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## Investigation Must Proceed

# NAACP Steers Clear Of Mall Boycott

BY TRACEY HALL  
Staff Writer

As part of a series of events leading up to a boycott of Crabtree Valley Mall, local African-American youths and their parents have begun to picket at the mall due to alleged unfair and unjust treatment by mall officials.

Last Saturday, members of the Concerned Citizens for Equality gathered at the mall to protest a request from John B. Grimaldi to Michael P. Halperin and the City of Raleigh Transit Administration to eliminate bus service from downtown to the mall between the hours of 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

Grimaldi's actions came about to constant complaints by merchants that African-American teenagers were presenting problems "such as loitering, blocking traffic aisles, using offensive language, vandalism and harassing shoppers."

During Saturday's demonstration, protesters did not meet with Grimaldi because they were simply there to take a stance. The picketers plan to continue their actions indefinitely, according to Ms. Margaret Rose Murray, who helped organize the boycott.

Ms. Murray said the picket generated "tremendous results" in that it was an economic boycott. She said more such actions are schedul-

ed, and that students and parents will picket this Friday and Saturday.

"This is the only way the young people can speak out," Ms. Murray said in a recent interview with The CAROLINIAN.

Although Grimaldi did speak with protesters in a pre-demonstration press conference Saturday morning, and was accused of denying statements made in his memo.

Rev. Henry Pickett, president of the Raleigh-Apex Chapter of the NAACP, has taken a different stand on the issue. He said the NAACP cannot become actively involved in the boycott without investigating the

matter extensively. "We have to follow guidelines set by the national and state NAACP,"

Rev. Pickett said.

He explained that the NAACP could lose its charter if they launched into a situation, without further investigation, where an individual or group of individuals received unequal treatment or got their feelings hurt.

The executive board of the Raleigh-Apex Branch of the NAACP is still in the process of deciding whether legal action should be taken in response to the allegations made by mall officials.

The NAACP has also established

other avenues to entertain youths. Instead of gathering at the mall, young people and their parents can set up various activities throughout the community.

Ms. Rose Murray and Rev. Pickett agree that there is a very small percentage of youth creating a disturbance at the mall. But, to lump all African-American youths together as troublemakers is offensive to the whole African-American community, especially the parents of those youth involved, they say.

Rev. Pickett is urging, on behalf of the NAACP, African-Americans to report and document for themselves

any incidents that occur while they are visiting Crabtree Valley Mall. If anyone experiences harassment of any type, they should report it to Rev. Henry Pickett, president, Raleigh-Apex Branch of the NAACP, P.O. Box 25427, Raleigh 27611-5427.

A forum that was established by the Raleigh Human Resources and Human Relations Advisory Commission has been cancelled. The forum which was planned for next Tuesday has been rescheduled for a later date in December. Jade Jurek, of the public affairs department, said she was "not sure if there was a conflict or not."

## Pleaded Guilty To Robbery

# Man Convicted In Zebulon Slaying

## Brutally Beaten, Stabbed

Larry O'Neal was found guilty and convicted by a Wake Superior Court judge Tuesday for the slaying of Billy K. Hopkins, a 75-year-old former county commissioner and owner of a convenience store in Zebulon. Hopkins was found beaten and stabbed June 23, and left for dead.

O'Neal was charged with first-degree felony murder. Under North Carolina law, this means that the murder occurred while O'Neal was committing a robbery.

Accompanied by two other assailants, O'Neal claimed during the trial that the two men forced him to knock Hopkins out and that he did not kill Hopkins.

An attorney for O'Neal said that the state had treated his client unfairly because they had presented in evidence a knife which had no blood or fingerprints from O'Neal on it.

The attorney also contended that there was no blood on O'Neal's clothing, proving that he was in fact forced to kill Hopkins by the two men. Assistant District Attorney Frank Jackson disputed the defense's theory that the pocket knife was not sufficient evidence because the knife was actually found as part of the crime scene.

As part of his argument to defend O'Neal, his attorney pointed out that O'Neal was coerced into robbing the store in order to win back his girlfriend, who had just broken up



STUDENTS PROTEST—Students and Southeast Raleigh residents gathered for a rally downtown to protest the Crabtree Valley Mall Management's attempts to reroute bus schedules in Southeast Raleigh. Pictured above are from left, To-Letta Bryant, Rosa Gill, Robi Roberts, and Zandi Fennell, who appeared with other students to call for a boycott of Crabtree Valley. (Photo by Tullie Sabir-Calloway)

## Roberts Says Racism Motive For Dismissal, Dr. Wentz Disagrees

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports

The Wake Board of Education, in a long-running battle with a former teacher, retaliated by using a clause in state law that allows disclosure of the reasons for firing a teacher Monday.

Frank L. Roberts, a veteran Wake County teacher and longtime education activist and advocate, had maintained that all is far from well in the public school system with racism playing a big role. Roberts said he was fired as part of a calculated effort to rid the county schools of black teachers.

Following a closed-door meeting Monday night, Superintendent Robert E. Wentz in a memo said Roberts was fired Nov. 13 for making sexual advances to a female student and the student's mother.

