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Rectifying An Error

Council Reappoints Cooper Unanimously

BY CASH MICHAELS
Contributing Writer

After a month of controversy, the Raleigh City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to reappoint Dr. Alan Cooper to the city's Human Resources and Human Relations Advisory Commission. Dr. Cooper, a professor at St. Augustine's College and formerly the chairman of the commission, was abruptly removed from that body a month ago by the council for reasons many speculated to be political.

In an interview with The CAROLINIAN after the vote, Cooper was both happy and cautious. "I appreciate that the council has given me an other opportunity to serve the citizens of Raleigh on the Human

Resources and Human Relations Advisory Commission," Cooper said. "I look forward to continuing the work we began toward resolving the Crabtree controversy, and other important human relations issues."

The reference to "Crabtree" pertains to charges of racial bias leveled against the owner of Crabtree Valley Mall last year by members of Raleigh's African-American community. Dr. Cooper was in the midst of developing a process toward resolving that issue through the commission when the City Council suddenly removed him last month.

Pointing out how his reappointment was a tribute to the community, Dr. Cooper expressed deep appreciation

for the support he garnered from Raleigh's African-American community.

Rev. H.B. Pickett, president of the Raleigh-Apex Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who issued a statement criticizing the council's actions as "a mistake in judgment," said he was glad Cooper had been reappointed.

"I was glad to hear that the City Council rectified their error. The community had great influence and I hope this shows that we can come together to do it again when needed," Pickett said.

Similar approval and comments were echoed by Khalif Ramadan,

president of the Concerned Citizens for Educational Equity, one of the primary groups involved with the Crabtree Valley Mall issue.

"I am happy that the City Council has responded to the community's interests," Ramadan told The CAROLINIAN in a telephone interview from Washington, D.C., "and I am happy to see that Dr. Cooper will have an opportunity to make the Human Relations Commission responsive to the needs of the community."

Ramadan agreed with Rev. Pickett that citizens and civic organizations must keep the pressure on the City Council to improve its human relations record.

Cooper said he was most appreciative of the organizational support he received from both the NAACP and the CCEE, along with community leaders like Rev. David Foy, and that he looked forward to working with them to conciliate the problem of charges of racism at one of the largest shopping malls in the state.

Sources asking to remain anonymous said that it was because of the mail issue that Cooper was removed in the first place.

Several City Council members allegedly believed that the charges of racism against the Crabtree management last year were baseless, and regarded Cooper's work as unimpor-

tant as a result. Through the special efforts of Mayor Pro Tem Ralph Campbell, Jr. and District B. Councilmember Mary Watson Nooe, several council members came to believe that Crabtree is still a burning issue in Raleigh's African-American community, and Cooper was reappointed without challenge.

Even though Cooper is now back on the commission, he is no longer its chair. Interim chairperson Ms. Debra Redden said that she and all of the commission membership welcome Cooper back.

Rev. Jim Lewis of the Episcopal Diocese, the Human Relations Commission, and a member of a group of

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Packaged To Sell

DRUG DEALERS CAUGHT IN ACT

Crack, Cocaine, Marijuana

According to police records, Robbie Jacobs, 18, of 1527 No. 4 Crest Road, and Eric Tucker, 27, of an unknown address, were charged recently with possession with intent to sell, deliver and manufacture drugs.

The arrest was made by Officer S. Jones of the Raleigh Police Department in the 100 block of Oberlin Road in the streets.

Allegedly found on the two men were four grams of cocaine in three vials in powder form with four packets of crack, and 10 grams of marijuana in nine individual plastic bags.

The drugs were valued at \$550.

In other news: According to police records, William Donald Yarborough, 51, of 2729 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh, was arrested recently after cutting Bernard Edward Lee, 27, on the left arm and on the right thumb.

The incident allegedly happened in the 500 block of South Bloodworth Street. The victim was taken to Wake Medical Center by EMS.

The incident was reported by Debra Evans. Officer V.R. Austin answered the call. Taken was a red Swiss army knife and a small linked chain tied in knots, both of which were believed to have been used in the fight.



LAST FLIGHT—At Raleigh-Durham International Airport, evacuees and a journey that began in Baghdad and no more charters are scheduled to help American women and children and their family members flee Kuwait and Iraq. With assistance from the Wake County Department of

Social Services, some of the Arab families plan to make Raleigh home and move into apartments. They will receive federal assistance—loans equivalent to Aid for Families and Dependent Children. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Historical Vs. Persian Gulf Mirrors Clash Of Many Issues

BY DR. ALBERT E. JABS

President Bush and Secretary of State Baker want Israel to cooperate with the UN resolution concerning the killing of 19 Palestinians in the Old City of Jerusalem. Some see the rejection of this resolution as being related to the rejection of the UN by Saddam Hussein. This complicates the Gulf crisis with approximately 20 percent of the U.S. military forces there composed of African-Americans.

