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## Agenda For 1990

# Upchurch, Campbell Face New Terms



**CONFIDENT VOTER**—City councilman Ralph Campbell is confident after voting in the city elections, and the results gave him every reason to be so, overwhelming defeating his opponent for the District C council seat. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports  
Receiving more than 50 percent of the votes, Raleigh Mayor Avery C. Upchurch has been re-elected for a fourth term, sweeping his opponent Charles C. Meeker out of the mayoral race. District C Councilman Ralph Campbell also easily turned back a challenge from Raleigh radio personality Winnie Robinson to retain his seat.

Upchurch gained 13,152 votes or 56 percent of the total votes, according to unofficial results. Meeker, representing Southwest Raleigh, received 10,440 or 44 percent of the vote.

Upchurch's main agenda for the 1990s is still that of his previous elec-

tion years: to see that Raleigh receives adequate water treatment facilities, to see that city-wide traffic problems are dealt with, and to ensure downtown revitalization projects continue successfully.

The mayor also stated in a recent interview that the drug problem, affordable housing and the homeless must be handled with intelligence, care and vision.

In the at-large election, council member Anne S. Franklin was elected. In addition to Campbell in District C, Mary Watson Nooe in District B (East Raleigh), and Mary C. Cates in District E (West Raleigh) all were re-elected without runoffs. In District A (North Raleigh), E.

Julian Ford and incumbent Geoffrey Elting will participate in a runoff election. Anna P. Keller and J. Barlow Herget in District D will also run off against each other. Also, Joan R. Baron is likely to run off against Frank L. Turner for the council's second at-large seat.

In District C, Southeast Raleigh, the mayor won 10 to 12 precincts, receiving 2,516 votes to 1,049 for Meeker. Upchurch said he was pleased at the number of votes he had received from predominantly black Southeast Raleigh, noting that in 1983 he received very little support from District C. He saw the vote as proof that he had gained the confidence of Raleigh's black community.

Campbell said he was delighted at his showing, electing him to a third term on the City Council. His main concern for Southeast Raleigh, he said, was still to continue development of the downtown area and affordable housing.

Following is a breakdown of unofficial election results in the races:

In District A, Ford received 2,231 or 45.6 percent of the votes. Elting, a one-time councilman who ran keeping the neighborhood close in mind, received 1,656 votes or 37.9 percent, while Louis B. Alexander received 807 votes or 16.5 percent.

In District D, Ms. Keller received

(See ELECTIONS, P. 2)

## Series Of Attacks

## NEWS BRIEFS

### CHILD CARE SUBSIDY

Beginning Jan. 1, 1990, NCNE Corp. will add a progressive child-care subsidy to its benefits program for more than 13,000 employees in the Southeast. Called NCNE Child Care Plus, the program will help employees with total household taxable incomes of \$24,000 a year or less with child-care costs for children under six years of age.

### ESTEY HALL FOUNDATION

The Estey Hall Foundation will offer a flea market Oct. 14 beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m. at Martin and Tarboro streets in the Martin Street Baptist Church parking lot. Proceeds will go toward Estey Hall restoration.

### HURRICANE MAKEUP DAY

The makeup day for Wake Public Schools for the missed day Sept. 22 will be June 6. This is the first makeup day on the 1989-90 calendar as designated by the board.

### COMMUNITY FORUM

Dr. Robert E. Wentz, Wake Public Schools superintendent, has been invited to speak at a public forum Oct. 15 at 4 p.m. at St. Ambrose Episcopal Church on "Commitment to Education: Our Children's Future." The forum is (See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)

## Leaders Denounce Slaying

BY BENJAMIN F. CHAVIS

It is most unfortunate that it often takes the tragic death of a human being before this society pauses to question why it is that racially motivated violence continues to be commonplace against racial and ethnic communities throughout the nation. Now the recent brutal murder of Jim Meng Hai Loo in Raleigh is but the latest in a series of racial attacks on Asian-Americans which appear to be increasing.

