

Critical Black Issues

lew Coalition Supports "Self-Help"



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Colleges Becoming Popular

CHARLOTTE (AP)-Whether it's because of better marketing, lower tuitions or a less racially charged atmosphere, a growing number of black students are choosing historically black colleges, officials Sav.

From 1985-89, the number of blacks attending black colleges climbed 10 percent to 294,427, according to the National Association for Equal Op-portuniy in Higher Education. Black enrollment at all colleges increased five percent from 1984 to 1988, the last year statistics are available from the **U.S. Education Department.**

In Raleigh, St. Augustine's College began its 1990-91 school year with a record enrollment. Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, president, said the college received applications from more than 2,800 students for the 750 spaces in the freshman class.

BY LARRY A. STILL Washington, D.C.-(NNPA)-A call for another "Domestic Summit" of Black leaders with President Bush to discuss critical issues facing African Americans was endorsed by representatives of about 100 organizations attending the recent Capitol summit convened by NAACP

Hooks and Dr. William F. Gibson, NAACP board chairman. Speaking at the close of the dramatic three day sessions on African-American "self-help" programs at the Howard University Inn, Hooks announced the formation of the new National Association of Black

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tion supports Rev. Jesse Jackson's convention funds were not spent by Bush is still threatening to veto the he called on all African American proposal to discuss such issues as the organizations but individual Simplified Voter Registration pro- delegates who would have to decide cedures, National Health Insurance, whether to donate funds that they Harrassment of Black Elected Officials and Statehood for the District of Columbia with President Bush as soon as possible despite the current. international crisis over oil.

Hooks also told the televised press conference that TV communicatoreducator Tony Brown's keynote speach urging all black organization to cancel their 1992 conventions, costing an estimated \$3 Billion to put the money into proposed "self-help" programs came as a "bombshell." However, the NAACP executive said Organizations, but he said the coali- the plan was too complicated since

would not spend in 1992. Individuals could still donate to such a fund, Hooks said, in disclosing that former New York Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm offered to contibute \$25,000 and said she knew at least 20 other supporters who would donate \$1,000 to \$10,000.

Jackson's recommendation for a Bush Domestic Summit was referred to the established Black Leadership Forum composed of heads of 15 national organizations which met with the President earlier this year to seek

revised in joint Congress-Senate Committee sessions after the President objected to what he called affirmative action job quotas. Hooks urged the new NABO membership to mobilize support for the bill. The Black Leadership Forum will meet in Washington during the annual Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Weekend in September when the "Domestic Summit" will be discussed

The new entity (NABO) "does not duplicate the work of any existing organization, "but rather represents an effort that will strengthen and

pending legislation which is being organizations nationwide "to put aside their various differences and concerns and come together under one umbrella...Black America is in crisis, many groups are waging fierce but fragmented skirmishes in the battle to save our people. But none has the resources to in-dependently with the war...We must take control of our destiny. We have a moral responsiblity to attack the problems afflicting our community with the best weapon at our disposal-black unity."

NABO's purpose is to establish a communications network, maximize financial resources, develop a 'brain-(See SELF HELP, P.2)

Swindlers Try To Fleece N. C. **Oil Investors**

The prospects of a prolonged conflict in the Middle East plus nightmarish memories of gas lines and in-flation in the United States will be exploited by con artists, who will pressure North Carolina's small investors to put funds into bogus oil and precious-metal deals, Secretary of State Rufus Edmisten warned last week

"Headlines that talk about threats to the oil supply are a swindler's best friend," Edmisten said. "They spark unusually active interest in the petroleum and precious-metals markets and, creating a rich environment for fraud. The con artists use this confused world picture to blend right in with our state's honest brokers and dealers."

Fraudulent oil and gas deals have long been a favorite ploy of "boiler rooms" in North Carolina, Edmisten said. These operations start with unicited tel one calls to unsuspecting investors, then use high-pressure sales tactics and outright lies to bilk citizens out of their money. "We almost always have an open investigation file on some oil scam,' Edmisten said. "These frauds are always popping up in North Carolina. "Unfortunately, small investors have always been predisposed to these pitches about oil wells, gas reserves and precious metals. With the crisis going on in the Middle East. these pitches are going to sound even more believable.

No Money Allegedly Recovered

William Muldrow, 44, of 1304 S. Bloodworth St., has been charged with armed robbery in connection with the holdup of the First Federal Savings and Loan Co. located in downtown Broleich on Aug. 15 downtown Raleigh on Aug. 15.

Police searched Muldrow's home and turned up items used in the robbery but not the money, said Raleigh Police Lt. B.L. Rigsbee. The warrant for Muldrow's arrest said \$1,900 had been taken from the bank.

The robbery occurred at 9:18 a.m. when a black man wrote a robbery note on a deposit slip and passed it to a teller. Nine employees and two The 125-year-old Shaw University customers were present, but no one saw a weapon, Lt. Riggsbee said. The assailant wrapped a green cloth pecting 1,700 students, which will be around his hand and implied he had a gun, the officer also stated. Muldrow is being held in lieu of \$50,000 bond. In other news: Police arrested Charles Darnelle Newsome, 27, of 909 Peace Terrace, and charged him with felonious assault in the attack on Calvin Ray Turner, 25, of 1815 Mid-

passage of the 1990 Civil Rights Bill. enhance their work", Hooks stid as \$50.000 Bond Set Man Charged In S&L Robbery

was still registering students according to Gladys Graves. "We are exup from last year's total of 1,620." she said. Talbert O. Shaw is the president of the university.

