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White House Shifts On Civil Rights Act

BY LARRY STILL
Capitol News Service

After the Bush administration threatened to veto the 1990 Civil Rights Act, the White House shifted gears and announced that President Bush "would like to sign a civil rights bill" and had only "minimal" differences with the legislation.

President Bush's hourlong meeting with 14 black American leaders to consider their views on the proposed bill developed into a lively debate on how to achieve affirmative action in

employment without maintaining job "quotas" for minorities as several spokespersons presented different views on the closed session to the media later.

"We agreed that our lawyers [from the NAACP, the Legal Defense Fund, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights and other organizations] will meet with Attorney General Richard Thornburgh's staff to iron out differences between the administration recommendations and the Kennedy-Hawkins bill, so the president can

sign the legislation," said Benjamin Hooks, NAACP executive director.

Thornburgh had recommended that Bush veto the bill if it is passed by Congress because of the president's objection to quotas which are barred by current laws according to recent Supreme Court decisions. "We had already arranged to meet with the attorney general before this meeting [at the White House] intervened," Hooks later told Capitol News Service. The sessions with Thornburgh's staff may be within the

next two weeks.

The 1990 bill proposed by Rep. Augustus Hawkins (D-Calif.) and Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) to preclude rulings by the current Supreme Court majority (appointed by President Reagan) against affirmative action procedures established by previous court rulings to prevent discrimination.

After the White House meeting, Arthur Fletcher, newly installed chairman of the Civil Rights Commission appointed by Bush, was the first er-

son to leave the session to meet the press. "This bill does not provide quotas. It sets goals and target dates," he declared. John Jacob, president of the National Urban League and the Black Leadership Council, called for Bush to "put into action the words he has articulated over the past year."

But Robert Woodson, chairman of the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprises, pushed through the press corps to say he agreed with Thornburgh's position on quotas. He

told the media, "Poor blacks are being exploited by civil rights leaders to protect their own jobs." He was joined by Buster Soares, assistant minister of the Shiloh Baptist Church in Trenton, N.J., who was invited to the White House meeting. Joshua Smith, founder and president of the multimillion-dollar Maxima Corp., also expressed concern about quotas.

"The consensus of the group was stated by Hooks," Eddie Williams, the president of the Joint Center for

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NEWS BRIEFS

COSBY HELPS GANTT

Bill Cosby and his wife, Camille, of Santa Monica, Calif., recently contributed \$2,000 to the Harvey Gantt for Senate Campaign. The former Charlotte mayor faces Mike Easley in a runoff election June 5. The Democratic winner faces Republican Sen. Jesse A. Helms. Last year, comedian Bob Hope gave \$1,000 to Helms' re-election campaign.

MANDELA TO VISIT

WASHINGTON, D.C.—South African black leader Nelson Mandela will spend 10 days in the United States starting June 20. During his stay he is scheduled to meet with President George Bush in Washington, and take part in a New York City tickertape parade. He will visit New York June 21-22, Boston June 23, Washington June 24-26, Miami and Detroit June 28 and Los Angeles June 29.

CHANCELLOR ELECTED

FAYETTEVILLE—Dr. Lloyd V. Hackley has been elected to a three-year term on the board of directors of the N.C. Child Advocacy Institute headquartered in Raleigh, effective July 1. The NCAI is the only statewide organization which systematically promotes the health and physical well-being of children.

MARKETPLACE MALL

Capital Centre Development, Ltd., announces that the Marketplace Mall is expanding and renovating its food court, the City Club, by 2,400 square feet. The expansion will double the available seating at the Marketplace in Morrisville.

NEW FACILITIES

Garner High School will

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Operation Eagle Planned

"Drug Dogs" Ready For Hunting

Searching Vehicles, Suspects

Eight Malinois and one beagle will assist Operation Eagle in catching drivers impaired by drugs. The Malinois (pronounced mal-en-wahz) and beagle are "drug dogs" with a sense of smell so keen they can detect the odor of residue and even marijuana seeds in a car's ashtray.

Money confiscated from drug dealers is used to help in another area of the war against drugs, removing drunks from the road.

Operation Eagle, a special DWI enforcement program of the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, will be conducted in Raleigh June 1. The operation combines the efforts of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, Alcohol Law Enforcement and local law enforcement agencies.

Over the past two years the operation has been successful resulting in 1,161 arrests for driving while impaired. In 1988, six operations across the state resulted in 1,215 arrests, including 237 DWIs. Last year Operation Eagle was conducted nine times with 4,595 total arrests of which 924 were for drunk driving.

