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Council Stalls On Reappointing Cooper

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
In the midst of a growing controversy, the Raleigh City Council delayed the possible reappointment of Dr. Alan Cooper, former chairman of the city's Human Resources and Human Relations Advisory Commission, after a member resigned "pending the reappointment of Cooper."

Cooper was removed from the commission by the council at a meeting Sept. 18 unexpectedly. Cooper, who is also the chairman of the political science department at St. Augustine's College, contends his ouster from the commission was a political move revolving around the Crabtree Valley Mall issue, and has received support from some members of the community.

At its Oct. 2 meeting, the council was provided with the opportunity to reappoint Cooper to the commission when District C Councilman Ralph Campbell, Jr. reported that Cash Michaels, a WLE-AM radio per-

sonality who was a commission member, had submitted a letter of resignation from the 15-member panel "pending the reappointment of Dr. Cooper to the commission."

Campbell made a motion to suspend the normal nomination and appointment procedures, and in light of Michaels' resignation, reappoint Dr. Cooper. However, Mayor Avery C. Upchurch, acting as chair of the council meeting, refused to accept the motion, saying that the establish-

ed procedures for appointments should be followed and questioning the veracity of the resignation.

"He (Michaels) is dictating to the council what they (should) do and not do," Upchurch said. He then ruled Campbell's motion out of order, but allowed Campbell to move for a suspension of the rules to formally nominate Dr. Cooper to the commission.

As the council proceeded to vote on that motion, Upchurch allowed

Councilwoman-at-large Ann Franklin to interrupt the procedure, expressing doubt about voting on either the resignation or the appointment.

"I just can't think that it is in our interests to address this at this point," she said. Ms. Franklin's comments served to further fuel debate between Mayor Upchurch and Councilman Campbell about the sincerity of Michaels' resignation letter.

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Ron Brown, Democrats, Gantt Meet

Bringing with him a theme, "Making a Difference in America," Democratic National Chairman Ron Brown came to North Carolina for two days last week to help boost Democratic candidates' chances in November, encourage efforts of workers across the state and help raise money.

Brown started his two-day stay in the Tar Heel state in Raleigh on Sept. 21, by talking to state Democratic Party officials and staffers at the Goodwin House, the home of the state party.

A reception and rally in Clinton with party leadership and elected officials in the Third Congressional District was held the following afternoon, followed by an address to the Third Congressional District Minority Council in Sampson County.

Speaking to a full house at the Sampson County Agri-Civic Center, where Brown was introduced by Third District Rep. Martin Lancaster, Brown told an enthusiastic and mixed audience that most of the good things that have happened in America over the past 40 years have happened only because of dedicated Democratic leadership.

"We offer America a different set of values. A different set of priorities, and we are beginning to bring about that kind of change again," said Brown.

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Two Germanys Unite, Starting New World Era

BY DR. ALBERT JABS

German unification is a symbol of hope for the world. All-German elections set for Dec. 3, the first time since 1933, provides a lesson in hope, reconciliation, and vision.

No nation on earth has been so categorized, caricatured or has been at the storm-center of so much of 20th century history. At the beginning of this century and at the end of this millennium the German question is still the center of debate and discussion.

For the past four and a half decades, West Germany has been a model of an effective market economy, a modern state of efficient social organizations, and a leadership blessed with excellent political

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NEWS BRIEFS

GOVERNOR PROMOTES BOND

Gov. Jim Martin officially launched this week a statewide effort to promote passage of a \$200 million prison construction bond referendum on the Nov. 6 ballot. He also announced the creation of "Citizens for a Safer North Carolina," a group of private citizens to help build public support for passage of the measure.

TEACHERS GET TRAINING

Vocational education teachers at each high school will receive training in a national pilot project initiated by the DuPont Corp. in Wake County Schools. DuPont will provide skill training for woodworking and furniture/cabinetmaking teachers in fabrication and installation of Corian countertop products.

COME TO SCHOOL

All students at Lockhart will be encouraged to attend school through a program called "Cool Cats Come to School." Perfect class attendance will be recognized each week in a display in the school's main hallway. The class which has the best record each grading period will receive a special award. Individual students will be recognized for perfect attendance at each grading period and at the end of the year.

Straight Razor

MAN SLASHED DURING ARGUMENT

Assaulted On Mall Downtown

Raleigh Police charged Warren Fowler, 50, of the 800 block of Esat Martin Street, with assault with a deadly weapon, after allegedly slashing Ron Spencer with a straight razor during a lunchtime argument on the Fayetteville Street Mall.

Spencer, of the 100 block of Green Street, was treated at Wake Medical Center and released, a hospital spokesman said. Spencer had at least three cuts, including a four-inch slash across his forehead, and lacerations on his head and back, Officer J.E. Vinson said.

Fowler was being held in Wake County Jail on \$1,000 bond, according to court records.

In other news: According to court records, the Wake County Department of Social Services says it has substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect at Hilltop Day Care and Nursery School in Fuquay-Varina, prompting state officials to order the center to close.

The center, operated by Hilltop Freewill Baptist Church, remained open Tuesday, pending a possible appeal of the order by church officials.

