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Students, Civic Groups Aim Boycott And Picket At Crabtree Valley Mall

BY TRACEY HALL
Staff Writer

Sparked by a memo passed last month by Crabtree Valley Mall official, John Grimaldi, concerned local African-American citizens have organized a boycott of the mall.

The boycott comes after Grimaldi and other officials of the mall issued a memo to the Raleigh Transit Authority requesting a halt to city CAT buses from downtown to Crabtree Valley Mall on Saturdays. Grimaldi, stated that merchants located in the mall complained that African-American teenagers caused too much of a disturbance on Saturday afternoons.

No memo was reportedly passed concerning the mass of white teenagers who gather at the mall on Friday nights.

Welton Jones, a member of a group of parents and business leaders throughout the African-American community acts as the spokesperson for the group of boycotters. Jones asks that all African-Americans refrain from patronizing Crabtree Valley Mall merchants. He claims that African-Americans should not give their dollars to people who do not even want our (African-American) children to come to the mall.

Jones contends the statement that

African-Americans are vandals, loud and violent, while in the mall reflects only a small percentage of those African-American teenagers who do not behave there. He added that "there are 5 percent of all races that are bad and 95 percent that are good" and that African-American teenagers are undoubtedly singled out because of their race.

Jones continues to say that if "they (merchants) could devise a way to get our money out there without our being there, they would be happy with that." Jones says that personally he will never shop at Crabtree Valley Mall again. He says that if African-

Americans in Raleigh continue to shop at the mall that would only show mall officials that they were right in labeling our African-American teenagers as bad.

Jones feels that with the holidays approaching merchants in the mall will suffer an economic loss from African-Americans.

Officially the boycott began on Friday afternoon and will last indefinitely. Local teenagers have convinced other teens who do not live in downtown areas to join in on the boycott.

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Message In Letter. Halting Bus Service Found Offensive To Some African-Americans

A letter dated Sept. 19, 1989 from John B. Grimaldi, executive vice president, agent for Crabtree Valley Mall, stated to Michael P. Hilperin, transit administrator, City of Raleigh the following:

"Dear Mr. Hilperin, thank you for meeting with Stephen Halle, Don Williams and me on Sept. 15 about the concerns Crabtree Valley Mall has about Saturday bus service provided by the Capitol Area Transit.

"I have been directed by CVM Associates to inform you that mall owners want bus service to Crabtree eliminated between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays. We are taking this position so that congestion is kept to a minimum in the parking lanes, as these hours are peak traffic times.

"As you know, we are also interested in discussing with you and a designated task force, alternatives for dealing with other related mass transit problems at the mall. Please let me know when we will be able to meet.

I would appreciate your prompt reply to inform me of when these channels will be implemented. I look forward to meeting with you again soon."

NEWS BRIEFS

ADOPTION BARRIERS

The Association of Friends of Black Children, an adoption advocacy group, will conduct its sixth annual conference to provide the opportunity for social workers, council members, parents, and the community to continue the exploration of ways to remove the current barriers to adoption. Rep. Richard G. Chancy, 14th Judicial District; Rev. David Forbes, pastor, Martha Street Baptist Church; and Ms. Mae Best, director of Homes for Black Children in Washington, D.C., will speak Nov. 3-4 at the Sheraton Crabtree Inn.

AWARDED \$105,000

Shaw University has been selected as a Lilly Endowment grant recipient in the second round of a three-year, \$3.8 million effort to strengthen historically black colleges and institutions. Shaw University will use the \$105,000 grant to improve its institutional research capacity in the office of institutional advancement and planning.

BLACK FARMERS

Recognizing the social and economic importance of family farming, the North Carolina General Assembly has appropriated \$100,000 to the state Land Loss Prevention Project. Founded by the N.C. Association of Black Lawyers, the group provides free legal assistance to individual farmers threatened with foreclosure and works with organizations devoted to making family farming economically viable.

