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Ron Karenga, son of a Baptist preacher, was a '60s activist and one of the first to call for the creation of Afro-American study programs. In "The Quotable Karenga (1967)", he declared: "We're not for isolation but for interdependence—but we can't become interdependent unless we have something to offer."

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**Wisdom Of Tried, True**

## 'Teacher Of Year' Believes In Children

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He is young, but he is the wisdom of the tried and true. He is African-American, but he has a love for all people, especially the children of the rainbow he must inspire almost every day. And he is a teacher, but not just any teacher, but the new standard by which other educators must now be measured. "He" is Dwight C. Watson and two weeks ago, Mr. Watson was honored as the new 1990 Wake County Teacher of the Year.

year-old Garner resident teaches the fourth grade at Emma Conn Elementary School in Raleigh, where he is the only African-American male educator out of a staff of 45 (there are only 10 African-American female instructors there as well, and 40 percent of the student body is black). Thus, his achievement as "Teacher Of the Year" is an interesting paradox: a noteworthy choice from a fine staff and school, but a sad commentary on the lack of African-American educators (especially males) currently working in the

Wake County School System.

Nonetheless, Watson is literally loved by his students, admired by his colleagues, and valued by his principal, Mrs. Norma Haywood. "Oh, if I could just clone that man..." Mrs. Haywood told a teacher trade publication recently. Watson's philosophy of teaching is unique and revolutionary by today's standards, yet so simple, basic and traditional in terms of what real "teaching" is about.

"What I try to do is make sure that the (children) have ownership in

what they're doing," Watson told the CAROLINIAN. "I want them to feel that this is their classroom, and we can work together. I'm there to help, cajole, to guide...to help them through it, but (I tell them)..." it's your classroom, it's your learning. (I) want you to take a piece of it, and mold it and build on that!"

Watson shuns the standard perception that young students have of the teacher and the classroom. "Kids are under the impression that they're coming into a classroom which is very "teacher-directed" and

they are dictated to. Immediately, they sense the authority and they get turned off by it. But when you walk into my classroom there is a very open rapport, and I try to express comradery, and working together." His students, Watson says, buy into that, interpret for themselves the value of learning, and thus contribute to the "pleasant" and cooperative learning atmosphere prevalent in his classrooms. Watson calls this process "intrinsic motivation."

"This is the best type of motivation ever," says Watson, "it's the

motivation that comes from within. Knowing that they can do, they can achieve and they want to work real hard. Because the pressures from me are not going to cut it, and the pressure from home is not going to cut it. What they're going to have to have is their own pressure and when they get that internal pressure, that willingness to strive, then you can teach them anything.

As one might suspect, Dwight Watson's background has a lot to do

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### Minority Businesses "Thriving"

Gov. Jim Martin says minority-owned businesses in North Carolina are thriving despite prospects of a nationwide recession.

"Minority business people have taken advantage of state contracts that give them capital to invest in financial survival," Gov. Martin said. "Though most experts say our country and state are facing leaner economic times, businesses owned by blacks, women and disabled citizens have taken great strides toward success in North Carolina."

Gov. Martin made his comments in light of a recent report issued by the U. S. Census Bureau which states that black-owned businesses in North Carolina grew at a faster pace in the mid-1980s than their counterparts across the United States.

The report showed that in 5 years ending in 1987, the number of black-owned businesses in North Carolina increased by 46 percent to 19,487. Across the nation, black-owned businesses increased 37 percent over the same period.

"That's good news for our entire state," Gov. Martin said. "It shows that minority firms both attract investments from private industry and provide needed services."

Martin also proclaimed a week in September as Minority Enterprise Development Week in North Carolina to recognize the contributions made by minority businesses to promote the state's economy.

"Our citizens appreciate the contributions made by minority-

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### Refunds Inflated

## Raleigh Tax Preparer Indicted

### Alleged False Tax Returns

United States Attorney Margaret Person Currin announced that a Raleigh man was indicted by a federal grand jury sitting here Tuesday, Oct. 23, on charges of willfully aiding and assisting in the preparation and filing of fraudulent federal income tax returns.