Loo was a young man of the Chinese-American community. He was misidentified by white male assailants who thought Loo was Vietnamese. According to detailed accounts in the press, the attack took place in a pool room when a group of white men began name-calling and harassing Loo and four other Asian-Americans. Two of the white men are brothers, Robert Piche and Lloyd Piche. They falsely accused Loo of being responsible for American deaths in the Vietnam war. Loo and his friends immediately left the pool room but the Piche brothers followed them outside and a fierce racial attack began.

Eyewitnesses to the incident have stated that Robert Piche got a shotgun and a pistol from his truck and brutally struck Loo on the head with what later proved to be a fatal

(See RACE VIOLENCE, P. 2)



**HELPING VICTIMS OF HUGO**—Members of Pleasant Hill United Church of Christ got together to help victims of Hugo who live in Charleston, S.C. Shown are Rev. D.L. McCoy, left and parishoner Michael McCotter, leading supplies donated by the church and Triangle residents. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

## Civil Rights In Tug Of War With No Watchdog For Issues In N.C.

WINSTON-SALEM (AP)—Nobody is seriously monitoring civil rights in North Carolina, says the chairman of a group that's supposed to be the watchdog for such issues in this state.

David Broyles is chairman of the N.C. Advisory Committee to the U.S. Civil Rights Commission. He's also responsible for reporting to Washington on civil rights issues in North Carolina.

But the U.S. commission, which is based in Washington, is in limbo,

caught in a political tug of war between Democrats and Republicans. Consequently, the N.C. Advisory Committee is left without any direction or financial support.

"We're dead in the water," he said at his office at Wake Forest University, where he teaches politics. "It doesn't look like anybody takes the N.C. commission or the U.S. commission seriously."

G. McLeod Bryan, a retired professor of religion at Wake Forest and

a member of the N.C. Advisory Committee for 30 years, agrees.

"What we used to do was try to keep up to date on the progress of civil rights," he said last week. "But we're simply not doing that now."

There was some hope that the committee would get things rolling after a yearlong hiatus, though that hope was tempered by the appointment of Broyles, a self-described arch-conservative, as its chairman last year.

Despite the intense ideological differences between Broyles and the more liberal members of the committee, a meeting held last October jump-started the moribund committee. At that meeting, the committee decided to tackle the resegregation of public schools in Raleigh and the thorny issue of "tracking" throughout the N.C. public school systems, the ways in which minority students are often steered into remedial programs.

But the committee has done (See RIGHTS ISSUE, P. 2)

## UNC Employee Alleges Racism In Department

Is there really racism at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill? According to Officer Keith Edwards, there is much racism in the school's Public Safety Office. You see, Officer Edwards is the only African-American female ever hired by the UNC Campus Police Department and has never been promoted since 1974, when she was first hired as a police officer.

Edwards claims that she was unfairly passed over during a recent round of promotions in the department and has filed a formal complaint against the department under the school's Staff Grievance Procedure which is supposed to protect all UNC employees from discrimination in employment.

In 1979, Officer Edwards says she began protesting the racial and gender discrimination within the police department. As a result, she says, others began to also speak out about the problems in the department and the director was subsequently forced to resign.

Since that time, she has filed several grievances, and has taught many of her co-workers how to use the Staff Grievance Procedure.

Now, Officer Edwards has obtained a full hearing before the Office of Administrative Hearings, which will review her case extensively.

(See GRIEVANCE, P. 2)

## Marshall Bass Guest Speaker At Convocation

Saint Augustine's College is going into its 123rd academic year with a kind of excitement that has never been felt at the college before.

The college's 123rd formal opening convocation will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 10:30 a.m. in the college's Emery Gymnasium.

Dr. Marshall Bass, recently retired senior vice president of RJR Nabisco, and chairman of the Board of Trustees of Saint Augustine's College, will be the featured speaker.