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Felonious Possession

Drug Tip Leads To Search

Police, SBI Raid Dunn's Texaco Here

From Staff Reports

Police have charged Eugene Dunn, Jr. of Raleigh with felonious possession of cocaine in connection with a raid that occurred Friday afternoon at Dunn's Texaco Service Center located on 502 S. Bloodworth Street.

Raleigh police detectives, who were tipped off by a reliable source, obtained a search warrant for Dunn's Texaco. That search resulted in finding cocaine, according to police officials.

Eugene Dunn, Sr., who owns the service station, apparently knew nothing concerning the drugs being sold there and was not arrested.

Sgt. Weatherpoon of the Raleigh Police Department said that Dunn's previous arrest record will determine how stiff a sentence he will receive.

Dunn was released on a written promise that he will appear in court on the appropriate date. The SBI also participated in the search.

In other related events: One man was stabbed and another man was shot during a dispute over money Sunday night at Pretty's restaurant on 416 South East Street.

Steven Maurice Coward, 26, who resides at the Salvation Army on South Person St., received a gunshot wound to the thigh after stabbing Bobby Lee Saunders of 1210 Walnut St., twice in the shoulder.

Both men were treated and released from Wake Medical Center.

No charges have been filed as of late Wednesday.

On Sunday a Durham man was charged with throwing his brother out of a second floor window following an argument.

Leon Joint, 33, of 315 Dowd St. was charged with...

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FORMER STANDOUT SPEAKS—Dennis Bowles, former team manager John Simonds to discuss Golonbach's book 'Personal Fouls.' (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

N.C. Task Force On Excellence In Secondary Education Begins Work

State Superintendent Bob Etheridge presided this week as the Task Force on Excellence in Secondary Education kicked off its work aimed at getting North Carolina's SAT scores off the bottom of the nation's rankings.

Gov. James G. Martin, task force chairman L. Richardson Preyer, Sen. Terry Sanford, former Gov. James B. Hunt and several top educators from the Department of Public Instruction also were on the agenda for the first task force meeting. The task force was appointed by Etheridge in October.

Etheridge told the group that North Carolina's last-in-the-nation ranking on the SAT is symptomatic of problems in the state's high schools.

Problems, he said, that must be fixed if the state is to offer its children the education to which they are entitled.

"I have said repeatedly that I understand the disadvantages of attempting to use the SAT ranking as a valid indicator of our whole public school offering," Etheridge said.

But he added that the SAT is "one measure of our schools—one the general public understands," and one that is required of every prospective college student in North Carolina.

He said he expects the task force to delve into the secondary curriculum and to use the SAT ranking to ferret out answers to why North Carolina ranks so low in comparison with other states.

"I have yet to have anyone offer me a logical explanation of why students in Virginia score 66 points better on average than do North Carolina students," he said.

Judge Preyer told the group at Raleigh's Howard Johnson Conference Center that "North Carolinians and Americans have decided that good public schools are essential for the public good" and that "in this we were not Democrats or Republicans, conservatives or liberals."

Judge Preyer said raising SAT scores is important but is not the ultimate goal.

"The ultimate goal is that all children must reach a level of skill adequate to participate in society. Progress in the classroom, not anger over test scores, should control policy," he said.

Plans called for the task force and its working subcommittees to spend Oct. 30 looking at the problems North Carolina high schools face, including the state's poverty level, and begin the task of organizing the study. Oct. 31 was to be devoted to meetings of the working subcommittees composed of teachers and counselors, principals

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Liberal Dems, Conservatives Oust Hastings

BY LARRY STILL
NNPA News Service
An Analysis

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The political and legal implications of Federal Judge Alcee Hastings' impeachment are still reverberating coast to coast after the United States Senate voted 69-26 to find him guilty of 11 of 17 charges of malfeasance in office following a dramatic, historic public hearing in the Capitol. It was the first time in U.S. history that a federal official was removed from office on charges upon which he had been acquitted by a jury of his peers.

