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### NCCU Program Rerieved

## Nursing School Given Two Yrs. To 'Shape Up'

C.D. Spangler, president of the University of North Carolina system, proposed in April to close the nursing program at North Carolina Central University in Durham because of low enrollment and low scores on the state's licensing exam.

Recently, a University of North Carolina Board of Governors subcommittee decided the nursing program should be given two years to shape up, rather than close. This recommendation will be weighed by the full board in January.

The subcommittee's plans call for the nursing program, which received \$700,000 in state money last year, to meet specific enrollment and graduation goals by 1993 or face the consequences of termination in 1993.

Spangler's idea to replace the NCCU nursing program with a new one to be shared by Fayetteville State University and Pembroke State University met opposition from various communities and faculty members. It was questioned whether the plan meant the system would re-

tain a nursing program of predominantly minority students.

The chance for the program to improve has been revived by leaders and NCCU alumni as a step in the right direction. The school must graduate at least 125 students in 1991-92, and in the fall of 1992, it must have at least 125 students enrolled. Although the requirements are strict, the nursing program supporters say they will be met.

NCCU Chancellor Tyrone R. Richmond said the university, alumni and

community leaders had been heard.

It was mostly the community's response that swayed the subcommittee's decision, according to chairman Reginald F. McCoy. He said it was the support of alumni, students, trustees and community involved to help NCCU solve their problems.

Spangler said he hoped the panel's recommendation would lead to a better performance at NCCU and that if the standards were met in the next two years it would be beneficial to the university.

Marion Gooding, head of the NCCU program, has stated that the lack of a graduate school was one of the things holding her program back. She said it would be hard to rebuild the program's image. However, the report also recommends that the UNC system wait until 1993 to consider a graduate program in nursing or a separate professional school on the campus.

Dr. Gooding also pointed out that black students in predominantly white nursing programs have not

farred any better than NCCU graduates on nursing board exams.

Black nurses fought and won their battle to practice their profession during America's wars, and have long been important role models in their communities. Even at the close of World War I, the corps was temporarily integrated to handle a terrible influenza epidemic.

In 1948, black nurses successfully ended the armed forces' segregation policy.

## N. C. Democratic Head Everett Ward Returns Party To The People

BY CASH MICHAELS  
Contributing Writer

The 1988 elections: Bush beats Dukakis for president, and James Martin becomes the first Republican governor in North Carolina history to ever win re-election. In the aftermath, the North Carolina Democratic Party was perceived to be in complete disarray. The defeats, both statewide and nationally, were demoralizing. Republican registration shot up dramatically, as had Democratic support for GOP candidates. To add insult to injury, Democratic fundraising had dropped drastically, ultimately saddling the party with approximately \$250,000 in debt by February 1989.

Having both a massive debt and defection in the voter ranks was certainly no way to prepare for what was clearly going to be an expensive and bruising battle to unseat three-term Republican incumbent Jesse Helms from the U.S. Senate in 1990. And prominent Democrats who were considered likely candidates weren't exactly lining up for the privilege.

Disorganized, demoralized and despite public pronouncements to the contrary, the future of the N.C. Democratic Party looked dim.

But now, two years later, even in the aftermath of a heartfelt loss to Sen. Helms a month ago, the state Democratic Party is showing definitive signs of strength and comeback power. Fundraising has improved, so much so that not only have previous debts been paid, but for the first time in state Democratic history, the party has come out of a major campaign in the black, enough to provide a strong financial base to begin preparations for the 1992 elections.

Party organization is better, stronger and more effective. Volunteers during the 1990 primaries and elections numbered in the thousands statewide, accounting for the largest field staff working the counties and congressional districts in the history of the party.

As a result, the state Legislature  
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## Black Males Often Victims U.S. Homicide Rate Spirals

### Reason For Increase A Question

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Homicide among young black males is an American tragedy that's getting worse—rapidly—according to federal health officials.

In 1988, 2,741 black males from 15 to 24 were slain in homicides in the United States, CDC epidemiologist Dr. Robert Froehle said.

The killings, based on preliminary figures, would translate to a homicide rate of 101.1 for every 100,000 black males 15-24, up 67 percent from the 1984 rate of 60.6. While homicides decreased among young black men in the early 1980s, the rate has skyrocketed since, the CDC said in a new report.

