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RENEE MCCOY-CALDWELL

NAFEO Selects Distinguished Top Graduates

WASHINGTON, D.C.—G. Renee McCoy-Caldwell is one of the 100 or more outstanding graduates of historically black colleges and universities being honored as distinguished alumni at the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education's 15th National Conference on Blacks in Higher Education, March 28-April 1, at the Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C. The conference is sponsored by NAFEO.

All honorees are nominated by their alumni institutions for making significant contributions to the American society. Presentation of the NAFEO citation shows that historically black colleges and universities continue to produce many high-quality individuals who enter into the American mainstream and contribute to outstanding progress, said Dr. Samuel L. Myers, NAFEO president.

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INSIDE AFRICA

BY DANIEL MAROLEN
NAPA News Service

Nothing could be more of a truism than the proverb which says that the proof of the pudding is in the eating thereof. And the proof of Nelson Mandela's greatness as a political leader and statesman is his own stupendous greatness and ability to influence and change the lives of his own people and mankind generally toward the noblest goals of human and national aspirations and racial harmony.

Since his historic release from life imprisonment four weeks ago, after 28 years' incarceration, Mandela singlehandedly, but with much cooperation from many other people of goodwill, has changed the political atmosphere in South Africa considerably, from a strife-torn country to a nation bent on ending its

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Sign Of The Times

Churches Take Conflicts To Court

BY W. MASON, JR.
Staff Writer

On April 9th, former Martin Street Baptist Church pastor the Rev. David C. Forbes will take the church, specifically 15 members, to court over a conflict in the church the two sides could not resolve.

The court will hear arguments from Forbes concerning how he was treated by church members after they accused him of trying to take over the finances of the church and dominate other areas of church policy and procedure. He is seeking upwards of \$40,000 damages.

The church deacons will argue that the steps they had to take to get Forbes out of the pulpit were

necessary to save the church and prevent it from being ruined by Forbes, who, during the months long battle between him and some of the church members, said he was trying to advance the church. Forbes' supporters allege church members treated him wrong.

The fight will continue in court, but the conflict has sparked other outgrowths.

During the conflict, Martin Street Church members were almost forced to take a stand either way. The congregation was split between those who supported Forbes and those who were against him.

The conflict also sparked another

fellowship in Raleigh, the Christian Faith Baptist Fellowship, whose mission is to attract those members of the community who want to get back to the basics or church as a worshipping house.

The Martin Street Church battle, however, is a sign of a trend among many churches finding it more difficult to resolve problems within the church, said Joseph Paige, assistant provost and dean at Shaw Divinity School. According to the bible scriptures, churches are supposed to be able to resolve conflicts by the process of reasoning, he said. Christians should be able to resolve any conflict, he said.

Paige has, however, noted that more churches are taking their problems to court, adding that although there is a separation between church and state, churches are going to court, the courts are not going into the churches.

The trend is more of a sign of the times, areas ministers said, adding that more churches will find the need to go to court over conflicts within.

"Churches today are more about the business of money and power than they are of religion and christianity," said Dorothy Jordan, an area minister.

"People used to go to church to get spiritual food, and now it's mostly

about money. So many plates are being passed around today," she said.

The problems may be resulting because of jealousy going on between members of the church board and the church ministers, she added.

Those with higher educational levels tend to look down on those with less education, she said.

"I think times have changed," said said. "We need to get back to the basics."

The Rev. Leatha Debnamn, pastor at Tupper Memorial Baptist Church said, "The main reason we're having (See CHURCH CONFLICTS, P. 2)

Sir Walter Apartments

Woman, 80, Raped And Robbed

Police Detain Suspect

Raleigh police are searching for a man who raped an 80-year-old woman last week at the Sir Walter Raleigh Apartments on the Fayetteville Street Mall. Police questioned one man, but released him pending further investigation.

The incident has brought renewed fear to Raleigh's elderly population who are often the victims of less violent crimes such as fraudulent schemes or purse snatchings.

Police are stepping up security at Sir Walter Raleigh Apartments despite two security guards who are

Residents of the apartment complex began circulating a petition among themselves asking for more security.

on duty at all times.

According to a report by The Raleigh Police Department, the rape occurred between 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. last Thursday.

The attack occurred on the woman's 9th floor apartment. Police said a weapon was not used in the attack. Police also said the woman's attacker stole \$7 in cash before leaving.

The woman was treated at Wake Medical Center and released, police said.

The victim told police the man who attacked her was black, but police would release few details about the attack.

