

## Boyle Chosen For Writers' Organization

ROCKY MOUNT—William P. "Bill" O'Boyle, English instructor in the College Transfer Program at Nash Community College, has been granted membership in the North Carolina Writers Network. The Carrboro-based statewide organization is composed of playwrights, technical writers, poets and other genre who are both professional and non-professional writers.

Through its workshops, annual meetings and matching grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the network promotes and encourages aspiring writers in the state.

O'Boyle, who was a Peabody Scholar at the George Peabody College for Teaching, joined the Nash Community College faculty in September 1988. His teaching specialties include 19th century English, American literature and composition.

He is a graduate of Atlantic Christian College, earned his master's degree at Clemson University, and is a candidate for the Certificate of Advanced Studies at East Carolina University.



**COMPLETES TRAINING**—Army Reserve Pvt. Rebecca S. Riddick has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions. Riddick is the daughter of Emily M. Riddick of 9 Granville Terrace and Hubert Montgomery of 1408 Cross Link Road, both of Raleigh.

## Economic Activity

# Rural Project Gets \$50,000 Grant

The Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of Winston-Salem has awarded \$50,000 to the N.C. Rural Economic Development Center for a pilot project designed to spur economic activity in economically depressed minority communities.

The project, known as the Collaborative Credit Union Structure, will enable the state's minority credit unions to substantially increase their effectiveness across the state by pooling their financial resources and development activities.

According to Billy Ray Hall, Rural Center president, the collaborative

structure will involve the establishment of a Minority Credit Union Association and a Minority Lending Support Center.

The association will be responsible for promoting the interests of members among regulatory and government agencies, will serve as a liaison with other credit union trade organizations, and will carry out legislative policy initiatives.

The support center, a non-profit organization, will promote economic development in the communities served by the credit unions, will provide management and marketing assistance to member credit unions and will be able to receive grants from corporations, foundations and the State of North Carolina for developmental loan capital.

"Clearly, with the drop in federal support for economic development in rural communities, we've got to look for some innovative financing strategies from within the state," said Hall. "Our minority credit unions are already extremely

knowledgeable about their communities' needs and I believe that through this new collaboration, we will see them gain financial capacity and clout."

The collaborative structure was developed under the leadership of the minority credit unions and organizations including the N.C. Institute of Minority Economic Development, the Center for Community Self-Help, the Rural Center and various state and national trade associations. The project grew out of a \$1.75 million appropriation by the General Assembly in 1988 for minority economic development.

The \$50,000 grant from Z. Smith Reynolds will be used for training purposes and to lay the legal groundwork for the project. The project will be initiated in July.

According to a study by Technical Resources International, a Raleigh-based planning and development firm that evaluated the developmental potential of minority credit unions for the Rural Center, there are 104

federally chartered and 177 state-chartered credit unions across the state, of which 17 are minority controlled. These minority credit unions have assets ranging from \$80,000 to \$5 million and in most cases the residents of the communities they serve are low-income.

A 1985 study by the Charlotte Minority Business Development Center titled "The Community Reinvestment Act and the North Carolina Minority Business Community" pointed to the lack of capital to start up, maintain or expand operations as the most critical problem facing minority businesses across the state. A recent study by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution of lending practices by savings and loan institutions revealed that in the Triangle area of North Carolina, minority loan applications are rejected nearly four times as often as applications by whites. In a random sampling of other cities across the state, this trend appeared to be constant.

## Catholic Priest Faces Suspension From Church

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—The Roman Catholic archbishop of Washington almost certainly will suspend a priest who set up an unauthorized church for black parishioners, a church official says.

The Rev. George A. Stallings, Jr. could be suspended as early as Wednesday, said the Rev. William Lori, secretary to Cardinal James A. Hickey, archbishop of Washington.

Stallings performed the first mass of the Imani Temple on Sunday. He said he created the new congregation because the Roman Catholic Church is not responsive to the cultural and spiritual needs of black parishioners.

The suspension penalty "is given in such cases not for punishment, but in hopes of reconciliation," Lori said

Monday. "Suspension is virtually assured."

Efforts to reach Stallings by telephone for comment were unsuccessful.

Church officials said they oppose Stallings' methods but not his efforts to respond to the black community.

"This situation has more to do with the needs and expectations of Father Stallings than with broader questions about the adequacy of Catholic ministry within the black community," Hickey said.

"As Catholics, we look to the bishop for overall guidance on when to establish a new parish," said Lori. "We can't have a priest setting up a new parish and saying, 'Hey, we have a better product over here.'"

Should Stallings be suspended, he would lose his right to preach, celebrate mass or officiate at weddings and funerals, Lori said.