Rates for females and white males of that age "have either stayed essentially the same, or in fact decreased a little bit," Froehle said. "The disparity between black males and other groups has widened even more."

In 1987, the latest year for complete statistics, the homicide rate for young black males was 84.6, some six times higher than the rate for all Americans 15-24, which was 13.8. Overall, the nationwide homicide rate in 1987 was 8.5.

Homicides accounted for 42 percent

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CITIZEN PARTICIPATION—Throughout the 10 planning districts of the city there are 18 geographically located CACs, which are responsible for reviewing issues, plans, or future developments in their neighborhoods. Pictured: (l-r.) Williams Williams, Raleigh Housing Authority Field Director, discussing community development plans with Mazole Williams of the North Central Community Citizen Advisory Council chaired by John Stokes. It is important that citizens take an active role in community planning, or they will have to live with Planning Department developments. (Photo by James Giles)

## Emphasizing Good Habits Over Test Scores, A Schools' Question

BY DR. ALBERT JABS  
An Analysis

"You are what you eat" has always been true. With sedentary lifestyles, TV watching, junk food availability, our nation would rapidly descend into a land of couch potatoes.

A recent report by the Citizens Commission on School Nutrition recommended large-scale reforms

and increased federal funding to provide the 24 million school children with more nutritious meals.

Cardiologists and other leaders on the commission stated that lunchrooms should serve less fat and more fiber. With so many working mothers, the school lunch is more important than ever and parents should insist that soft drinks and candy be removed from school buildings.

Parents should understand that there is a correlation between school performance and a good lunch of fresh fruits, vegetables, whole grains and legumes. Children and young people already eat and consume too much salt, sugar and saturated fat.

In fact, schools should incorporate

support, the schools would probably see a spurt in academic and school performance.

The long-range results would also show in terms of greater economic productivity, less drug addiction, greater social discipline and a more satisfying quality of life.

The importance of a good diet in the home and in the school cannot be stressed enough. Good mental habits, emotional staying power, and physical resistance to subsequent disease are laid in the foundations of home and school.

The tragedy of adolescent AIDS in New York City is not going to be met by the distribution of condoms to the high schoolers. The AIDS tragedy

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If all of the above were done, with copious amounts of affirmatives and

represents a failure of Chancellor Joseph Fernandez, the school system of New York City, and the society in failing to inculcate sound morals, habits, and thinking; this is the crux of the AIDS crisis—a spiritual deformity.

By emphasizing test scores and neglecting the weightier matters of healthful living, the educational

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## Crabtree Valley Mall Changing

BY CASH MICHAELS  
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In the wake of a year-old controversy centered around alleged racial bias, Crabtree Valley Mall management has agreed to hire more African-American security personnel, provide better cultural and procedural training for its security, and create a youth task force to review mall security policies and procedures. While community leaders hail this as a start, they say much more needs to be done.

Dr. Alan Cooper, chairman of the Crabtree Task Force, a subcommittee of the Raleigh Human Resources and Human Relations Advisory Commission assigned to resolve tensions between the mall and Raleigh's African-American community, reported Tuesday that a series of meetings has begun with John B. Grimaldi, executive vice president and manager of the mall, and that some progress has been made. Controversy erupted last year when members of Raleigh's African-American community charged mall officials with racial bias, charges that ultimately led to a boycott of the mall primarily by black teenagers.

One of those complaints concerned alleged harassment by white security officers of African-American teenagers. Several community organizations, led by the Concerned Citizens for Educational Equity and the Raleigh-Apex Branch of the NAACP, have criticized mall management for alleged double standards in the treatment of white teenagers versus the treatment of blacks. Dr. Cooper says Crabtree has accepted the recommendation of improving its security force by promising:

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## Blue Tells Plans As N.C.'s House Speaker

BY DANIEL A. YOUNG, SR.  
Contributing Writer

Acknowledging his win as the new Democratic House speaker, succeeding Joe L. Mavretic, and introducing the first woman speaker pro tempore, state Rep. Marie Colton, Daniel T. Blue, 41, a five-term legislator and Raleigh attorney, told the 79 Democrats attending a recent caucus luncheon, "We must stick together in the coming meeting of each legislative assembly session... This will be an all-inclusive session... there will be debates, and even some fights," he said.