St. Augustine's president Dr. Prezell R. Robinson says this is probably one of the most important periods in the historically black col-

(See CONVOCATION, P. 2)

## Restructuring Plan

# AFRO Dilemma Triggers Assistance

BY ROYNE-DENISE YOURSE

Special To THE CAROLINIAN  
WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Afro-American Newspaper with its 97 years of history has recently undergone much scrutiny from news reports in and around the Washington, D.C. area, as well as nationwide. The reports said that the Afro was experiencing many financial difficulties which may put an end to its lengthy existence.

Help, in the form of fundraisers, increased subscriptions, and individual contributions, has appeared following a Sept. 20 Washington Post article which led many to believe the Afro

was nearing financial collapse.

"The company has been under heavy debt for at least a decade," Afro president Frances Murphy Draper said, "and has suffered many losses."

"This fiscal year for the first time in many years, we witnessed a profit, but have been forced to use these funds to eliminate those past debts."

In February of this year, the Afro began mapping out a plan which would satisfy its creditors, Ms. Draper said, and submitted it to area banks.

That plan, submitted to a local Baltimore bank, received "condi-

tion approval" on June 22, Ms. Draper said, "which required us to work with our creditors, taxing authorities and to also obtain guarantees from the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority Act," a program specifically designed to assist socially or economically disadvantaged persons and to encourage financial institutions to make loans to socially or economically disadvantaged businesses.

"We have been working hard to meet those conditions," Afro Chairman John J. Oliver, Jr., said, "and are 90 percent there."

"What we had not counted on was a disgruntled creditor forwarding all of the Afro's correspondence to the Post and other newspapers.

"This disclosure has created the exaggerated impression that bankruptcy was imminent and that the Afro management was totally unaware of its financial condition," Oliver added.

"When was the last time you bought an Afro-American Newspaper? Why have you not purchased the paper? Is it because of your improved life situation that you want to divorce yourself from the mainstream of black America?"  
Parren J. Mitchell

Despite the loan, which is still being negotiated and is 30 to 45 days away from closing, Ms. Draper said she would continue to welcome support from the private sector and from citizens, because "The loan only makes it possible for us to wipe out our prior debts."

Meanwhile, former Maryland Rep. Parren J. Mitchell last week called a meeting of Baltimore's clergy to (See AFRO-AMERICAN, P. 2)



## Education Seen As Key To Business, Financial Skills

Christopher J. Hinton has a mission of a humanitarian nature with teens and adults.

Hinton, a Raleigh native and established photographer, has an interest in providing opportunities for community youth to gain insight into the inner workings of business, and adults are welcomed.

As a businessman, he has come to the conclusion that young African-Americans are all too familiar with buying and not owning. We need to educate ourselves on a practical level, he says, to understand and utilize skills, talents and school learnings that would complement the occupational and financial objectives a business insight can offer.

Participating in activities such as a member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., the United Negro College Fund, YMCA Back-A-Child campaigns, YMCA and WQOK Fun Run/Walk, the NAACP and other community projects, has motivated him to continue to give

(See TALENTS, P. 2)

## A Master Storyteller Visits Shaw Library

Augusta Baker was born in 1911 in Baltimore, Md. to school-teaching parents who enjoyed reading. Coming from a background of educators who enjoyed the more imaginative side of life, she sought to pursue a career in capitalizing on those roots.

Baker began her university career at the University of Pittsburgh, but later married and transferred to the State University of New York at Albany.

Baker vividly recalls the rampant discrimination against blacks at that time. However, not to be denied, she found a strong ally in Eleanor Roosevelt, the president's wife, who used her influence to get Baker into school to continue her education. She was the first black person to graduate with a master's degree in librarianship from the college.

She admittedly became a storyteller because she wanted to exclusively be a children's librarian. And in order for her to accomplish that goal, she underwent continuous,

(See STORYTELLER, P. 2)



AUGUSTA BAKER