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SHERIFF JOHN BAKER

Sheriff Baker Helping To Get Out-The-Vote Group Encourages Citizens To Vote

On Saturday, Aug. 11, Sheriff John H. Baker, Jr. and a few of his supporters boarded a Carolina Trailways bus. The parking lot of the Martin Street Baptist Church was the beginning site for this group, as they prepared to encourage citizens to register and vote. Aboard the bus were four registrars and eager citizens who encouraged many to take advantage of their right to vote. A little more than 200 people were registered during the day.

With the expertise of navigators aboard, the bus traveled east, making its first stop around 8:30 a.m. at a mobile home park on Poole Road. The group was able to register about 25 people there. Sheriff Baker proved to be the popular feature of the group, and this continued throughout the day. He talked with many people in senior citizens' residences, young children who spoke to him in awe; while others simply requested his presence, just to shake his hand.

Through Knightdale, then Wendell on to Zebulon, the Baker backers were rolling along. Encouraged by the reception of the people, the group was inspired by the sheriff to get more to register. The sheriff had the driver stop at an undesignated place to assure more than 50 registered voters before lunch.

The bus and riders rolled into the Riley Hill community for lunch. Some members of the Riley Hill Baptist Church assisted the Perry family with a heavily laden table of home-cooked food. Being locked inside the hall for a brief period did not appear to be a concern for the sheriff and his group. The mixup was discovered when two people who had come to register attempted to get out. After enjoying the meal, attempts were made to unjam the door. This success was credited to one bus rider.

With the meal behind them, the group boarded the bus again, with a different navigator in charge. Many riders were members of the John H.

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N.C. Racial Harassment

Panel To Probe Campus Violence

CHAPEL HILL (AP)—A rise in reports of racial harassment and violence at public schools in North Carolina warrants an investigation, the U.S. Civil Rights Commission says.

The probe was requested last month by the state advisory committee to the commission.

"The racial violence issue is cranking up in the area," says associate state attorney general Darlene Graham, a member of the commission's North Carolina advisory panel. The rise in racial incidents accom-

panies an increase in minority students. Minority enrollment grew 22 percent at the 16 campuses in the University of North Carolina system from 1976 to 1986.

Last fall, minorities made up 23 percent of the system's student body; 18 percent were black.

The commission is outlining a major project to test racial relations at the state's universities, junior highs and high schools.

Plans include surveys and interviews with students and administration officials at campuses statewide.

The North Carolina panel will gather the information and send its recommendations to the full commission.

Although no overt displays of racial tension have occurred on the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill campus, officials say there is always an undercurrent.

The campus hosts several seminars, workshops and other programs to promote interaction and tolerance among different student groups.

But the University Affairs Department continues to receive about six

reports of racial harassment a year. Harold Wallace, department vice chancellor, notes that while the number seems small, it is hard to measure racial discord.

"At the start of every semester, a powderkeg is always there that could go off," Wallace says. "The absence of overt examples does not say we don't have a problem."

At North Carolina State University, officials also have made extra efforts to stem some of the problems.

"It is one thing to desegregate and another to integrate," says Thomas

Stafford, campus vice chancellor for student affairs.

Although he did not cite a specific number, Stafford says that more students are reporting racial harassment inside and outside the classroom.

For example, last spring the black student body president reported being threatened by white students.

Surveys conducted on several campuses nationwide indicate that at least one in four minority students ex-

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Parental Custody

Teens Charged In NCCU Killing

Student Dies In Shooting

Investigators looking for clues in the shooting death of an N.C. Central University student in Durham arrested three teenagers and charged with second-degree murder this week.

Kenneth Jett Clark, 19, of New Rochelle, N.Y., died at Duke Medical Center of a gunshot wound to the chest after being shot on the campus less than a week after his arrival in Durham.

Officials said Clark had arrived in Durham to attend NCCU and was living in a boarding house on South Alston Avenue. He had transferred from Andrews College in Michigan and also had attended Hampton University in Virginia.

Authorities said the shooting occurred near the student union where several hundred students had gathered at a small paved patio with benches and concrete tables.

David H. Witherspoon, director of the NCCU News Bureau, said a preliminary investigation showed that Clark and some friends had exchanged angry words with another group of men. He said some of those people left and returned with a pistol. Clark was shot once in the chest with a small-caliber handgun and collapsed near McLean Residence Hall and the university's Counseling Center.