"They feel they're going to be more comfortable and they're going to be more likely to excel without the distraction of being a minority of three or four percent on a predominantly white campus," said Alan Kirschner of the United Negro College Fund.

Judith Cowan, admissions director at Johnson C. Smith Universisty in in Wake County Jail in lieu of \$52,000 Charlotte, said black students "realize at a historically black college they don't have to deal with some of the racism and racial incidents that interfere with the success rate."

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wood Drive. Newsome allegedly hit Turner with a 2×4 board during an argument. Turner is in serious condition at Wake Medical Center. Newsome was held bond.

Police said the two had argued at 909 Peace Terrace about 10 p.m. Tuesday. Police Lt. B.L. Riggsbee said the argument was over a (See CRIME, P. 2)

moderator recently during an African-American Leadership Training Institute reunion with Attorney Irv Joyner and Mab Segrest discussing racism and racist violence. Joyner is with the law school at North Carolina Central University,

AGAINST VIOLENCE-Christina McCoy, right, was the

Durham, and Ms. Segrest is a spokesperson for North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious Violence. The program was held in Durham. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Homework Power: Give Your **Child An Educational Success Edge**

homework has a greater influence on minutes a day for reading to him or children's academic success than any •discussing the day's classes. That other factor, including family in- conveys your interest in your child's come, socioeconomic status or educa- education and shows that learning tional background, reports the

Reader's Digest. Yet the National Commission on Excellence in Education cited lack of homework as one of the major reasons American students have fallen behind those of other countries. Two-thirds of U.S. high school students study less than one hour a night, according to commission figures.

The most effective and economical way to improve U.S. education would be to give more meaningful homework, says Herbert J. Wallberg, professor of education at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Homework teaches students selfdiscipline and self-direction, cultivates good study habits and fosters initiative. It can also help your child catch up to or surpass contemporaries and can promote harus family relationships. mo

"Kids like to know what's expected of them," says Fredric M. Levine, associate professor of psychology at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and co-author of "Winn-ing the Homework War."

Levine says 80 percent of family conflicts in his private practice cener on homework. "If you establish a homework program and a clear set of rules to follow day in and day out, the homework wars end," he says.

The parental role in homework is crucial, educators say. Here are their suggestions for making homework less painful and more productive: 1. Start from day one. Even if your kindergartener has no homework

tomorrow.

goes on at home, too. today,' or 'I did it at school.' Call it a (See HOME WORK, P. 2)

Jackson's National Rainbow Coali-

tion sued the District of Columbia

the city's Sept. 11 party primaries. He

said preliminary discussions with board of elections representatives have convinced him that he will suc-

ceed

Carefully assigned and graded assignments, set aside 10 to 20 study period, or quiet time. Establish firmly that they always have some homework-reading, writing letters, organizing notes or preparing for

2. Don't worry about a perfect "Don't call it homework time," ad- place to study. For some, a well-lit vises Pat Green, of the Quality desk in the child's bedroom with Education Project. "That lets kids paper, pencils and reference books is say, 'But I don't have any homework an ideal place. But any quiet location

National Rainbow Coalition Sues D.C. Over Black Voter Purge

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)-Jesse statement.

Under city law, those who have not voted in a four-year period are automatically removed from the voter rolls. The deadline for re-

Aug. 15 in hopes of forcing the city to restore to the voter rolls 35,000 per-sons it purged earlier this year. Jackson's aim is to have those voters made eligible to cast ballots in registering was Aug. 13. Fremaux said he likely will recommend that those purged from the voter roll be allowed to vote in the Sept. 11 primaries and the Nov. 6 general election.

Fremaux also agreed with Jackson's argument that the automatic voter purge should be eliminated, saying the city has put in place several alternative measures to keep the voter rolls current.

"The meetings have been effective meetings, and they are essentially agreeing with the route we have taken," Jackson said, "This is an un-necessary, arbitrary and early clos-ing of mediatration " Jackson complained that the automatic purge failed to account for ing of registration." "It has been the board's position for those who hve been too sick or in-"It has been the board's position for some time that the non-voting purge, required by the District's election statute, is an antiquated means for maintaining the voter roll and is of questionable constitutional merit," Emmett H. Fremaux, director of the city's board of elections, said in a capacitated to go to the polls on elec-tion day, or others who had intended to vote but had to leave town unexpectedly.

The two-time Democratic presidential nominee, who has made expan-(See COALITION SUES, P. 2)

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New Approach **May Resolve Iragi Threat**

BY DR. ALBERT JABS An Analysis

The guns of August could fire if embassies in Iraqi-occupied Kuwait are forced to close. As these lines are being written, ominous clouds of war are hovering about.

Let us be absolutely clear: war is an awful, dreadful horror. Forget about 30-second sound bites of television news. This cannot capture the pain, anguish, and suffering that modern war entails; and this can go on for years. No human being can adequately predict consequences of such actions. Let us get off our high horses.

Instead of joking about winning medals, let us fall on our knees in prayer seeking mercy and forgiveness for the apparent deadlock between the warring parties.

It is no copout to be a warrior for peace even a few minutes before the midnight hour. We should not demonize the other side. While we have the constitutional responsibility to defend our country, we should do this, if necessary, with a spirit of contrition and sadness, that omissions and commissions have now

(See CRISIS, P. 2)

MODEL SEARCH — Anits Bohannen, national pageant director for Bovanti was recently in Raieigh searching for models. Crystal McOney was epiceted as winner and Natalio Baucum of Durham as first funner-up. No. Bohannen's search here was co-sponsored by WFXC radie.

