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Positive Ventures

Citizens Ponder Amphitheater Location

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Tentative plans are underway to construct an amphitheater in Southeast Raleigh that have citizens pondering the joint venture by the Raleigh City Council and the developers, the PACE Group.

The 20,000-seat outdoor performance center, the only one of its kind in the Carolinas, is seen as a very positive move by Mayor Pro Tem Ralph Campbell, who said it would be beneficial to the community.

The open-air theater will feature a

covered pavilion providing seating for 7,000, as well as a landscaped embankment allowing a lawn seating for an additional 13,000. Along with complete staging facilities, the 77.9-acre complex will include a covered picnic area, as well as food and beverage concessions. More than 5,000 parking spaces are planned.

The \$12.5 million construction cost for the facility will be divided, with the city paying \$8 million and the PACE Group paying the remaining \$4.5 million. The PACE Group,

developers and managers of several amphitheaters throughout the nation, will also receive a developer's fee for managing the construction of the amphitheater.

However, some citizens in Southeast Raleigh are looking closely at the details at Citizens Advisory Council meetings establishing camps for approval and opponents. Lythel Hickerson, chairman of Southeast Raleigh CAC, agrees with Campbell that it will be a positive move.

"It will be a plus for the communi-

ty, being where it is going to be located. I don't see a problem with traffic or anything."

The plan calls for the park to be developed along Walnut Creek, southeast of the intersection of Sunnybrook Road and the Beltline. "It will help create employment for the Raleigh-Wake County area," Hickerson said.

Campbell said it's "the city's desire to establish the amphitheater so that it will be an asset to the city parks system and provide wholesome,

family-oriented entertainment which will be beneficial for the region."

"The plans have been reviewed thoroughly by a number of groups to include the parks and recreation advisory board, a number of the CACs, city administration and the City Council," Campbell said.

"Our concerns have consistently been that there will be quality construction and specific attention given to appearance and sound issues. The city will continue to be sensitive to the

(See AMPHITHEATER, P. 2)

Argument Said Cause As

MAN KILLED IN KNIFE FIGHT

Victim Dies On The Scene

A Raleigh man was fatally stabbed during an argument with another man recently. The two men were apparently fighting around 9:30 p.m. in the 200 block of East Street in the downtown area of Raleigh, police Capt. R.K. Carroll of the department said.

According to police records, one man stabbed the other in the chest. The victim, a black male about 35 years old, died at the scene.

The other man was treated at Wake Medical Center for cuts on his hands.

In other news:

A Winston-Salem man convicted in the dog-mauling death of a jogger should have his bond revoked following reports that two of his dogs have roamed the area where the jogger died, a prosecutor said.

Forayth County Assistant District Attorney Clifton Barrett has asked for a hearing next week to decide whether Thomas Powell's bond should be evoked pending an appeal of his conviction. In proposing the revocation, Barrett on Thursday referred to a police report in which Powell said two dogs had escaped from his fenced yard on Sept. 22.

Powell, 33, was convicted of involuntary manslaughter the day before in the mauling death of Hoke Lane Prevette, Jr. The jury found that Powell's two Rottweilers had attacked and killed Prevette, a neighborhood jogger, on Oct. 20, 1989.

A report said that three of Powell's neighbors on Banner Avenue reported seeing the dogs loose. All (See CRIME, P. 2)



EXPRESSIONS VIEWS—At the request of the Raleigh City Council a public information session was held Oct. 8 at Wake County Community Center for the purpose of obtaining views and input from citizens about the proposed 20,000-seat outdoor performance center on Sunnybrook and the

NAACP Says City Council Losing Touch Removing Commission Chair

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Dismissing the chairman of the Human Resources and Human Relations Advisory Commission by the Raleigh City Council has been called a mistake by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and a political move revolving around the Crabtree Valley issue by the community at large.