Along with the drug dogs, this year the North Carolina State Highway Patrol will be using devices known as Alco-Sensors to help determine if motorists are driving under the legal limit for alcohol. Alco-Sensors are hand-held units used to detect blood-

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CAN BLACK MALES BE SUCCESSFUL?—Judge Patricia Timmons Goodson and Dr. Lloyd V. Hackley listen as James L. Blackburn discusses black unemployment in his final statement. "The term just say no is working, but it's

working in the wrong direction. When a black man comes in and applies for a job they look at the application and they just say 'no.'" (See story on this page)

Black Male Life Rooted In Dreams.

But Denied The Ladder To Success

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Tension is increasing across the country between blacks, whites and immigrants in a conflict rooted in the American dream where others scale the economic ladder to success leaving the impoverished black, especially the African-American male, frustrated and unable to get a toehold on the lowest rung.

In New York, Washington, Miami, Chicago and Los Angeles, blacks are boycotting Arabs, Koreans and other immigrants who own many businesses in the black communities while blacks are denied the financial resources provided by banks to the other ethnic groups. However, many

immigrants say they have access to credit through informal credit pools, family, people in the community.

To compound this cultural conflict,

African-American writers point out that even with all the present-day troubles, poverty, drugs, homicide, slavery and racism remain the most

Don't dismiss the term "endangered species" because it's something we don't want to hear. Let's look at it and do what we can to address it.

—Patricia Timmons-Goodson

the black female has a sense of being empowered to succeed without the black male which is leaving an even deeper emotional scar. New Age

important formative event in the African-American character. The African-American today is just a "modern black boy."

Fayetteville State University Chancellor Dr. Lloyd V. Hackley says, "Studies show that by the year 2000, 70 percent of all black males will be alcoholics, addicted to drugs, in jail or dead." Hackley will address this in a black issues forum along with four other leaders.

"When I look back 10 years and I draw the lines from then until now, I say statistics are not far off and we've got to do something about it," Hackley said.

North Carolina Public Television will probe part of this conflict in a "Black Issues Forum" on June 5, "Can Black Males Be Successful?" Hackley and others will look at the black male life in an attempt to

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Gantt Meeting Easley In Town Hall-TV Debate

Senate candidate Michael F. Easley said he was not giving up the liberal vote and thought that he was progressive enough so that all North Carolinians can "feel comfortable with me."

Harvey B. Gantt, a former Charlotte mayor, will meet Easley in a June 5 runoff to determine who will challenge Republican Sen. Jesse A. Helms.

Gantt says it's time to "retire Mr. Helms." Recently, Gantt received a \$2,000 contribution from comedian and television entertainer Bill Cosby and his wife Camille, for his campaign for Senate.

The North Carolina Democratic Party will go to the polls again on June 2 in a debate to see who will best represent the concerns of North Carolinians in Washington, prior to the June 5 runoff election.

The debate will be televised on WTVD-TV 11 at 7 p.m.

Moderated by WTVD-TV 11 News anchors Larry Stogner and Miriam Thomas, each candidate will take questions from a specially selected audience of key Democratic leaders and citizens from throughout the Channel 11 viewing area. Gantt and Easley will also entertain questions from the moderators as well as from reporters representing the stations across the state scheduled to broadcast this debate. Those stations include:

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Woman Elected Post Adjutant For Legion Here

BY JOHN THOMPSON MOORE, JR.
Contributing Writer

On Sunday, May 27, the Charles T. Norwood Post 157 of the American Legion met at its headquarters, 416 E. Cabarrus St., at 5 p.m.

For the first time in its history, a female member was elected unanimously by its membership for the position of post adjutant for 1990-91. Ms. Margaret Snelling, who served in the Army Nurse Corps during World War II, was elected. Other officers were Julius R. Haywood as commander for the fifth time and Louis Dunbar was elected finance officer.

The newly elected officials for the first time will be legionnaires Brodie Patterson as second vice-commander, Robert Upperman as first vice-commander and Edward J. Boone as sergeant-at-arms. Legionnaire Willie P. Leach was re-elected for his second term as the post chaplain. This writer will serve as the assistant to the adjutant.

The oldest member and past post commander still living in Raleigh is Charles G. Irving, Sr., of 615 S. East St., who is a World War I veteran and

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Students Demand Change In Policies

Massive Call To Washington For Fair Chance To Life

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
A national black caucus has issued a message it hopes will summon thousands of students from across the country to the steps of the White House.

The National Collegiate Black Caucus, Inc., is asking students to stand up and demand a fair chance to life and join in a rally in Washington, D.C. on June 17.

Derrick Johnson, president of the Society of African-American Culture at N.C. State University, said the student call to Washington came out of the National Black Collegiate Caucus meeting seeking redirection in current U.S. domestic and foreign policies.

