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NEWS BRIEFS

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Andre E. Robinson, a rising senior at North Carolina A&T State University, has been selected for the Coast Guard's Minority Officer Recruiting Effort program designed to attract top-quality minority students to the corps.

MEDICAL FACILITIES

North Carolinians are invited to comment on the draft 1990 State Medical Facilities plan during a series of public hearings to be conducted by the State Health Coordinating Council. The hearing will be held in Raleigh July 21 at 1 p.m. at 701 Barbour Drive.

FOOD PROGRAM

The Raleigh Housing Authority has entered into an agreement with the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction to sponsor a summer food service program for youth at three public housing communities. The program provides lunches for youths 18 years of age and younger through Aug. 4 at Biltmore Hills Community Center, Heritage Park Community Room and Washington Terrace Community Center.

DEVELOPMENT MEETING

The Southeast Raleigh Development Corp. Board will meet on Thursday, June 22, at 6 p.m. at the Tarboro Road Center, 159 N. Tarboro Road. The board meeting is held each month at the center and the public is invited and encouraged to attend. For more information, call Ms. Betty Hargrove, 539-5724, or Sterling Goodwin, 532-0224.



DR. CHARLES V. HOLLAND

Holland Given Degree; Elected To NCCU Board

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Dr. Charles V. Holland, a local optometrist, has been elected as vice chairman of the Wake School Board and has been awarded an honorary degree from North Carolina Central University.

Holland, a 13-year member of the NCCU board of trustees, past chairman for six years and a member of the Wake County School Board, was awarded the degree of doctor of human letters for his commitment to education both on the secondary and higher education levels.

Dr. Holland was first elected chairman of the NCCU board in 1983 when Dr. Leroy Walker was named chancellor for an interim period. That was a very trying time and he worked to calm things and smooth things for the selection of Tyrone R. Richmond for chancellor by the search committee which he headed.

Holland was first appointed to the NCCU Board of Trustees in 1973 by Gov. Robert Scott. He served until 1977 and was chairman of the Trustee-Faculty Relationship Committee, a member of the Executive Committee, and a member of the Endowment Committee during that term. In 1981 he was reappointed to the board by Gov. James B. Hunt. He was elected chairman of the board in 1985 and 1986, was appointed to a second consecutive term on the board in 1988, and has been re-elected chairman of the board each year since 1988.

The Wake County Board of Education elected Holland as vice chair. (See DR. HOLLAND, P. 2)

New Struggles Ahead For Minorities Seeking Position And Middle Class

Power Problem For Many

BY PETER LEWIS
Special To The CAROLINIAN
An Analysis

In politics, business, in everything, it seems, members of the new black middle class have to work just a little harder and be just a little better than their white peers. It's a subtle form of

discrimination. And it's everywhere. In politics, Rep. William Gray, one of the most powerful and widely respected leaders of any race in the House of Representatives, a veteran congressman who chaired the powerful House Budget Committee and

later was elected to the fourth ranking party position in the lower chamber, faced the dilemma of getting too close to the throne.

In the wake of the resignations of two of the three men ahead of him, Gray looked to move into a key legislative position, the third ranking House post of party whip, vacated with the resignation of California Rep. Tony Coelho because of investigations into his business deal-

ings. Gray received the post and is now the third highest-ranking member in the House, but not without fighting. Gray was fighting against charges that he, too, is the subject of an FBI investigation into his own business dealings. And his plight continues to demonstrate the tremendous difficulties facing any black in advancing through the chairs into positions of increasing power in government.

(See NEW STRUGGLES, P. 2)



REP. WILLIAM GRAY

Gas Station Clerk Shot

14-Year-Old Held In Slaying

Confesses To Shooting Attendant

Fourteen-year-old Ervin Thomas "Tommy" Lewis of Clayton has confessed to killing James Claude Walker, 20, of 214 1/2 Linden Avenue, testified a Raleigh detective Monday in Wake Juvenile Court.

Lewis waived his right to have an attorney and a parent or guardian with him during questioning, Det. J.W. Howard told the court.

Lewis' hearing was held to determine whether he should remain in secure custody pending further court action. Judge Bason ordered that he remain in custody and scheduled a preliminary hearing for today. If Bason finds probable cause, Lewis will be found over to Wake Superior court to be tried as an adult. He would not face the death penalty if convicted, because he is under 17.

Police have said that the video camera at the Longview Phillips 66 gas station captured the shooting and robbery on film.

In related events: Sondra D. Sutton, 18, of Kinston, claims she did not know that she was pregnant before giving birth to a baby last week. She was arrested and charged with murder in connection with the death of a newborn boy drowned in a toilet last week.

Sutton is being held in the Lenoir County Jail in lieu of \$15,000 bond. An autopsy indicated that the child was alive when born, weighing seven pounds, and died of drowning, said Dr. Page Hudson, a pathologist at the regional medical examiner's office in Greenville. He had determined drowning as the cause of death because the baby had been found in water and no other cause was uncovered.