The department's finding of neglect led the state Child Day Care Section, which monitors and licenses centers, to issue an order Sept. 27 to close Hilltop. Its finding on sexual abuse has been referred to Wake District Attorney C. Colon Willoughby, Jr.

No criminal charges have been filed. (See CRIME, P. 2)



IMPROVE HOUSING—Mayor Pro Tem Ralph Campbell faces the press on housing and the \$20 million housing bond issue. Bob Phillips questioned Campbell on improving housing for low and moderate income residents in Raleigh. Voters will determine the future of the housing bond during the election on Nov. 6. (Photo by James Giles, Sr.)

Declining Black Academic Careers Disturbing Problem In Education

U.S. Colleges and universities should identify black undergraduate students with potential for research careers, beef up minority recruiting efforts in all disciplines and address racism when it is an issue as forthrightly as possible.

Those are among the suggestions for reversing the continuing decline in the number of blacks earning doctorates and pursuing careers in academia offered in congressional testimony recently by Dr. Henry T. Frierson, associate dean of the Graduate School and professor of family medicine at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Excerpts from Dr. Frierson's testimony:

The numbers and proportions of African-Americans gaining Ph.D.s and entering academe have been continuously declining. This decline is seen in all fields including education, particularly educational research. Given the current decline and coupled with the predominantly white academic work environments in which many African-Americans in educational research and development find themselves, the situation of black faculty in education can be best described as a predicament. This situation warrants considerable concern by those who are concerned about the common good for American

education and who wish to ensure that equity is advanced at all levels. This situation, or more accurately, predicament, needs to be addressed forthrightly if significant inroads are to be made to increase the numbers of black faculty.

By the year 2000, minority groups will represent a majority of elementary and secondary schools' student populations in more than 50 major cities. These students will undoubtedly be the subject of numerous (and possibly the majority of) future research studies. Thus, the need for more individuals in educational research and development who are sensitive to the needs of ethnic minorities and the disadvantaged is clearly urgent. Moreover, with the projected need for individuals involved in educational research and development are needed who are not only sensitive to the needs of minorities and the disadvantaged but who are sincerely concerned with those groups' educational and social situations.

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Ghana Remains Charming Bond For Visitors

BY DORIS LARYEA

Special To The CAROLINIAN
This week, we continue with Part II of a series on Ghana by Dr. Laryea, a professor at North Carolina State University.

The Republic of Ghana is a fairly average-sized West African country, just 22,100 square miles, approximately the size of Illinois and Indiana combined, and about 200 miles wide and 600 miles long located in the part of the great western bulge of Africa just below the vast Sahara Desert in the center of the countries along the Gulf of Guinea.

Its capital is Accra (pronounced Ah-KRAH, accent on the last syllable), which is 3,300 miles directly south of London and 3,300 miles directly east of French Guinea, on the north edge of South America. This places it in the Tropical Zone, just north of the Equator.

The country is bordered by three West African countries: on the east by the Republic of Togo, on the west by the Republic of Cote D'Ivoire or Ivory Coast, and on the north by the

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Saint Augustine's College Holds Ceremony For 124th Convocation

Saint Augustine's College formally opened its 1990-91 academic year at convocation ceremonies held Tuesday in the college's Emery Gymnasium. The college president, Dr.

Prezell R. Robinson, delivered the main address to a gathering of more than 600 students, faculty, staff and friends.

Although in his comments Dr.

Robinson described some of the problems the college faces, he began his address on a note of exhilaration and optimism about St. Augustine's general condition—its students, faculty quality and finances—and its future. "Clearly," he said, "this is a great day in the life of this college as we enter our 124th year of existence as an educational institution committed to providing the very best education possible to young people and, yes, also to older adults from many parts of the world."

Referring to the fact that the college has a wide international ethnic mixture on its campus, Dr. Robinson stated, "In many ways, we are a mini-United Nations. This college has always been and will continue to be an intellectual mecca for qualified faculty, staff, students and all qualified people without regard to race, creed, color, religion or national origin.

"Yes, we are indeed upbeat," he went on, "and I think we have every reason to be: we have closed out our 23rd consecutive year with a balanced budget; we have the largest enrollment—1,900—in the history of the college; this year's freshman class has the highest average entering SAT score of any entering freshman class in the college's recent history; and there are more students in this freshman class that have indicated an interest in taking majors in the sciences, mathematics, languages, teacher education and engineering than at any time in recent years."

Dr. Robinson also referred to the improvement in campus facilities: the newly-renovated Penick Hall of Science, "which is one of the finest, best-equipped facilities to be found on the campus of any college with similar demographic characteristics

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LEADERSHIP PERSONIFIED—Pictured above, preparing for the 124th opening convocation of Saint Augustine's College is President Prezell R. Robinson and Chairman of the Saint Aug's Board of Trustees, Marshall B. Bass. Dr. Bass is the former vice president of RJR Tobacco, Inc. from Winston Salem, N.C.



TWIN FESTIVAL—During the second week in August a special ceremony or ritual is held for twins, followed by special foods, including palm soup and corn meal. This ritual has been held for many, many years and takes place in Accra, Ghana. Twins are the subject in this photo taken during the festival.