Two statements have been issued to The CAROLINIAN concerning the dismissal of Dr. Alan Cooper, who is

chairman of the Political Science Department at St. Augustine's College and a voice sharing concerns of the African-American community.

The Rev. H.B. Pickett, Jr., president of the Raleigh-Apex Branch of the NAACP, said on Sept. 18, the Raleigh City Council demonstrated to the citizens of Raleigh that it has lost touch with reality by removing Cooper.

Cooper also issued a statement

citing Crabtree Valley Mall emerging as "the latest metaphor for racism in Raleigh" (see page 4).

The NAACP statement read:

"During the Crabtree Valley mall controversy, it was stated that some of the present City Council members do not believe that there is a problem of racism in the City of Raleigh. If there were not racism in Raleigh, the Crabtree Valley Mall controversy would not have developed. If there were not racism in Raleigh, Afro-Americans would be better represented in the administrative positions for the City of Raleigh.

"By removing the chairman, it seems as if some of the City Council members have hid their heads in the sand and sincerely believe that the citizens of Raleigh will permit them to keep the Crabtree Valley Mall issue alive. This is mentioned because Dr. Cooper, as head of the commission, had just appointed a steering committee of the commission to tackle the charges of racism surrounding Crabtree Valley Mall.

"A mistake in judgment was made

(See NAACP, P. 2)

North Carolina Educators Endorse Harvey Gantt In Senate Campaign

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
The U.S. Senate race between Republican Sen. Jesse A. Helms and Democrat Harvey B. Gantt is even, according to new state polls with Helms' favorite tactics, negative television commercials, turning undecided voters off and Gantt gaining momentum among mainstream North Carolinians.

A poll conducted by the News and Observer and WRAL-TV 5 found 43.5

percent of those surveyed would vote for Gantt and 42.7 percent for Helms. Nine percent were undecided and 4.2 percent said they would vote for neither.

The results of President Bush's visit to Raleigh Wednesday to bolster support and financial aid for Helms remain unknown at this time. The visit may not be as encouraging as anticipated since Bush has major problems stemming from the crisis in

the Persian Gulf to the national budget and the savings and loan debacle.

Meanwhile, Gantt has gained the endorsement of the North Carolina Educators, representing some 42,000 teachers and other educators across the state as well as supporters who like his stance on environmental issues.

"The NCAE feels very strongly about Mr. Gantt's candidacy. We know he will be a strong voice for education in the U.S. Senate. We are prepared to invest the resources it will take to get him elected," said NCAE President Julia Kron.

"I am absolutely delighted that North Carolina's teachers and educators have put their faith, as well as their votes and their money, in my campaign," said Gantt. "Together, we will retire one of the worst education records in the U.S. Senate and send to Washington a voice for our children."

Gantt has made improving education in North Carolina a cornerstone of his campaign for the U.S. Senate. Among other things, he has called for expansion of early childhood education programs so that children enter the school system with a desire to learn and an appreciation of the value of an education. He also said that no student who successfully completes 12 years of schooling should be denied the opportunity to continue his or her education and training because of a lack of money.

"The future of our nation will be judged in the 21st century by how well we can compete in the international marketplace. That means we must begin now to arm our children with the best possible education and training," he said. "The average job by

(See HARVEY GANTT, P. 2)

More Prisons Planned Johnson Urges Vote On Bonds

BY AARON J. JOHNSON
Secretary, N.C. Department of Correction
An Analysis

When North Carolinians get together and discuss the \$200 million prison construction bond referendum on the Nov. 6 ballot, the question is often asked, "Can we afford to spend \$200 million to build new prisons?" I believe this is the wrong question to be asked. What we should really be asking ourselves is can we afford to not build new prisons? The events of the past few years suggest that we can't.

The people of North Carolina have already paid a high price because of past leaders' failure to maintain a

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correctional system that is legally defensible. I am not just referring to the money we have already spent on construction, approximately \$200 million for 5,500 prison beds in the past five years. I am referring to the hidden costs of neglect.

