

Student Rec. Facility

NCCU chancellor emeritus, Leroy Walker, signals construction of \$7 million student facility.

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Looking for Trouble

Motown has a tough rapper, M.C. Trouble and she has a hot debut album, "Gotta Get A Grip." Page 11

In the 1920s, almost one million southern blacks departed for northern cities. They were lured by the promise of a better life and a better life during Reconstruction, but they left for the north in large numbers during World War II. By the 1950s, the black population outside the South.

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New Focus For Resolution

Crabtree Officials Say Race Not Issue

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Crabtree Valley Mall officials, in a continuing effort to deal with the racial controversy surrounding last year's picket and boycott of the facility by members of Raleigh's African-American community, say that it is teenage behavior, not race, that is the real problem, and the new focus for resolution.

Mall officials were accused last fall of attempting to have city bus service from Raleigh's African-American community cut off to the mall in order to curb alleged trouble caused

by African-American teenagers. During a breakfast meeting last Thursday at the mall between Crabtree officials, members of the Raleigh City Council, and members of the Raleigh Human Resources and Human Relations Advisory Commission, Samuel Longiotti, owner and general partner, told the gathering, "Basically, if there is a problem, it is not a racial problem as much as a teenage problem."

Longiotti went on to say that the "teenage problem" was prevalent in malls across the country. He pointed to a recent article in the Wall Street

Journal that indicated a growing problem nationally with teens using malls and shopping centers as hangouts.

"It is my feeling," said Longiotti, "that if we're going to do any good, we should do something that is going to be meaningful and constructive not only to the Afro-American group, but the teenagers in total."

After recounting how he tried without success over the past several months to identify and hire a representative of Raleigh's African-American community to head up a task force (requested by the Raleigh-

Wake NAACP to address the issues stemming from the controversy), Longiotti formally asked the commission to "assist us [the mall] in setting up a program" to resolve the problem. He added that his company was not able to deal with the matter in a successful fashion, and promised whatever reasonable resources were deemed necessary by the commission to accomplish the task.

In requesting the commission's help, Longiotti commented that he was unable to "come up with an individual or individuals that we feel would be taking a broad view of that

total program, not just a very isolated, biased program," indicating a change in priority from dealing directly with the concerns about the mall voiced by members of the African-American community.

Several commission members agreed with the proposed change in dealing with the Crabtree problem until a reporter asked Longiotti to clarify how and why the focus was being shifted from race.

"It has always been a teenage problem," said Longiotti. "It was brought to the forefront by the fact

that the Afro-American community felt that there were some grievances there." But when asked why there were few if any white teenagers picketing the mall during the height of the controversy, Longiotti responded tersely, "You have a situation that, unfortunately, people in the Afro-American community felt that they had specific grievances. This is one of the problems that we had in interviewing various people for this particular situation. When you get right down to what are those (See CRABTREE, P. 2)

Previously Sentenced

Judge Adds Charges In Killing

Sexual, Robbery, Kidnapping

J. Franklin Jackson, a Raleigh prosecutor, filed three new charges Thursday against Michael E. Sexton, a black Zebulon man who has been arrested in the killing of Kimberly F. Crews, a Raleigh social worker.

The charges included first-degree sexual offense, first-degree kidnapping and common-law robbery. These charges were added to Sexton's previous charges of first-degree murder and first-degree rape.

In other news: A routine road stop by Wake Sheriff's Deputy J.A. Powell ended up being a major felony charge against Ernest Lee Hines, 41, of Apt. 10 Seawall Avenue, Raleigh. He was charged with felonious possession of a handgun by a convicted felon.

Hines was placed in Wake County Jail under \$10,000 bond. More charges were expected to be filed in the case. Wake Sheriff John H. Baker, Jr. said Powell was checking for speeders on Glenwood Avenue just east of Umstead Park at about 2 a.m. Tuesday when he stopped Hines for traveling 66 miles per hour in a 45-mph zone. (See CRIME, P. 2)



FOSTER GRANDPARENTS—Harnessing the resources of educational institutions, churches, neighbors, families, professionals and businesses plays a vital role in ensuring adequate services and productivity for the elderly as

illustrated during the awards banquet for foster grandparents recently at the Raleigh Civic Center. It was a fun-filled affair for these foster grandparents who also enjoyed the entertainment. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Nike Battle Is One Of Priority In Correcting Racial Policies

The feud between sports apparel manufacturer Nike and Operation PUSH is a debate over more than money; it's a debate over the

priorities of consumers, some say. "Self-esteem is not in a shoe. God made you and God doesn't make junk," Rev. Willie T. Barrow, vice

chairman of the board and corporate consultant of the Chicago-based self-help organization, said.

Barrow talked about the Nike issue when she was in Charlotte recently for Women's Equality Day. Her concern about Nike's lack of cooperation with the black community goes beyond the money issue.

African-Americans have gotten caught up in a certain style of living, which puts more emphasis on name-brand clothes and material things (See NIKE BATTLE, P. 2)

Thornburg Warns Consumers About Abusing "900" Telephone Numbers

Attorney General Lacy H. Thornburg filed a motion last Wednesday before the state Utilities Commission calling for investigation of billing and

collection practices by local telephone companies for 900 calls and other similar pay-per-call programs. Thornburg said, "The phenomenal

growth of these marketing programs which entice people to dial, for whatever reason, has become a cause for serious concern because of widespread abuses."