Roberts told The CAROLINIAN on Wednesday he did not wish to comment on the board's decision to dismiss him at this time. He implied, however, that he would comment later on the board's decision to release the statement.

Roberts, a former physical education teacher who has been with the system for 20 years, was suspended without pay June 8. Earlier Mon-

day, he had held a news conference during which he said the school system had gained 642 new teachers since the 1977-78 school year, but during that time had showed a decline of approximately 35 black teachers. "I think there is a concerted, systematic effort on the part of some Wake County public school officials to eliminate as many African-American teachers from this system as they possibly can," he said.

Roberts has clashed with the administration and school board before and recently has gathered support from teachers who are lambasting the system for a pattern of dismissals, forced resignations, involuntary retirements, and refusal to hire qualified black teachers who live in Wake County, and the steady decline in the percentage of black

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## Political Relationship

# Native America: Forgotten Society

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Special To The CAROLINIAN  
An Analysis

In 1492, the Indians of the North American continent made up approximately 500 to 600 distinct societies. These societies existed in harmonious ecological balance with the forest, the plains, the deserts, the waters and the animal life. When Columbus first arrived in the Caribbean, he was met by natives about whom he wrote, "The people of this island are artless and generous with what they have, and such a degree as no one would

believe... If it be asked for, they never say no, but rather invite the person to accept it, and show as much lovingness as though they would give their hearts."

Europeans responded to this kindness with brutality. Mistreatment of the natives was characteristic of all the colonizing powers. Early English settlers described the Indians as open, free and loving, without treachery, and yet in most instances the English enslaved, exploited, and all but exterminated them. The In-

dian seemed to turn the other cheek.

An Indian chief asked the Virginia settlers: "Why should you take by force from us that which you can get from a heart of love?" And yet, Europeans called the Indians "savages." The real question is, who were the savages, and why the inhumane treatment of the Indians by Europeans? The answer in part is greed and in part the European cultural nationalism which took the form of racial superiority.

And even today, Native Americans

in many places are still strangers in their native land. Their contribution to this country is often forgotten, especially in our schools. Our history was written by the conquerors, but Native Americans, too, played a major role in the formative years of our government.

The Iroquois from the Longhouse laid the foundation for representative government. They established checks and balances, and the principle that

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### HEAT FOR NEEDY

Warmth for Wake, a fuel-assistance program for the county's needy, began its annual campaign this week for donations before the cold weather sets in. The N.C. League of Savings Institutions and the county social service department are sponsoring the program, which helps pay heating bills for people in need.

### COUNCIL GUIDELINES

After years of forums and meetings, the City Council this week adopted an updated version of the Comprehensive Plan, one of the city's most important documents for guiding development. Unanimous approval of the plan was one of the last actions taken by the council. New members will be sworn in Dec. 5. The plan, an overhaul of a 1979 version, gives the council guidelines for rezoning, building projects and growth regulations during the next 20 years. It takes effect March 1.

### HUMAN RELATIONS AWARD

The City of Raleigh Human Resources and Human Relations Advisory Commission is asking for nominations for its annual human relations awards to be presented in February, Human Relations Month. Anyone wishing information about the awards should contact Civil Rights Of-



JONATHAN BUSH

## President's Brother, Jonathan Bush, Awarded Degree At St. Aug's.

Despite a four-hour wait at the airport for a flight that was eventually scrubbed, and finally arriving at Raleigh-Durham International Airport, Jonathan Bush, the younger brother of President George Bush, began his whirlwind, one-day trip at St. Augustine's College five hours behind schedule.

Despite that snafu, the only one of the trip, Bush began his day with a hearty Southern breakfast of biscuits, grits, sausage, bacon, scrambled eggs, juice and coffee, with a group of Raleigh business and industry people. He was whisked from the Radisson Hotel in downtown Raleigh to the Northeast Raleigh campus of the historically black college, where a group of anxious students, faculty and friends awaited his arrival.

His first encounter was with the college's Reserve Officer Training Corps honor guard. With gleaming silver helmets, white scarves and glistening swords, standing at atten-

tion, they formed an archway for the tall, gangly younger brother of the president of the United States to pass under, along with the president of the college, Dr. Preszell R. Robinson, and provost, Dr. Robert E. Bridges.

Their destination was the main conference room in the Preszell R. Robinson Library, to meet with some 16 honor students from all disciplines of the college's academic spectrum.

Sounding very much like his presidential brother, he talked with the students for just over an hour, discussing everything from his brother in the White House to the best ways students can pursue their fields of study, including Bush's chosen field since he left show business in the 1960s, investment banking. He told the students that they should try a lot of things to make sure they know what they want to do.

"You have a long time to make



MISS SHAW CROWNE—Shaw University's 1989-1990 "Miss Shaw" this year is Miss Countess Clarke, a senior business major from Tampa, Fla. Queen Clarke also presided over the coronation of "Miss Homecoming" at Shaw this year, Miss Cheryl Hall of Savannah, Ga. (See Related story on page 2)