The issues inherent in this impasse reach back into history. The cycle of violence involves fear, hatred, security,

religious fanaticism, nationalism, and cultural chauvinism. Add a dash of militarism and journalistic jingoism and one has all the ingredients of a fresh and more deadly Middle East clash.

The questions of history and religion may be the key to understanding. The birth of Israel must be understood not in terms of 1948, but chronologically about 1250 B.C., at the time of the Exodus. This in turn gave rise to both Islam and Christianity. They are matters involving (See GULF CRISIS, P. 2)

"Bad" Government Bush Angers Caucus

A major civil rights bill that President George Bush may veto is the rights movement's top priority. In Congress this year that would overturn six Supreme Court decisions handed down in 1989.

Twenty of the 24 Democratic members of the Congressional Black Caucus continue to express their anger at the Bush administration's failure to address employment, education, health and security issues for predominantly African-American

communities. They have joined colleagues and many Republicans in rejecting the president's budget proposal.

The Senate approved the rights bill earlier this week, falling short of support needed to override a threatened presidential veto on the grounds that its minority hiring features would lead to the use of quotas.

Bush made it clear that he intended to veto the measure on the grounds that it would spur employers to hire by quotas to protect themselves from lawsuits.

Sen. Jesse A. Helms (R-N.C.) voted against the bill with Sen. Terry Sanford (D-N.C.) voting for it. "It will also foster divisiveness and litigation rather than conciliation and do more to promote legal fees than civil rights," Bush said.

Democratic sponsors again scoffed at the notion that the bill would lead to quotas. The president has 10 days to act on any bill reaching him, and Congress hopes to adjourn by Oct. 27 at the latest.

Provisions of the bill range from a ban on racial harassment in the workplace to punitive damages in extreme job discrimination cases.

The sharpest clashes, however, have come over complex changes in ground rules governing job discrimination lawsuits. The changes would make it easier for those filing suit to win and harder for employers to defend themselves.

Administration officials say the changes would be so hard on employers that they would turn to quota hiring to have a ready-made defense in case they found themselves in court.

In rejecting Bush and his budget along with "bad government," the Black Caucus will be further disenchanted if the major rights bill is

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JOHN W. WINTERS

Winters Honored For Commitment, Community Work

A real estate developer who climbed through the ranks from milk truck driver to founder and president of a major management and development company says that his dream came through various jobs and changes of career.

John Wesley Winters, former airport skycap, poultry farmer, insurance salesman, building contractor, Raleigh City Council member, state senator and real estate entrepreneur, chalked up another honor Wednesday as outstanding civil libertarian by the Wake County Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Winters, 70, was presented with the annual W.W. Finlator Award at the N.C. Faculty Club for a lifetime of

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BRAND HOME—The home of Ms. Evelyn and Ruth Pope at 511 South Wilmington Street represents the last home in the immediate downtown East Redevelopment area. According to Ms. Evelyn Stephens of the City's Planning

and Historical Property Commission the Victorian style home was built near the turn of the century and appears to be constructed with handmade brick. (Photo by James Giles, Sr.)

NEWS BRIEFS

BILL FOR HOMELESS

WASHINGTON, D.C.—An estimated 240,000 low-income and homeless families would be housed through a program developed by state and local officials, and existing housing programs would be bolstered under a \$57.7 billion bill expected to be signed into law in the next week or two. This is the first overhaul of housing programs in a decade.

ROCKY MOUNT FIRM CHARGED WITH BIAS

ROCKY MOUNT—Pillowtex Corp., one of the largest manufacturers of quality sleeping pillows, mattress pads, and comforters in the United States, has been charged by workers with unfair and racist practices, according to Justice Speaks, published by the Black Workers for Justice.

FUNDING GAP NARROWS

Sen. Jesse A. Helms, R-N.C., has outspent Democrat Harvey B. Gantt by nearly a three-to-one margin, but the spending gap has closed markedly in recent months, financial reports show. Helms has raised \$11.2 million; Gantt, \$4 million. During the past three months, Gantt has nearly been able to match Helms' spending, however.

MARTIN ATTACKS PROGRAM

Gov. James G. Martin, in an attack on Democratic judges, asserted that a program in aid (See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)