While the attorney general's request for a commission investigation specifically addresses clarification of rules and regulations regarding billing and collection issues that are within the purview of the commission, Thornburg said a major issue also to be considered is the increasing deceptiveness being used against consumers.

Thornburg said, "The very nature of the complaints we're hearing makes it clear that many people confuse these new-wave telephone numbers with the well-established, toll-free 800 numbers. Often, even though people know there will be a charge for dialing these 900-type numbers, due to a lack of proper notice they are stunned by the total cost of the calls."

Complaints to Thornburg's office include: allegations of excessive charges for goods and services; total failure to disclose costs before charging consumers; and failure to deliver the goods and services advertised.

Legitimate businesses using 900-type telephone numbers in their marketing with fair and up-front disclosures are not the target of Thornburg's ire; rather, he said, it is aimed at "the unscrupulous who specialize in consumer ripoffs or

(See 900 NUMBERS, P. 2)

Christian Academy Offers Alternative To Public Schools

ABEKA Method Of teaching

BY LANITA LOWERY
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Raleigh now offers parents yet another alternative to the public school system. This newest offering is the Word of God Christian Academy. The academy is the brainchild of Dr. Frank Summerfield and his wife JoeNell.

Dr. Summerfield has taught every grade in the public school system and has taught at Campbell and Shaw universities. He also has four children of his own. He is no stranger to the teaching process.

"We promote ethics and values. These values are going to be used by students at home and at work," he said.

Dr. Summerfield sees a lack of spiritual overview as one of the problems of the public school system. He maintains that the Word of God Christian Academy will not overlook this aspect of learning.

The academy will be using the ABEKA curriculum which was developed at Pensacola College. According to Dr. Summerfield, it is the teaching method chosen by many private Christian schools.

Subjects are taught in light of God's Word. The ABEKA program has been developed to improve standardized test scores. After a year of being taught by this method, students' test scores

All the teachers employed by the academy are certified by the Southeastern Association of Church Schools and are members of the Word of God Fellowship. This fall will be the academy's first year in operation.

have been proven to rise by 30 to 40 percent, Dr. Summerfield stresses.

"The Word of God Christian Academy environment lends itself to isolated instruction. There is less peer pressure and rules are more strongly enforced," said Dr. Summer-

(See NEW SCHOOL, P. 2)

UNCF Plans 2nd Annual Art Exhibit

The Wake Committee of the United Negro College Fund will hold its second annual African-American Art Show, Sale and Auction from 12-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 9, at the Raleigh Marriott at Crabtree Valley. The auction will begin at 3 p.m.

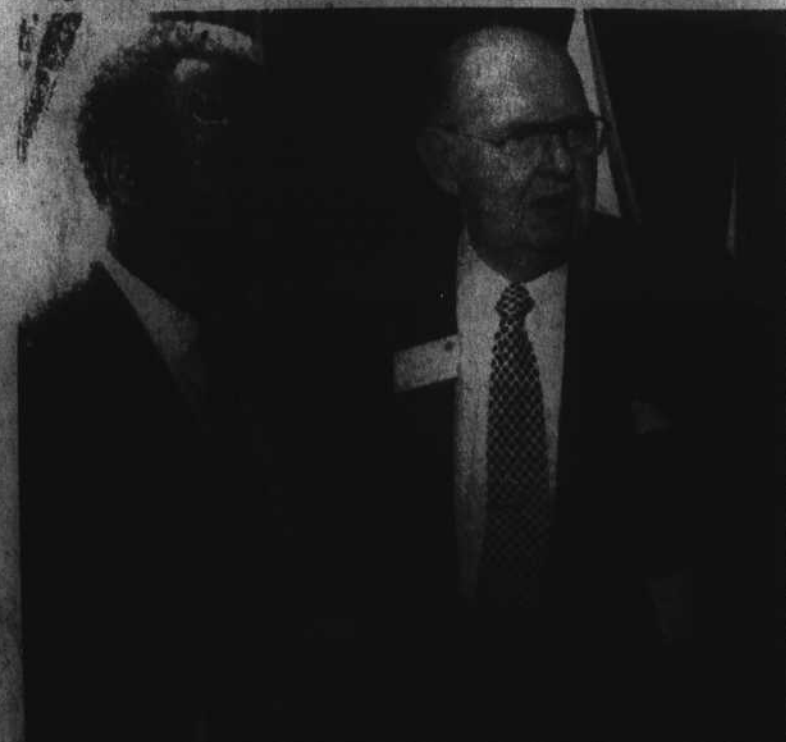
Coordinated by Kenneth and Vanya Elliott, the show, sale and auction will feature more than two dozen artists, including several whose works have been displayed on popular television series such as "The Cosby Show," "A Different World," "Good Times," "Amen" and "227."

"This will be a really good event and a good opportunity for securing African-American art and artifacts," said Williams. "We believe it may be one of the largest shows that has been held in this area for quite some time."

The event will include originals and limited editions. It will also (See UNCF, P. 2)



A CELEBRATION—Douglas Rawlins and his wife held a gala celebration recently in the Omni Europe Hotel in the King's Club that has not been occupied for a period of time. The affair was music and smiles for the couple and their guests. (Photo by Ed Wilson)



IN SUPPORT—North Carolina consensus candidate Harvey S. Gantt says he is supportive of U.S. troops deployed in the Middle East. Gantt said it is clear he stands behind the president and stands behind our troops. Gantt met with senior Democrats of North Carolina recently and is seen here with the most senior Democrat and the N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)