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 Williams reaffirms her
 as talented gospel

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 Earl Monroe stresses involve-
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 with education.
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 In 1863, George Washington Williams enlisted in the Union Army at age 14. Later he served in Mexico with Benito Juarez; and fought Indians in the Southwest with the
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HEALTH CARE COSTS DOWN DRAIN IN WASTE

Industry Inefficiency
 North Carolinians may soon face a health crisis of cataclysmic proportions because politicians and the Bush Administration are failing to do something about the problem today said the executive director of Families USA and other health care experts.

According to the findings in a study released by N.C. Fair Share, projected health expenditures in the year 2000 could be reduced by at least \$6.4 billion by limiting waste and eliminating insurance industry inefficiency.

Unless our state and national legislators act now, today's health care crisis will turn into a disaster of

cataclysmic proportions by the year 2000," said Lynice Williams, N.C. Fair Share's Health Care Campaign Coordinator. "We must not begin the next century without having a health care system in place to provide high quality, comprehensive care to all our citizens," she said.

The study calculates that by the year 2000 under the current system, health care costs in the state will increase by a whopping 128 percent, from \$12.3 billion in 1990 to \$32.2 billion. This amounts to \$4,176 on a per capita basis, up from \$1,833 in 1990 and \$773 in 1980. The changes evaluated by the report would reduce per capita expenditures in the year

2000 by \$824.

"How many of our families will face health crises they can't afford before the politicians wake up and do something about these health costs? Wake up, Wake up, President Bush, before health costs become

America's nightmare," said Ron Pollack, Executive Director of Families USA.

North Carolina Fair Share revealed that if its health care program is adopted, not only would all citizens be guaranteed health insurance

coverage, but the savings from cost controls and elimination of insurance industry inefficiency would reduce the overall cost to the state by at least 20 percent.

The study shows that the savings from eliminating private health in-

urance administrative waste alone would substantially exceed the added cost of providing quality health care for every citizen in the state. In the year 2000, the savings from just

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Can Shaw Lead As Curriculums Change In '90s?

BY DR. ALBERT JABS
 An Analysis
 Duke University's English Department may be in the midst of an acrimonious debate concerning issues of sexuality, race, gender and power issues. But Columbia University freshmen in New York City are part of a program which relates academics to urban problems like homelessness, crime, noise and pollution. While the issues at Duke University have some significance, the immediate and long-term interests of society will probably be better served by the concrete witness of the Columbia program to the wounds of society.

Shaw University, back to its inception in 1865, has always had a strong component of community service to its curriculum, so it, along with St. Augustine's, is in a unique position to move ahead in the curriculum reformation needed in the 1990s.

The Persian Gulf crisis has created a fresh demand for information and insight on the Middle East. As a result of this crisis, Shaw University, with Dr. Urahi Mustafa as director, has put the International Studies Center in an enviable position to provide a neutral forum of information exchange, perspective and moral reflection on the conflict.

The special need for immediate textbooks on the contemporary conflict has caused this writer to develop a book of readings assisting the student in conflict resolution and management—another imperative need in the 1990s curriculum change agenda. Scholarly contributions to the public debate on the Middle East impasse are an urgent need in colleges and universities throughout

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STATE TO STUDY ELECTIONS

Campaign Results Questioned

The Judicial Standards Commission, at the request of Chief Justice James G. Exum, Jr. of the State Supreme Court, will study whether changes should be made in North Carolina's Code of Judicial Conduct, including the rule governing political activity by candidates in judicial elections.

The study will be made in the wake of controversial judicial election campaigns waged in the state in the Nov. 4 elections.

In a letter to N.C. Court of Appeals Judge Gerald Arnold, chairman of the commission, Chief Justice Exum asked the commission to study whether changes should be made in the state's code, "particularly in light of the recent revisions made by the American Bar Association in its recommended code."

Judge Arnold said the commission, which shares responsibility for enforcing the code with the Supreme Court, welcomes the opportunity to look into the matter because of its importance to the state.