Johnson said SAAC is an organization established at NCSU to enhance the environment on campus for

African-American students. Johnson said under his leadership, "We've looked at trying to get faculty at the school to take racial awareness workshops, we supported blacks who ran for student offices and organized a voter registration drive.

"We feel that a lot of racial tension on campuses across the country is due to insensitivity to racial issues by students and many faculties,"

Johnson said.

There are 2,411 African-American students at NCSU from 1989 reports and all these students are members of SAAC. Johnson, a senior in mass communications, is part of an upswing in African-American activism sweeping the country. As more African-Americans learn about their history and begin to question the system that has oppressed them since they were brought to this country, coupled with the 1980s surge in racial violence, more young people are finding their calling in the struggle for African-American empowerment.

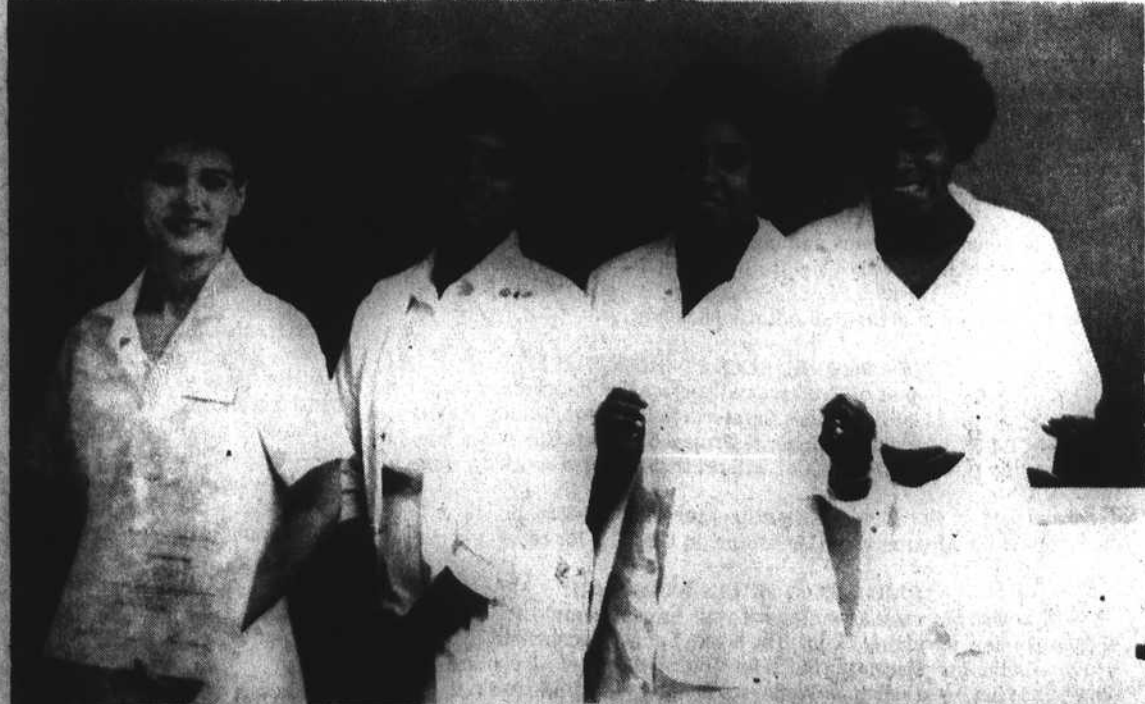
This action is growing out of a renewed sense of history and culture, many civil rights leaders say.

In North Carolina, David Miller, student body president at North Carolina A&T State University, Brian Nixon at NCSU and Andre Kenlaw at NCSU organized the N.C. Collegiate Caucus, of which the national caucus is an expansion with the same constitution.

The caucus is asking for donations and students who want to take the trip to Washington to call 850-4758 and ask for Derrick Johnson.

On June 16, there will be a support movement at RFK Stadium as part of the Budweiser Jazz Festival; a mass student rally will be held at the Washington Monument June 17; awareness education seminars will be held at Howard University by former student civil rights leaders, civil rights organizations, homeless organizations, etc., on June 18; on June 19 there will be a Juneteenth

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NURSING ASSISTANTS—Karen Sturdivant-Grier, second from left, congratulates several Raleigh students who recently completed the nursing assistant program at Wake

Technical Community College. Shown left to right are Maritza Bofalada Ramos, Ms. Sturdivant-Grier, Penny Robinson Godette and Anita Renee Octobree.



PENSIVE MOODS—Lamar, left, and his pal Miller paused for a moment during playtime to take a break and reflect on their next moves. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)