Sunday's ceremony at the University of the District of Columbia Law School chapel was attended by about 500 people and included traditional Catholic prayers and liturgy, along with elements borrowed from African and Southern black revival traditions. Black representatives of other faiths, including Baptists and Muslims, attended to show support for Stallings' move.

The rite included the celebration of the Eucharist despite Hickey's order banning Stallings from celebrating Holy Communion in any Washington parish.

## Rep. Collins Convolves At Home After Tests

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rep. Carl Collins scheduled hearing on airlines security will have to be postponed for a few weeks while she recovers after undergoing a series of tests and angioplasty (removal of cholesterol buildup in her cardiovascular system) at the University of Chicago Hospital.

The Illinois Democrat, who chairs the House Subcommittee of Government Activities and Transportation, who is convalescing at her Chicago home, assured her constituency that "all is well."

"My doctors have advised me to remain in Chicago for a few weeks so that results of the procedure can be carefully monitored," she said. "But I plan to return to my duties on Capitol Hill as quickly as possible." She was reported "resting quietly" after the operation.

Ms. Collins and Secretary of Transportation, Samuel A. Skinner have been locked in a dispute over Skinner's accusation that the tough Illinois lawmaker's committee leaked sensitive Federal Aviation Administration intelligence reports on terrorist threats to airlines. Skinner charged that these revelations could be damaging to the agency's efforts to secure future information and thus endanger air passengers' lives.

Ms. Collins called Skinner's charges misleading. "They mischaracterize the facts and impugn the integrity of the subcommittee," she said. Meanwhile, her impending committee hearings on airlines security are expected to elicit statements from a number of experts on the subject.

A 16-year veteran of the House of Representatives, she is the only female African-American lawmaker on Capitol Hill. She said she is feeling better and is looking forward to meeting with new House Speaker Thomas Foley. She has received a number of get-well telephone calls, telegrams, cards and flowers from "friends, congressional members and concerned citizens of my district. They have brought me great joy," she said.

## Pilot Receives Training, Wings

Second Lt. Scott M. Teel was graduated from U.S. Air Force pilot training, and has received silver wings at Williams Air Force Base, Ariz.

Teel is the son of Neida G. Teel of 5024 New Castle Road, Raleigh. His wife, Tammy, is the daughter of Dave and Audrey K. Hamilton of 1001 Riverview Road, Raleigh.

The lieutenant is a 1983 graduate of W.G. Enloe High School, Raleigh, and a 1987 graduate of North Carolina State University, Raleigh.

## Arabic Order Helps American Red Cross CPR

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Ten health coordinators of the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine and its auxiliary, the Daughters of Isis, representing five cities, participated recently in American Red Cross CPR and blood pressure detection certification courses to learn how to save lives within their communities. The five cities include Kansas City, Mo.; Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia, Denver and Los Angeles. The pilot program was held at Marion Laboratories, Inc., which supported the training classes through an educational grant.

Dr. Donald Ware, a Los Angeles-based cardiologist, serves as medical director for cardiovascular disease and hypertension (high blood pressure) for the AEAONMS, an international fraternal and benevolent organization. "This training program will be of great value in our various communities. Cardiovascular disease remains the number one killer of black adults in the United States," Dr. Ware said. "Approximately 70,000 black Americans suffer from strokes each year, some of which are directly attributable to high blood pressure. Of these 70,000 blacks, about 40,000 die each year."

"We are grateful to the American Red Cross and Marion Laboratories for providing this training and certification in CPR and blood pressure detection. The next step is to make use of this training within the community through blood pressure screenings that help identify hypertensives," he added.

The American Red Cross is the nation's foremost volunteer human services organization. Its mission is to improve the quality of human life, to enhance self-reliance and concern for others, and to help people avoid, prepare for and cope with emergencies.

Marion, a Kansas City-based pharmaceutical company, develops, manufactures and markets prescription and over-the-counter pharmaceutical products.

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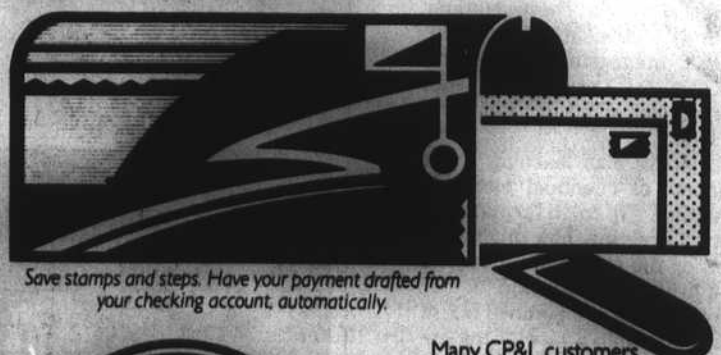
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