The lack of adequate prison capacity has meant shorter prison terms for criminals. North Carolina's prison system has been tragically reduced to a revolving door where an inmate must be released for each new admission into prison. Criminals are now serving just a fraction of their original sentence, only 29 percent for felons and 14 percent for misdemeanants. This translates to just 15 months for the average felon and 40 days for the average misdemeanant.

Knowing that prison overcrowding pressures are likely to push them out of prison, criminals are manipulating the criminal justice system. They are

(See PRISONS, P. 2)

King Memorial Becomes Reality, Community Oasis

Next week, the Martin Luther King Memorial will be transformed into an oasis of more than 5,000 trees, shrubbery and flowering plants.

The botanical gardens project reportedly grew out of a desire of the local King holiday planning committee to construct a permanent memorial to the civil rights movement in the community.

Committee member and Raleigh Mayor Pro-Tem Ralph Campbell, Jr. stated, "Each year, as we celebrated the life and work of Dr. King, it became very apparent that we needed to do more. The King Gardens, now a reality, is a daily reminder for thousands of people to how much the movement has impacted our society."

Thursday, Oct. 18, at 1 a.m., the committee will host its Tree and Flower Planting Ceremony. James F. Goodmon, president of Capitol Broadcasting Co., local clergy, city and county officials and civic leaders will showcase the installation of the garden's plants. Community residents are invited to attend the ceremony.

Bruce Lightner, chairman of the King Committee, stated, "We've worked hard during the past two years to get to this point. By the end of next week everyone will bear witness to the most beautiful public park of its kind anywhere in the world. Jim Goodmon and the people at Capitol Broadcasting, by donating the needed trees and plants, is truly an example of being excellent corporate citizens to the community."

Also participating in the ceremony will be a class from Poe Elementary School to present and plant 100 tulip bulbs which will

(See KING MEMORIAL, P. 2)

NEWS BRIEFS

NFL FRANCHISE

President and CEO of Capitol Broadcasting Co. Jim Goodmon will address the NFL franchise and other sports initiatives in the Triangle on the third Thursday, Oct. 18, at the Crabtree Valley Raleigh Marriott from 7-9 a.m. The Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce's Third Thursday is a monthly meeting of the general chamber membership with programs addressing current issues of local and regional interest.

MALONE HONORED

Vernon Malone, chairman of the Wake County Commissioners, was honored by St. Augustine's College during its 124th opening convocation on Oct. 2. President P.R. Robinson told the audience of trustees, alumni, students and friends of the contributions Malone has made over many years to the citizens of the area.

ST. AUG. GETS GRANT

The Charlest Stewart Mott Foundation has made a grant to St. Augustine's College for \$500,000 to bolster the college's endowment. The grant is designed to leverage college trustees, alumni and friends of the college to increase their support of the college, attempt to build a student activities health/wellness center, and increase student endowed scholarships.

SUPERCAP POPULATION

A new single-day prison population record of 19,012 was set Sept. 21. That's the first time the prison population has ever been above 10,000. The average daily prison population in the state's 99 prisons during September was 18,793, a new record. The September average compares with 18,574 in August and 17,716 in September 1989.

MOVING MONEY

First Citizens Bank's mobile automatic teller machine will be available for use during the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh. The ATM will be located (See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)



SAVINGS AND LOAN CLASS—Under the sponsorship of Dr. Lucy Rose Adams, professor of business at Saint Augustine's College sponsored a money and banking class recently at the college with (From left to right) Dr. Lucy Rose Adams, professor of business, sponsor; F. V. Allison, CEO of Mutual Savings and Loan Association of Durham, sponsor; Ms. Royal Clark, Assistant Vice President and Assistant Secretary; and Dr. Frank E. Godfrey, chairman, Division of Business, Saint Augustine's College. The American League of Financial Institutions is a national association of S&Ls for minorities. It was organized in 1949 by Mutual Savings and Loan in Durham.