

NEWS BRIEFS

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the defense of death-row inmates was being operated out of the office of the chief justice of the state Supreme Court. The chief justice, James G. Exum, Jr., and other court officials later said the governor was wrong about the program.

SCHOOL GETS GRANT

North Garner Middle School has received a \$200,000 grant to implement Project STAR (Schools Using Technology for Academic Restructuring). The award is the first U.S. Department of Education award to an individual school in the Wake County Public School System. The school will receive \$100,000 for the 1990-91 school year and \$100,000 for 1991-92. North Garner's goal is to transform the school into a model middle school to serve as a center for lifelong learning for its community, state and nation.

CHILD CARE NEEDED

For people who would like to find out more about caring for children at home, or to help people already providing this service, Child Care Resource and Referral, a United Way agency, will offer a free Home and Food Safety workshop. The workshop will be held on Saturday, Nov. 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Project Enlightenment. Preregistration is required and child care will be available for a nominal fee. For more information contact Donna Kirchner at 821-7490.

POLICE ACADEMY GRADUATION

The City of Raleigh will hold a graduation ceremony for its 57th police academy in the City Council Chamber of the Raleigh Municipal Building, 222 W. Hargett St., Oct. 19 at 6 p.m. Twenty-one recruits are expected to graduate.

These recruits will fill vacancies left by officers chosen for newly created positions that resulted from the city's growth due to annexation and its expanded efforts to combat drugs, as well as filling vacancies resulting from retirements and resignations, according to Raleigh Police Chief Frederick K. Heineman.

NATIONAL RED RIBBON WEEK

The Eastern District of North Carolina Law Enforcement Coordinating Committee, which includes federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, is promoting and encouraging the media's participation in National Red Ribbon Week, Oct. 20-28.

The Red Ribbon campaign is designed to establish and support a community commitment to a drug-free lifestyle and to involve all segments of the community.

JOHN WINTERS

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commitment to excellence in all endeavors, said Lynn Lyle, president of the Wake County Chapter.

"John Winters was chosen as this year's Finlator Award recipient because of his lifelong commitment to civil rights, human rights, and the betterment of Wake County and North Carolina," she said.

"His contributions make Wake County a better place to live and raise a family. Truly, his life and work have made a difference in the way things are here.

"In reality, we cannot give an honor to John Winters. He has earned his honors through a lifetime of commitment to excellence in all endeavors," she said.

He married Marie Winters in 1941 and left Shaw to raise a family. He and his wife have seven children. He worked, as he once said, "any job where I could earn an honest living to support my family." That included waiting on tables, scrubbing floors, carrying travelers' bags, delivering milk, and feeding chickens.

It was in building homes and apart-

ments, however, that Winters found his true vocation. After building his own house, friends asked him to build houses for them. That led to a long and prosperous career. John W. Winters and Co. is a solid player in the building business in Wake County and the rapid growth of Raleigh.

Winters was a leader in the civil rights movement in Raleigh. He was one of a small group of Raleigh citizens from a variety of occupations and callings who steadfastly led Raleigh from the condition of segregation to a new more enlightened era. The transition, though not an easy one, was not violent or deeply troubled by civil strife. Winters' leadership was a prime factor in that experience.

Winters was also a political leader. He was the first black elected to the Raleigh City Council since Reconstruction. He served three terms on the council (1961-67) during the critical period of civil rights activism, and he was instrumental in integrating public facilities in Raleigh.

In 1974, he was elected to serve in the North Carolina Senate, representing the 14th Senatorial District of Wake, Lee and Harnett counties. Along with Fred Alexander of Charlotte, he was the first black elected to the N.C. Senate since Reconstruction.

He was re-elected to the state Senate in 1976, but resigned his seat in 1977 when he was appointed to the State Utilities Commission by then-Gov. James B. Hunt.

Winters was born and raised in Raleigh. He attended public schools here and in New York City. He attended Long Island University, Virginia State, and Shaw University on football scholarship.

Last year's recipient of the Finlator Award was Claude Sitton, editor of the Raleigh News and Observer.

African Studies Groups Presented Art Festival

The African-American Studies Committee of St. Augustine's College presented its fall African-American Arts Festival recently in the Seby Jones Fine Arts Center on the campus. The highlight of the event was an exhibition of the paintings of Charles Rogers, a faculty member of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte.

The artist is a native of Oklahoma, where he received his education in the public schools. He received his bachelor of arts degree in 1964 from California State University, Los Angeles. He received the master of arts degree in art education from Ohio State University in 1971 and the master of fine arts degree from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1977.

Among the many awards which Rogers has received have been Outstanding Talent Award, 1964; Art West Art Club, Los Angeles, Calif.; African American Institute, New York City; Lecture Study Travel Grant; visited Ghana, Togo, Dahomey and Nigeria in 1974; United Negro College Fund, 1981, Atlanta University; and United Negro College Fund, 1984, Fisk University.

The African-American Arts Festival opened with a convocation in the Fine Arts Theater. Rogers was the keynote speaker. A reception was



CHARLES ROGERS

held in the art gallery at the Seby Jones Fine Arts Center.

A lecture-slide presentation, "A Kaleidoscope of Expressions, the History of African-American Art," and "Rogers on Rogers' Art," by Charles Rogers, were assisted by Dr. Frank Woods, art critic and professor of art.

that agency's largest settlement, \$44 million from General Motors. She became EEOC's legal counsel in 1984.