The chief justice asked the commission to hold "at least one duly publicized public hearing in each of our four judicial divisions" during the study, at which political problems

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TRAVELING RETIREE—Since retiring Dallo Jones of Garner, N.C. has been on the move. Mr. Jones (left) is seen in the home of Modell (center) and Warren Panix of Washington, D.C. in route to East Orange, New Jersey. For

Thanksgiving, the Jones family traveled to Jamaica. Mr. Jones states, "I worked hard with bricks and mortar as a young man, and now I am happy to visit relatives and places." (Photo by James Giles)

N.C. Educators Exposed To Hard Sell Insurance Campaign Tactics

Educators in several school districts across the state are being subjected to hard-sell campaigns by insurance agents against their will, according to information obtained by the North Carolina Association of Educators. It is part of an effort to provide employees with a plan of flexible compensation benefits under Sec-

tion 125 of the IRS Code, and under legislation passed by the 1990 General Assembly.

The State Board of Education has adopted a schedule for implementing the state legislation in the spring of 1991. In the meantime, some local school districts are moving ahead with a local plan.

"Educators are being told by agents that they are required by law to attend a meeting, while others are being told their superintendent mandated their attendance," said NCAE President Julia Kron. "We want to make sure school employees know their rights and are not intimidated into listening to a hard-sell campaign against their will."

When NCAE asked for specification as to the legal basis of these mandatory meetings, a representative of Great American Reserve Company

referred to the non-discrimination clause of the Internal Revenue Service. Every school employee is being forced to attend a meeting, listen to the hard sell campaign about different types of insurance as well as the flexible compensation plan, and then sign a release stating the intention of participating or not participating in the plan.

NCAE attorney Tom Stern stated, "Providing a captive audience for a hard-sell campaign through mandated meetings is a misinterpretation of this non-discrimination clause."

Kron said NCAE has contacted school superintendents about mandated meetings. "The association suggests they make the option of participating in a meeting available to those who desire such information,"

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Inside Africa Police Harass Black Demonstrators

BY DANIEL MAROLEN
 NINA News Service
 Although the constitutional negotiations to draw up a new constitution for a non-racial and democratic nation in South Africa are due early in 1991, the ANC, Civic Association of the Southern Transvaal and other black activists are perturbed by the continuance of the Township Councils which are a strong structure of the

apartheid system that hold down the blacks of the country in subjugation.

Currently, black activists are waging a dour struggle against the Township Councils which they want to see disbanded before the start of the black-white negotiations for a new constitution.

But last Saturday, President de Klerk's police and military forces clashed with black activists who were

demonstrating against the system of black Town Councils around Johannesburg and other main urban centers.

In the skirmishes that followed, at least one person died and 16 were wounded, six severely, from police gunshots. But the demonstrators countered the police action by throwing rocks, bottles, lumps of concrete and petrol bombs. Several

police vans were damaged, and one policeman was injured.

The clash began when a Johannesburg magistrate rejected a march by demonstrators after they had been granted permission to march by the Johannesburg City Council and Traffic Department.

The demonstrators demanded the closure of the Township Councils and the resignation of their members.

Nelson Mandela, who has recently returned to South Africa after a most successful fundraising and morale-boosting campaign in the Orient and Australia, contends that peaceful demonstrations are a part of the democratic process and should not be interfered with by the police and military. Winnie, his wife, said angrily at a funeral in Atteridgeville, Pretoria, that demonstrations were the only way for the oppressed Africans to express their grievances. "The government," she said, "cannot teach us how to fight apartheid."

Already one-third of South Africa's black Township Councils have been rendered defunct. But the other two-thirds are still in operation.

The impending black-white constitutional negotiations are so close that time should be considered a priority by everyone involved. All the pillars of apartheid plus the system of racial segregation itself should be done away with at once, to make way clear for the negotiation process to progress unhindered.

The fact that, at this stage, de Klerk has not yet cleared the way for irreversible change to take place without let or hindrance shows his unwillingness to end apartheid and usher in a non-racial and democratic system of government in South



QUEEN CROWNED—Wanda Johnson was crowned queen of the model search contestants for Seventh Fashion magazine at an affair recently at N.C. A&T University in Greensboro. The show is directed by Michael J. and Anita Behannon. Contestants included Sherry Allen, Jossie Franklin, Donna Hans, Yashina McGerkin, Silver Parker, Angel Rice, Nichelle Stephens and Elaine Thompson. (Photo by Ed Wilton)



UNBROKEN FOSTER PARENTS—William and Cora Lee are seen here at the Wake County Department of Social Service's appreciation banquet recently. Mr. and Mrs. Lee have been foster parents for over seven years, and Mrs. Lee is also serving as vice-president of the Wake County Foster Parent Association. (Photo by Drew Meyer)