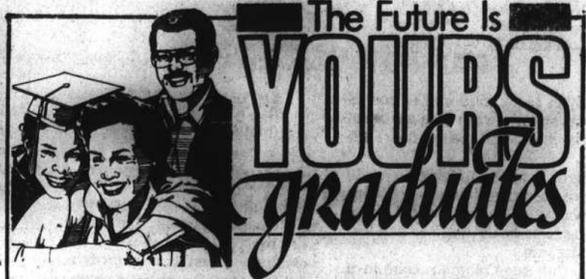


THE CAROLINIAN

RALEIGH, N.C.
THURSDAY,
JUNE 7, 1990
VOL. 49, NO. 56

N.C.'s Semi-Weekly
DEDICATED TO THE SPIRIT OF JESUS CHRIST

SINGLE COPY 25¢
IN RALEIGH
ELSEWHERE 30¢



Be Sure To Read Our Salute To The 1990 High School Graduates In This Week's Edition!

Gantt Triumphs In Historic Bid For N.C. Senate To Face Helms In Fall

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt confounded political observers by winning the runoff election Tuesday for the Democratic nomination for Senate.

The win not only makes Gantt the first black within memory to run for

blacks traditionally have run strongly in first primaries and even emerged as front-runners, only to lose decisively in runoffs, when voters have a choice between only one white candidate and one black. This was not the case on Tuesday.

Gantt's unofficial tally as of yesterday was 272,824 to Easley's 206,950.

The ease of Gantt's victory may signal trouble for the three-term Helms' campaign. Before the primaries, Helms was considered virtually unbeatable, so much so that the Democrats found it difficult to field a candidate who would challenge him. Opinion polls, however, place the race in a dead heat, 43 percent of the voters preferring Gantt, 42 percent for Helms, and the remainder undecided.

In defying the odds and winning convincingly in the runoff, Gantt has signaled that the conventional wisdom of political campaigning in North Carolina may not apply to him.

(See HARVEY GANTT, P. 2)



SAVORING THEIR VICTORY—Mr. and Mrs. Harvey G. Gantt are savoring their victory over Mike Easley during a celebration and victory speech at the Radisson following a runoff election June 5. Gantt will challenge Jesse Helms in November.

"The nominating of Mr. Gantt could not have come at a more crucial time in the history of North Carolina. It definitely was a very positive step in the right direction..."

Rev. H. B. Pickett
President Raleigh-Apex Chapter NAACP

Senate in North Carolina as the nominee of a major party, but also one of very few blacks who have been able to survive "second primary" elections in the South in modern times.

Gantt polled an unofficial 57 percent of the vote on Tuesday to former U.S. Attorney Michel F. Easley's 43 percent to cruise to a surprisingly easy win and set himself up for a confrontation in November with Republican Sen. Jesse A. Helms, who has been in office since 1972.

Gantt came out ahead of the pack in the first primary on May 8, but failed to win the 40 percent necessary to avoid a runoff. Many political observers believed this would be the death blow for Gantt's aspirations, as

Governor Offers Reward

Police Seek Clues In Murder

The Raleigh Police Department, Major Crimes Task Force continues to search for leads and suspects in an unsolved murder in the Chavis Heights area.

Gov. James G. Martin has authorized a \$5,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the murder of Marvin Eugene Kuhn on Dec. 28, 1989.

The murder occurred at Chavis Park in the 500 block of East Worth Street.

Persons with information regarding this crime are asked to inform the Raleigh Police Department's Major Crimes Task Force at 890-3555.

In related news: The Supreme Court this week refused to reinstate the death sentence of Eugene Davis,

Jr., who killed a woman at a Raleigh senior citizens' home in 1984.

The justices without comment allowed to stand an N.C. Supreme Court ruling that Davis is entitled to a new sentencing trial. The state court upheld Davis' murder conviction Dec. 7, 1989, but ruled that the jury had been wrongly allowed to consider "redundant" aggravating factors

before voting on the death sentence.

He was convicted of killing Vivian Whitaker, 70, on March 1, 1984. Police found Ms. Whitaker's body in her apartment at a senior citizens' home where Davis' mother lived. Ms. Whitaker was beaten and strangled. Money, jewelry and a radio were

(See REWARD, P. 2)

Increasingly Growing Problem

Can U.S. Welfare System Survive?

BY GAIL STOWERS
An Analysis
There are people in our nation who undoubtedly need the assistance of

one or more social service programs. There are families who have children or spouses who unexpectedly become ill and are in need of additional medical assistance. Then, there are the elderly who are retired or on a fixed income and at one time or another may need assistance. There are the unwed teenage mothers who obvious-

ly are becoming economically dependent on the welfare system rather than seeking financial independence.

The question is whether or not we as a nation are instigators in some areas of their abuse. If so, then our concern should be whether or not there is an effective way to limit the abuse within.

cially independent.

Upon finishing school, she finds a nursing job which only offers her \$3.35 an hour, but she accepts it and knows that raises will come with time. In being honest, she proceeds to let the housing authorities know that she has a job, and tells the welfare agency that she has started a small savings account. Because she now has a job, her rent in public housing goes up, and because she now has a savings account, her welfare check is cut.

