintain the bus. The first driver, Arthur Perry, drove the bus without pay for the first year.

In 1933, under the principalship of Richard A. Carroll, Jr., the school was accredited by the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction. The first high school teacher, Willie H. Hunt, taught all high school subjects. His salary was paid by the

parents of his students. Hunt later served as principal of Juniper Level School and Holly Springs School.

Under the leadership of Principal Garland L. Crews (1939-1970), the school continued to grow. Additional buildings were added to the campus, the teaching staff increased, and in 1955, the school was accredited by the Association of Schools and Colleges.

In 1951, Ms. Odessa Harris Roberts became the first high school supervisor. Prior to that position, she served as principal of Juniper Level School and Holly Springs School.

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RHA Residents Promote Drug Free Society

Youth Activities, Clubs Organized

The Raleigh Housing Authority recently held a "Drug-Free Festival" to promote a drug-free community in Raleigh.

Executive Director Floyd T. Carter of the RHA was elected recently as senior vice president of the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association. PHA/DA, a national organization for the professional development of public housing authority directors, has current membership exceeding 1,000. Carter has served as vice president of housing and trustee on the board of directors.

PHA/DA is jointly holding workshops with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on the tenant integrity program and training housing personnel throughout the nation.

Carter and Raleigh Housing Authority residents are promoting drug-free communities as a project to help area youth.

The Halifax Court public housing community held a Drug Free Day festival recently, sponsored by the Halifax Court Resident Council in conjunction with the Halifax Court Concerned Parents Coalition for the Prevention of alcohol and drug abuse.

More than 300 parents and youth participated in the all-day affair. The festival started with a parade around the community led by the Helping Hand Mission marching band. The residents were further entertained by the Enloe High School Jazz Band and Dance Troupe. The Resident Council presented a "drug free" skit and community youths presented their talents. An afternoon cookout was held with music provided by a local disc jockey.

According to Resident Council President Peggy Dublin, the festival was a success and she plans to make this an annual affair. Other agencies and organizations participating in (See RHA RESIDENT, P. 2)

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17 Female Victims

Homicides Baffle Cops

Crack, Or A Serial Killer?

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Seventeen women, all black and most of them crack addicts and prostitutes, have mysteriously died in a small section of downtown Miami since 1986, leaving authorities unsure if they have encountered a serial killer or a deadly new form of drug abuse.

Last week, after a new wave of publicity, Dade County Medical Examiner Joseph Davis officially declared the cases homicides. But the physician acknowledges the cause of death to be unknown, and investigators say they are as frustrated as before.

"If in fact there is a serial killer or killers out there or if it's cause by crack cocaine, we don't just know yet," says John Farrell, chief of the headquarters division of detectives for Metro-Dade Police. "We consider them open cases and we're investigating them as if they were homicides."

FBI behavioral scientists and experts from the National Center for Disease Control in Atlanta have been called in by local authorities to sift through the sparse data, but their reports are not yet in.

Farrell notes that there is not even a proven link between the deaths which began in September 1986, but there is a pattern.

The bodies of all but one of the women were found in a narrow, predominantly black section of Miami and adjoining Dade County. They were lying in overgrown vacant

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CLOSEUP—Dawn Eaton and Shonda Holden in photo, accompanied by Robin Williams participated in the "Close-Up" program in Washington, D. C. All are students at Enloe High School and AKA debutantes. The program is designed for students interested in the political arena and is an adventure in personal growth and maturity.

Teachers' Group Beset By Racial Differences

(AP) Part of the recent division among board members of the state's largest teachers' group stems from tensions that have persisted in the organization since it was forged in 1970 out of the white N.C. Education Association, observers say.

The N.C. Association of Educators says it has taken steps to establish racial harmony by adopting guidelines that guarantee that at least 25 percent of its board and staff members are black. Further, the executive director and his or her associate cannot both be white. Currently, about 21 percent of the association's membership and nearly 40 percent of its staff are black.

Still, there have been disputes, usually over hiring. Board members fought in 1986, for example, over whether to promote K.Z. Chavis, a black man who later died in a car accident, to executive director or to conduct an open search. Chavis got the job during Karen Garr's first term as president, and some former workers and board members say they did not get along well. Ms. Garr insists they got along fine.