A packed gallery of some 1,500 spectators, school children and Hastings supporters listened in stunned silence as 34 mostly liberal Democratic senators joined 35 predominantly conservative Republican senior legislators in voting to oust Judge Hastings from his \$89,000-a-year judiciary position despite the fact that he had been found not guilty of the eight-year-old charge of accepting a \$150,000 bribe to release a convicted criminal on probation in a U.S. district court in Florida in 1981.

Although open impeachment proceedings in the case were conducted in the House of Representatives and

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Dr. Satcher To Visit During Achievement Week

A distinguished clinical scholar and community leader will visit as a guest during National Achievement Week when a fraternity focuses on the first medical science scholarship fund for minority students.

Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., will observe its annual National Achievement Week program on Friday, Nov. 3, at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Center at St. Augustine's College at 7:30 p.m. The program will include inauguration of the Medical Science Scholarship Trust Fund. Dr. David Satcher, president of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., will speak.

The Medical Science Trust Fund was established by the local chapter

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Successful, Creative Solutions New Era Beginning In Rental Housing

A new era in affordable rental housing began October 27 with the dedication of the Jeffries Ridge apartments. The 32-unit Jeffries Ridge complex was developed by the non-profit Downtown Housing Improvement Corporation through a precedent-setting partnership involving First

Federal of Raleigh, the City of Raleigh and other public and private groups. The apartments are located in the 1700 block of Poole Road in Southeast Raleigh.

"This development marks the first of its kind in the Southeast to be completed by a non-profit housing group

using federal tax credits for affordable rental housing," said Gregory F. Warren, Executive Director of DHIC. "We think that this signifies the increasing role non-profit groups across the country will have in forging affordable housing partnerships between the private and public sec-

tor."

Rents in Jeffries Ridge are significantly below those for comparable units in Raleigh. Rent for a two-bedroom unit is \$320 per month and \$385 for a three bedroom unit. All residents of Jeffries Ridge must earn less than 60 percent of the median income for the area. For example, the annual income of a three person household can't exceed \$21,350 per year.

"The interest in Jeffries Ridge has been phenomenal," Mr. Warren indicated. "We've had over 350 applications for the apartments with limited advertising. This confirms our earlier studies that there is a tremendous need for decent housing with modest rents."

Financing for the \$1.5 million development came from several sources. As the sole limited partner in the partnership, First Federal invested nearly \$600,000 in the project. First Union National Bank provided a \$637,000 HUD-insured first mortgage loan and the City of Raleigh provided critical subordinate financing through purchase (\$140,000) and leaseback of the land and a \$340,000 loan carrying an 8 percent interest rate. The North Carolina Housing Finance Agency also provided a \$60,000 loan to the project.

"This partnership demonstrates how the private sector can work together with non-profit groups and government to provide successful and creative solutions to our growing housing problem," said Warren.

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CONTINUING SUPPORT—John P. Green presents Clarence Lightner with an honorary Raleigh Street sign noting the dedication of Lightner Lane at Jeffries Ridge Apartments off Poole Road. DHIC, owner of Jeffries Ridge, wished to commemorate Clarence Lightner's continuing support of affordable housing in Raleigh.

Dr. E. C. Burns Speaks To 46th State NAACP Meet

BY ALLIE M. PEEBLES
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Speaking on the subject, "America's Fiery Furnace," Dr. Emmett C. Burns took his text from the Old Testament, Daniel 3, when he addressed NAACPers in Raleigh at the 46th annual state conference.

Dr. Burns, who received his Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh, is also a minister. He was the guest speaker at the mass meeting held on Friday, Oct. 20, at the Martin Street Baptist Church.

Burns spoke of the Babylonian king, Nebuchadnezzar, who had the three Israelite youths, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, thrown into the fiery furnace. This happened because they would not bow down and worship the king's golden image nor serve his gods.

At this point, Burns made a comparison between those days and this period in America. "We still have our

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DR. EMMETT C. BURNS