Curtis Farrow, 16, of 4913 Singing Woods Place, was charged after he told police investigators that he had shot Clark Sunday morning, said Capt. Jackie W. McNeil of the

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STRATEGY PLANNING MEETING—The Gantt campaign, in an effort to reach the grassroots level, held a meeting with presidents or their representatives of 54 black clubs and organizations to disseminate material on Gantt to their members. Stacy Poole, center and Ruby Greene, right are the coordinators of the project outreach, and Harold Webb, left is the Gantt campaign coordinator. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Gantt Urges Supporters Resist Diverting From Campaign's Focus

BY MAXINE ALEXANDER

Special To The CAROLINIAN
Harvey Gantt, Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, urged a group of 75 supporters recently to resist attempts to divert their attention from his campaign focus, which he described as "the education of our children, affordable and accessible health care, the environment, and drugs and poverty in our community."

Gantt's remarks, made at a barbecue fundraiser sponsored by the Association of African-American Municipal Employees, were in response to the multimillion-dollar media campaign currently being waged by Jesse Helms.

The television commercials seek to discredit Gantt based on his moral opposition to the death penalty. Gantt, who was consistently called "Senator" by his enthusiastic au-

dience, asked that they caution their friends and neighbors against being swayed by Helms' "people-bashing" campaign style.

Bettye Hargrove, a member of the association, and one of the organizers of the event, stated that there are approximately 1,000 African-Americans working for the city of Raleigh. "We are working toward having all 1,000 of them actively participating in the association." The association was established, added Gwen Gillespie, "in order to promote a stronger sense of unity among us."

The Raleigh association fell just short of its goal of \$5,000 but pledged to raise the additional \$200 needed to meet that mark. Ralph Campbell, Raleigh mayor pro tem, challenged members of the group, which gathered on the lawn of the home of Lawrence Wray, to greet "the Senator," to continue to make monthly donations to the campaign. "We always ask that you take another per-

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Love For Education

Wake Teacher "Reborn" In Africa

BY CASH MICHAELS

Contributing Writer
When the students of Ms. Ann Hunt Smith return to her class at the Wake Optional School this fall, they may have the same teacher, but not the same person. While some of her students may boast of the trip they made to the beach or maybe out of

state as their summer vacation, none of them will be able to match the indelible impression that Ms. Smith's visit to Kenya, East Africa, has left on her.

It wasn't a vacation, but a mission... an exploration into the "whats and whys" of Kenyan life and living. And being the great lover of

children and learning that she is, what Ms. Smith brought back with her will forever influence the way she teaches.

Ann Hunt Smith is no neophyte to the teaching profession. For the last 30 years (25 in the Wake County School System), Ms. Smith has taught music and drama. Her love for

African people, their music and culture made it only natural for her to be one of 12 high school and college educators chosen to spend 42 days of this summer in Kenya studying various aspects of life there. The trip was funded by a grant from the Fulbright-Hayes Foundation, and sponsored by the African-American Studies Department at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

When her entourage left JFK International Airport in New York on June 27, Ms. Smith was unaware that she would not be coming back the same as she had left.

"The program was designed to retool North Carolina educators on Kenya," Ms. Smith told The CAROLINIAN. "Realizing that it was one of the most highly industrialized nations in East Africa, [we] were to learn about every aspect of rural and urban life." For six weeks, Ms. Smith's project goal was to learn more about the music of Africa, focusing on the traditional as well as the contemporary.

Despite the in-depth pre-trip preparation and briefings, Ms. Smith says much of what they experienced was unexpected. "There were many things that we encountered once we got there, that we had wished we had asked about."

Ms. Smith points to the number of unnecessary articles of clothing and other personal items like makeup that were considered out of place in the Kenyan culture. As it turned out, most of Ms. Smith's luggage was lost en route, so all that she was left with was one personal bag, and clothes donated by newfound friends in

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AFRICAN FAMILY—Wake County teacher Ann Hunt Smith with 11-year-old Najma, 20-year-old Omar, 8-year-old Abdulali, and 12-year-old Julian, four of the ten

children of the Badru family in the coastal Kenyan city of Mombasa.



YOUTH PRESIDENT—Ms. Teenie Morgan, president of the Raleigh-Apex NAACP Youth Council was recently awarded the Agnes Jones Jackson Scholarship. She is being congratulated by Ms. Lucille Sidberry, the council advisor. The Rev. H. B. Pickett is president of the chapter.

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