The manner of death had not been (See SLAYING, P. 2)

Minimum Wage Bill Veto Serious Blow To Ranks Of Working Poor

The president's veto of legislation to raise the minimum wage will have a sharp effect on black and Hispanic workers, who are among those who have been most harshly affected by the severe drop in the purchasing power of the minimum wage in recent years, according to an analysis issued recently by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

The study, based primarily on Census and Labor Department data, found that while unemployment rates

COLLEGE GRADUATES—Shaw University's Center for Alternative Programs in Education held its graduation ceremony at the Correctional Institute for Women, and

three women were three of the seven graduates who received Associate of Arts and Bachelor of Arts degrees. (Photo by Tally Sabir-Calloway)

Democrats Appoint Strong Party Organizer As Executive Director

The North Carolina Democratic Party has appointed Everett B. Ward to be the new executive director, state party chairman Lawrence Davis announced recently. Ward has been acting executive director since early April. He has been employed by the party as director of political operations since 1983.

"Everett Ward has worked his way up through the ranks of our professional staff over a period of seven years," Chairman Davis said. "As a strong party organizer, Everett has worked with party leaders and elected Democratic officials from the

precinct to the national level. "Everett has demonstrated a high degree of personal integrity and an ability to work effectively with Democrats statewide," Davis added. "Most importantly, Everett has done an excellent job as acting executive director for the past two months."

Chairman Davis also announced three new appointments to the party's State Executive Council. Betty McCain will serve as Sustaining Fund chair, Barton Baldwin will serve as treasurer, and Jim Miller will serve as an at-large member of the council. The three appointees will

serve two-year terms as member of the council.

McCain, a resident of Wilson, is former chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Party and former member of the Democratic National Committee.

"Betty McCain has the leadership qualities and good humor that are so necessary for anyone who serves as Sustaining Fund chairman, as she has generously undertaken to do," Davis said.

Baldwin, a resident of Mount Olive, is a certified public accountant.

"Barton Baldwin is well qualified to serve as party treasurer," Davis said. "His professional experience as a certified public accountant, his leadership in the accounting profession and his past service as treasurer for successful Democratic candidates qualify him well to serve as party treasurer and as a member of the Executive Council."

"Jim Miller has the distinction of being a leader of our party in Iredell County, his former home, and in McDowell County, where he now

Supreme Court Deals Setback To Civil Rights

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Julius L. Chambers, director/counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., termed the Supreme Court's ruling in Patterson vs. McLean Credit Union "another significant setback" to the guarantee of equal employment opportunity for workers of all races.

Commenting on the June 15 decision, Chambers, who argued the case before the Supreme Court, said, "Together with its recent decisions cutting back on the protections of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, its ruling in the Birmingham firefighters case, and its earlier decisions in the minority set-aside case in Richmond, Va., the Supreme Court has taken several regrettable steps backward and has sent a disquieting signal to all advocates of equal justice. The protections enacted by Congress for minorities and women in the workplace have been seriously eroded by the Supreme Court's decision in recent weeks. By changing the rules, the court has taken the teeth out of both Section 1981 of the 1866 Civil Rights Act and Title VII of the 1964 act."

"In upholding the Runyon case, but creating an exception for racial harassment, the Supreme Court has opened up a loophole that threatens to swallow the protections formerly afforded by the 1966 Civil Rights Act.

"Although the court lets stand the prior ruling that the 1966 act prohibits

(See SUPREME COURT, P. 2)

Fulford Seeking At-Large Seat On City Council

"As citizens do you question your future in the United States? Will this country remain a major industrial power with high standards of living for us or future generations? What does this have to do with us?" Raleigh City Council candidate Doug Fulford says he has answers for Wake County voters.

Fulford is developing his campaign for the at-large City Council seat and his campaign has no base in the Democratic Party. It has no origins within the traditional black establishment.

This young, independent candidate makes it clear that he is seeking to build a broad-based coalition among the people in the Raleigh community around their expressed concerns.

(See CITY COUNCIL, P. 2)

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are lower now for blacks and Hispanics than in the late 1970s, their poverty rates are higher and their income levels have declined. A principal reason for these setbacks is a substantial drop in the wages paid to minority workers, the center says.

These large wage drops occurred at the same time that the purchasing power of the minimum wage was slipping to its lowest level since 1945, the study noted. Data cited in the study show that minority workers are far more likely to be paid at or near the

household's income remains below the poverty line, the center reported.

At the same time, the study found, the minimum wage has declined in buying power every year since 1978, average wages paid to minority workers have fallen significantly since the late 1970s (with particularly large declines in wages paid to young minority workers), and the average wage paid to private, non-managerial workers of all races and ethnic groups is now lower than in any other year since 1968, after adjusting for in-



SOWETO DAY REMEMBERED—Friday, June 15, marked the 13th anniversary of the massacre in Soweto, South Africa, in which more than 600 black South Africans were killed by police. A commemorative church

service was held by the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, where three four Triangle-area students from Soweto sang the black South African national anthem, "Bod Steeds South Africa." (Photo by Tally Sabir-Calloway)