Despite her success in D.C., attorney Duncan decided in 1986 to return home to Durham. She began teaching law at the NCCU School of Law in the areas of appellate advocacy, property, employment discrimination and worker's compensation. Then-Prof. Duncan was selected by both NCCU's Law School faculty and students as 1989 Teacher of the Year. It was also then that Gov. Martin read her book, titled, "North Carolina Appellate Advocacy," and it was on the strength of what he read that he selected her to serve out the term of a retiring appellate judge last February.

Judge Duncan has mixed feelings about being the first black woman to serve on North Carolina's Appellate Court (she is one of only two to serve on the state level anywhere in the South).

"I think I bring a sensitivity to the position, but on the other hand, in 1990, it is a shame that we would still have a 'first black' in any capacity in this point in time," she said. "Those barriers should have been broken down long since, but since they haven't, you have to wonder what took so long."

But despite her ambivalence, Judge Duncan recognizes the value of being a positive role model and reminder of the barriers broken, and the goals that still can be achieved.

One of those goals is political parity for the African-American community, which is why Judge Duncan is a Republican. The only way to change the GOP, Judge Duncan told The CAROLINIAN, is to be a part of it. Only by being a part of it can blacks ever hope to influence the policies of Sen. Jesse Helms and others who are seen as adversarial to the African-American community's interests. "We need to be a real part of the two-party system," Judge Duncan said.

If there is an issue close to her heart, it is providing for and helping the students at NCCU's Law School. Though the institution has been the subject of bad press of late, Judge Duncan will hear none of it. She says she is proud of the success stories that have come out of Central, and is working hard to develop a scholarship fund for black students who want to study law. She urges her community to support these students all it can.

Though not many people know about her candidacy, Judge Duncan is confident that she will be elected to an eight-year term in the Appellate Court. But if not, she is ready to

return to teaching at Central, where she is technically on a leave of absence. But no matter what Judge Duncan does, win or lose, she is willing to be of service to the community.

GULF CRISIS

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chosen race, covenant, land and revelation. These major religions all claim to be the "people of God." They all make certain claims; they all have certain visions of themselves and their future. Are they right or wrong?

There are Palestinians who are Christians and Jews who confess Christ, as there are Palestinians who proclaim the beliefs of the Quran, and Jews who adhere to the truth of the Torah. To be sure, both, or all, of these communities talk about peace, justice and mercy. But the question is: Do they live by their teachings?

To criticize Israel's policy is not ipso facto anti-Semitic, nor is it anti-Palestinian to question the PLO's policies. Equal weights of justice and equal measures of fair play must govern U.S. policy. While exaggerated individualism and exaggerated self-interest has become a cancer eating at the heart of the community, this same exaggerated sense of security, in spite of persecution, can eat at the relationships of Palestinians and the Jewish state.

The Palestinians and Jews both honor Abraham. They are historical cousins, yet they fight like cats and dogs. The U.S. has not betrayed Israel by supporting the UN resolution. We also have a long-lasting relationship with Israel, but our constitutional system is rooted in something even more profound, and that is a policy of equal weights and equal measures which really are rooted in the ancient Hebrew prophets of Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, Micah, Jeremiah, and the rest of those peace and justice proclaimers.

What better wisdom, in this time of conflict, than to remember, recall, and reflect on the roots of Judaism, Islam and Christianity so that the Old Jerusalem violence really creates the New Jerusalem. Is anyone listening? The answers may be foregoing.

Feelin' Fit!

If you smoke, nearly all experts agree that stopping now is the single best thing you can do for your health. Once you stop you'll experience higher energy levels and will be able to exercise more seriously.

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MOTHER THOMAS DIES—Mother Winnie Rowena Williams Thomas of 703 Jamaica Drive, known to many as "Mother of Jamaica Drive" died Monday, Oct. 15. Funeral 11 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 at Young Missionary Temple C.M.E. Burial, Carolina Biblical Gardens.

Surviving: daughters, Mary T. Hines, Betty T. Hinton, Henrietta T. Jones, Ethelene T. Smith, all of Raleigh, Mildred T. Cox of Youngsville; Edna T. Mims of Greensboro; son Joseph A. Thomas of Knightdale, a daughter-in-law; three sons-in-laws, fifteen grandchildren, thirteen great-grandchildren. Visitation was at Lea Funeral Home from 7-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17.

We feel that Winnie Rowena Thomas is protected, healed, and divinely blessed in God's light. This is a new day, a bright new beginning for her.



STAND BY CHOICE—Pictured above is Rev. Dr. G. A. Jones, Sr., who is running for third vice president of the General Baptist State Convention of N.C. Inc. He is the son of a Baptist Minister, and a long time supporter of the Convention. He is a busy Pastor of the Raleigh, Wake County area. Dr. Jones served locally as corresponding secretary of the Wake Baptist Association, Clerk for twelve years, vice Moderator, and Moderator, and many others. The convention is set for the later part of October.

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Banquet Set

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Choir Program Nov. 1

The Raleigh-Wake Alumni Chapter of Livingstone College will present the College Choir in a special musical program at Rush Metropolitan AME Zion Church on Sunday, Nov. 1, at 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend. Tickets are on sale for a donation of \$5.

The Rev. Claude E. Willie, III is pastor of the church and Joseph Carr is coordinator and speaker.

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