This leaves Barbara right back where she was in the beginning. Why, then, should she even make an effort to become financially independent when it seems like a no-win situation? She has not given up her job, but recognizes that getting ahead means that she cannot be totally honest with the welfare agency. And because few are caught in their dishonesty, it is worth the risk.

Today, you can find some women who have two or three children, draw

a welfare check, have access to more than \$100 in food stamps and are living in two-story house in a fairly decent subdivision from the Section 8 program. These very same people are often receiving Medicaid benefits. And oftentimes, you see welfare recipients wearing name-brand clothing. You see them in the grocery store purchasing foods that perhaps the average family can only afford on occasion.

(See WELFARE, P. 2)

There are many people who are becoming economically dependent on the welfare system rather than seeking financial independence. The question is whether or not we as a nation are instigators in some of the abuse.

Frustration And Fear Help Author Find Inner Voice For Expressions

LORRAINE JOHNSON COLEMAN
BY ELANIA HOLLOWAY

Special To THE CAROLINIAN

Once in a while, if you're blessed, something comes along that is so good that the thought of it from time to time warms you all over.

That is the way it was when I met the most remarkable and talented Lorraine Johnson-Coleman, married to an engineer, a mother of three children, and a poet.

Ms. Coleman is also the daughter of Rev. Peter Johnson, a student at Shaw Divinity School and the daughter of Doris Johnson, a retired school teacher.

Ms. Coleman said she began writing poetry out of frustration, when unable to find cards that said what she wanted to say to her hus-

band, Lance Coleman. It was then that she began to realize that in order for him to understand her feelings and enjoy poetry at the same time, she would have to write it. Hence, "Expressions by Lorraine" was born.

Ms. Coleman is currently at work on a book and says she has always dreamed of being a great novelist.

Most of her collection of poetry and expressions grew out of a fear that she would not be able to say what she wanted and felt before she died.

A few years ago she had a heart attack and physicians discovered she had a defective heart. "I was lying there in the hospital thinking of my family and friends, when I realized there were so many things I wanted to tell them," she said. "If I died I would not be able to, so I began to

write things to each one of them to remember me by hanging it on the wall.

"As I began to grow better and continued to write, people began telling me, 'You write things I want to say as you are saying just what I feel,'" she said.

"A lot is written to my husband because he inspires me always. I write a lot to and about black men in a positive way, because nobody else does. It seems that a lot of the programs and writings about black men today are taking them apart to see what they are made of, or tearing them down," she continued.

"I have friends who are married to strong black men. My father is a

(See BLACK MEN, P. 2)

NEWS BRIEFS

HELMS ACCEPTS AID

Sen. Jesse Helms accepted \$6,000 in speaking fees from U.S. sugar groups after helping the sugar industry win a trade battle with Canada, documents show. The North Carolina Republican sold the payments were in no way related to his efforts on behalf of the U.S. industry.

CAT WINS AWARDS

The City of Raleigh CAT bus system was awarded three of the top six North Carolina Public Transportation Association annual marketing awards recently. Out of a field of 29 entries from across the state, CAT won for "Cool Cat" and "Traleigh Downtown" campaigns.

(See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)



NEW AKA CHAPTER CHARTERED—The Sigma Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was chartered Sunday, June 3, 1990. "The privilege to serve our sorority and community will be an honor," the chapter states. In photo, Top left to right, Ivy Leaf Reporter, Stacey G. Poole; Epistemon, Rhoe Lewis; Parliamentarian, Malissa Brinson; Historian, Betty Poole; Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Marye L. Jeffries. Bottom left to right, Anti-Grammatous, Hilda Pianta-Regland; Tamiouches, Gaynelle Shaver; Madagas, Frances M. Lowery; Bacillus, Robin Whitaker; Anti-Grammatous, Joanne Holmes; Grammatous, Denise Martin.

Sex Crime Courses Schools Cope With Rapes

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP)—America's colleges, increasingly concerned about gang and acquaintance rape, are starting to teach students a more elemental lesson than English lit and Geology 101—that it takes two to say "yes" to sex.

At campuses around the country, schools are sponsoring hotlines, courses and workshops aimed at countering the widespread conviction that when it comes to sex, it's every man for himself.

Many campus males feel "You should always be ready to have sex, even if you don't want to," says Toby Simon, assistant dean of student life at Brown University. "Don't ask a

woman how far you can go: just start making moves."

Four years ago, Simon asked students in a survey if they'd ever had sex against the other person's will. Ten percent of the men—at a school where students "have a tendency to be politically correct"—admitted they had.

At the time, few schools admitted that a problem existed. But Simon's efforts put Brown in the forefront of sex crime education. Now, slowly, other schools are following that lead, and as awareness grows, it appears

that many schools are taking seriously forward—and are being taken seriously.

Bernice Sandler, director of the American College Project on the Status of Women, has documented about 100 campus gang rapes nationwide over the past five years.

"I hear about a dozen gang rapes a year from reporters; for every one that's publicized, there must be easily more than 100 that are not publicized," said Sandler. "I've asked students, 'Does this happen on your campus?' and I'm told, 'Just about every week.'"

(See CAMPUS RAPES, P. 3)