Gladys Graves, a former NCAE president who is black, said in an in-

terview last fall that during her two terms as president, she had received anonymous notes asking, "Whenever there is a black president, why are so many black people hired?"

Last month during the state convention of the NCAE in Raleigh, a (See RACIAL, P. 2)

Election Tactics Of David Duke Expose Skill, Racist Code Words

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An Analysis—Part II

Throughout his presidential campaign, whether as a Democrat or Populist, Duke received steady coverage in the Spotlight, Liberty Lobby's weekly publication. One article profiled him as a serious contender for the White House. His racist, including his Klan involvement, were openly acknowledged and Duke supporters were quoted as saying he "has the potential of becoming the modern-day George Wallace."

In 1989, Duke finally hit gold in his political campaigning and the mine was in District 81.

Susan Howell, a political science professor and director of a University of New Orleans poll, said District 81 "at this moment is the perfect laboratory for Duke." She termed his victory "a product of economic frustration, racial antagonism and

little hope that the future will be better."

Duke spoke of his past Klan and Nazi activities as "youthful pranks"

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INSIDE AFRICA DEVELOPING NATIONS

BY DANIEL MAROLEN

The Afrikaner squabble for leadership of the South African government is over. And P.W. Botha has finally agreed to relinquish the presidency at the end of 1989, handing the seat over to National Afrikaner Party leader F.W. de Klerk.

Both has had a long leadership in the government of South Africa in which he has been the minister of defense, prime minister, and finally, president of the country. A recent stroke forced him to relinquish the leadership of the National Party which has ruled South Africa without a break since 1948.

The African people of South Africa

will miss nothing in the departure of P.W. Botha from their country's political scene. In fact, they will heave a sigh of relief because Botha was the most brutal and soulless ruler South Africa has ever had since the formation of the Union of South Africa in 1910. During his term as prime minister, Botha's police and army killed, wounded and detained more Africans than all his predecessors put together. In addition, Botha bombed and destabilized the neighboring black-ruled African states of Lesotho, Angola, Botswana and Mozambique, the country that

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Search Begins For Howard Prexy

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Howard University Board of Trustees Chairman John E. Jacob recently announced that a search committee has begun work on the process of seeking applications for the presidency of the university and making a final recommendation for the appointment of a new president.

Dr. James E. Cheek, president of Howard since 1989, announced his retirement in April, effective June 30, 1989. Dr. Carlton P. Alexis, executive vice president, will serve as interim president, effective July 1. Dr. Cheek served as president at Shaw University from 1983-89 prior to taking the leadership position at Howard University.

The following is a text of Jacob's announcement.

"When President James E. Cheek announced his retirement on April 22, 1989, the board of trustees authorized

me to appoint a presidential search committee. The board has just approved the search plan, and I am pleased to explain to the member of the university community and the public the procedures that will be used by the presidential search committee.

"A search committee staff, formed to handle administrative details for the committee, will be directed by Dr. Marion Mann, associate vice president for research. Dr. Constance S. Rotan, secretary of the board of trustees, is secretary of the search committee.

"At the outset, it is important to say that, contrary to rumors that have been circulating, the search committee does not have any name or names under consideration at this time.

"It is axiomatic that the first step in a presidential search should be a decisive statement concerning what

the university seeks for the future of the institution—its mission, goals and objectives during the next decade and beyond.

"The Howard University Self-Study, 1989, which was completed by the faculty, staff, students and trustees last month, is such a statement. The board of trustees has reaffirmed this mission and these goals and objectives as a blueprint for the future. From this blueprint the board has determined the criteria to be used in selecting a president.

"The search will be marked by full disclosure of the process of the search and confidentiality of the names of the candidates. The committee favors an open search with frequent status reports and opportunities for representatives of the major segments of the campus community

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BEST IN THE BUSINESS—The Institute For American Business (IAB) in conjunction with General Motors, Pepsi-Cola and Philip Morris, has honored five African-Americans for outstanding community service in Black communities. Pictured: Harry W. Brooks, an awardee, is Chairman/CEO of Advanced Consumer Marketing. He was nominated by Betty Davis, man... A supplier development at Pepsi-Cola Company, for his consistency in meeting the challenges of leading one of the largest Black-owned industrial/service businesses in Northern California and providing job opportunities for future generations of Blacks in business.



DR. JAMES E. CHEEK