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UNANSWERED QUESTIONS—Felton Bowen, brother of the former Bolton mayor Sidney Bowen, stands in the front yard of his brother's home where Sidney Bowen was slain by a state highway patrolman. Unanswered questions reportedly still surround the incident. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Bush: Black Colleges Are Vital, Seeking Private Sector Support

The historic \$50 million gift from Walter Annenberg to the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) that was recently announced by President George Bush is an investment in the future of this country.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are a vital part of the President's educational policy. Last April, the President signed an executive order which outlined three Presidential priorities. First, to establish a Presidential Board of Advisers on HBCUs; second, directed federal agencies to increase opportunities for HBCUs in federal programs and third, enlisted the White House Office of National Service to encourage private sector support for black colleges. The President has also asked Congress to provide an additional \$40 million in matching grants for endowments at HBCUs.

In his speech Bush said: "Although black colleges represent about three

percent of American colleges, they enroll about 20 percent of all black students attending colleges and

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universities. And support for the UNCF provides precious opportunity for thousands of America's most promising students. It's an important effort. It's a noble effort. And our mission must be to strengthen our historically black colleges and universities to meet the challenges of

doing just that. And so spectacular gifts like this one to the UNCF will enable these schools to continue to ensure the highest academic standards.

"Well, I'm indeed delighted to have an opportunity to participate in this very significant role of support for (See VITAL COLLEGES, P. 2)

Sullivan Plans New Program

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rev. Leon Sullivan, originator of the Sullivan Principles designed to help eliminate inequities experienced by black workers under apartheid in South Africa, has signed a landmark agreement with the U.S. Agency for International Development for a Debt for Development program in three African countries.

In a special signing ceremony, hosted by Rep. William H. Gray, III (D-Pa.), and witnessed by more than a dozen key U.S. senators and congressmen, Dr. Sullivan announced that his newest organization, the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help, will coordinate the new AID grant in cooperation with Africare and the participating African countries of Nigeria, Niger and Guinea.

"This is the first agreement of this kind, with the U.S. Department of AID, to allow IFESH to purchase debt owed to U.S. commercial banks, in exchange for local currency which will be used to support human development programs in the three African countries," Rev. Sullivan said.

He added, "With the multiplier effect, the \$2.05 million AID grant will more than double the availability of funds for the purpose of supporting self-help programs in these countries. The projects will be administered by American Private Voluntary Organizations, such as Africare, Opportunities Industrialization Centers and others."

Rev. Sullivan said he was determined to assist and have "significant impact" in the strengthening of the "individual and institutional capacities in Third World countries" as a way of helping Africa in its drive toward economic independence.

Rev. Sullivan commended Ambassador Mark L. Edelman, acting administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development, and his staff for creating this initiative designed to make resources available to African countries, but challenged AID to expand this effort "so that millions of people throughout Africa can receive education and human development training." Rev. Sullivan estimated that the present grant from (See SULLIVAN, P. 2)



HEADS OF STATE—Lindiwe Mabasa (left), chief US representative of the African National Congress, met with (right) Durham Mayor Chester Jenkens to discuss future corporation between black leaders here and in South Africa. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

A Challenging Future

NAACP Banquet Gaining More Support

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
The Raleigh-Apex NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet for 1990 reached a new high in getting support from members of the business and civic community.

The Banquet, held March 17 at Saint Augustine's College, attracted between 350 and 375 people, representing members of the business community, local civic organizations and members of local fraternities and sororities.

William Windley, representative for congressman David Price's office, served as chairman of the banquet committee along with Kenneth Wilkins, register of deeds for Wake County.

President of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP is the Rev. H. B. Pickett.

About 35 churches and business organizations gave support to the fund, which is used to fight civil rights cases across the country, said Allie M. Peebles, chairman of the program committee.

"The speaker was particularly good, the way he challenged the audience for unity," she said. This

year's speaker was Ben Ruffin, vice president of Corporate Affairs for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Although money totals were not available, Peebles said portions of the money will stay in North Carolina while another portion will go to the National NAACP in its on-going effort to win freedom all over the country.

"This was the best banquet in terms of its support and its speaker," Peebles said.

The local chapter also inducted several attendants into the life membership program of the NAACP. They included: Davie Street United Presbyterian Church, USA; Council woman Mary Watson Nooe; Ann Burch, a teacher in Va.; D. R. Ingram, a retired teacher in Raleigh. Life memberships are given to people who donate a sum of \$500, Peebles said.

McDonald's Corp. also presented a special salute to black history makers, part of its on-going relationship with the community.

The theme of the banquet was "The (See NAACP, P. 2)



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