Rudolph A. Sharpe, 52, of 917 Seabrook Road, Raleigh, who had been doing business as Offices of Professional Income Tax Services at Suite 7, 817 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, was arrested on 17 counts of tax fraud.

The alleged scheme involved Sharpe's advancing taxpayers a portion of their expected refunds. After receiving their signed blank tax forms, Sharpe allegedly prepared the false tax returns, inflating the amount of the taxpayers' refunds. He allegedly used several post office boxes for receipt of the refunds which were generated from the falsely filed returns.

The charges against Sharpe involve tax returns for the years 1985 through 1987.

U. S. Atty. Currin said, "If convicted Sharpe could receive a maximum sentence of 3 years imprisonment, a \$250,000 fine and costs of prosecution for each of the 17 counts." She said this case was investigated by Special Agents of the Criminal Investigation Division of the IRS, Raleigh.

In other news:  
A Raleigh man was kidnapped at

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**BEST WISHES** — Mass signing of large cloth card by Saint Augustine's College Family as an expression of best wishes and God's blessings for all-American service personnel in the Middle East. The mass card signing was initiated by the Department of Student Affairs at St. Augustine's College recently. Six students and one faculty member who were in military reserves were called to active duty due to the crisis. Pictured left to right: Elaine Evans, Tamasha Story, Lynnk Lofton, Miss St. Augustine's College; Clemmie Brazil, Theresa B. Wall, Shella B. Wearrier, ROTC cadet and Dr. Wiley M. Davis, vice president for student affairs.

## College Forming Partnership With Bristol-Myers, Executives Visit

A predominantly African-American institution and one of the historical members of the United Negro College Fund, Saint Augustine's College has laid the foundation for a "partnership" in curriculum and industry with Bristol-Myers Products of New York.

Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, president of the college, made the announcement last week after Bristol-Myers sent nine corporate executives to Saint Augustine's College to meet with their faculty and administrative counterparts, which

formed the advisory group for the partnership.

This planning session was a follow-up from the August 28 meeting, but here each provided human resources from areas of functional expertise:

engineering operations, accounting and finance, research and development, marketing, sales, communications, legal and management information systems.

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## Hospice Extends Warmth, Support To Comfort When Illness Strikes

BY BETSY SHIREY  
Special to The Carolinian

If Hospice of Wake County had a theme song, it would have to be Simon and Garfunkel's Bridge Over Troubled Water. Hospice is there when people are most needy—when terminal illness strikes a family, bringing with it pain, emotional distress, and financial and legal questions. This 10-year-old United Way funded organization calms the troubled waters of a family in crisis by helping to deal with the illness and death—emotionally, spiritually and psychologically.

Sometimes Hospice staff and volunteers simply hold a person's hand. Or fill excruciating silence with soft words. The comfort they provide, however, extends to determining what a patient's health insurance will pay, keeping doctors informed and making sure a person's will is in order. If there is a way to help patient and family breathe easier, Hospice does it.

"Hospice was just wonderful," says Cary resident Dot Riddle. Hospice of Wake County cared for Dot's family this year when her cousin, Julia Welch, died of cancer. Riddle was her cousin's primary care-giver and received support from Hospice, but Julia's parents (Riddle's aunt and uncle), Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Lawrence, received support from

Hospice as well. The organization believes in treating patient and family as one unit.

"We grew up together, Julia and

I," Riddle continues. "We were like sisters. About two years ago, Julia

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**HOUSING AWARD** — Community Development Director Julian Prosser presents the North Carolina Housing Award to Mayor Avery C. Upchurch. The City of Raleigh was recognized by the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency for its efforts in developing Jeffries Ridge, an apartment complex for low-income renters. This project also has been recognized nationally by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Association of Local Housing Finance Agencies for its innovative use of funding in developing affordable housing.



**HISTORIC HOME**—A historic home at 125 E. South Street, formerly the Rogers, Bagley and Daniels House is now the present home of Mrs. Ernestine P. Hamlin. The late Dr. Albert Hamlin and Ernestine P. Hamlin built the

building that houses Community Drug Store. Mrs. Hamlin stated, "I am proud to be close to Historical Estey Hall across the street and my access to Community Drug Store is also important." (Photo by J. Giles)