"When we adjourn on Jan. 30 (opening day of the lawmaking body), I want us to feel warmly about each other and our efforts."

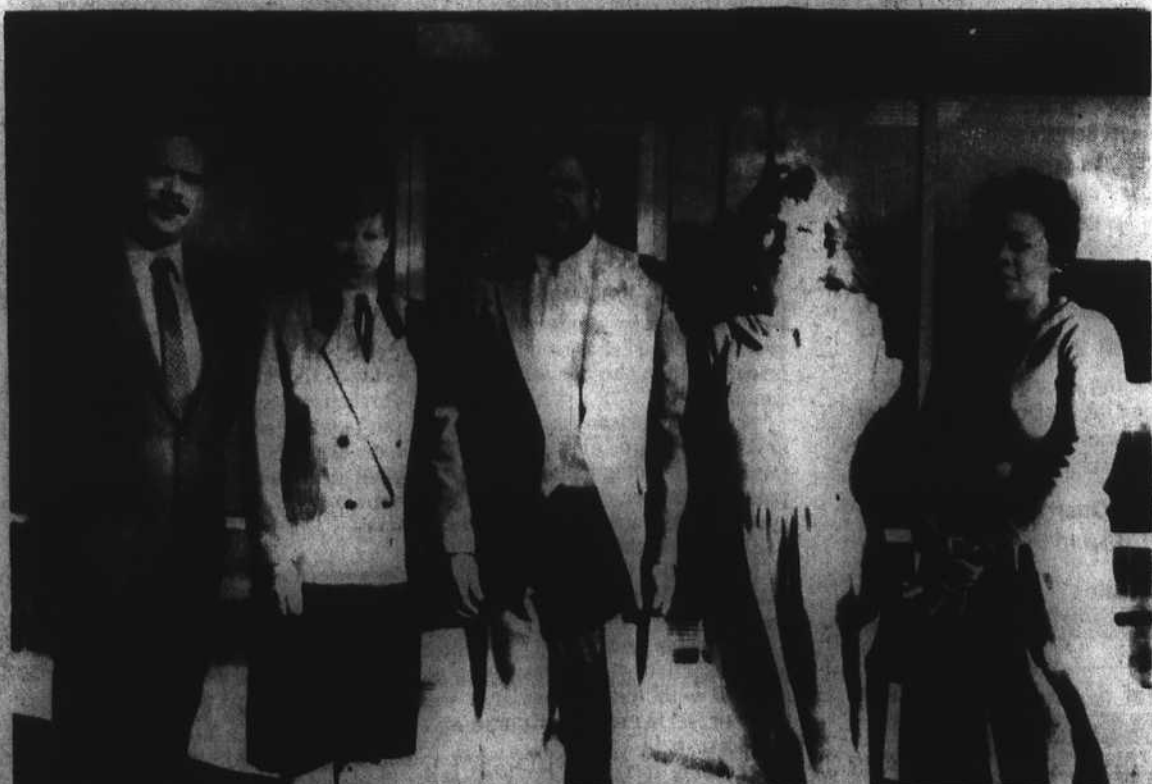
Soon to be North Carolina's first black House speaker, Blue told reporters, "Outside of highway funding, education, which consumes

66-67 percent of our tax dollars, has to be one of the key things we talk about.

"I want you to examine the record. I want you to go back and look at the budget established by the House," said Blue. "Especially the House, because I was serving in the House. Look at the budget that has been adopted by the House for education and you will find that generally those budgets, that were drawn up, were drawn up by Republicans as well as Democrats and I find the statement that Democrats are throwing money at education inaccurate."

"We need to prioritize our spending in the educational budget. Gov. Martin has stated that he would try to 'identify' some additional revenue. I will wait for the governor's recommendation; however, even if I were not in favor of it, it is something that

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GOING PLACES—A new alternative, Going Places, helps children through learning activities. Going Places With Life Skills Center provides youth, ages 9-11 and their families with experimental learning activities to enhance life skills essential for positive social, community and civic involvement. From left to right: Leo Lewis, special project

coordinator, Ms. Brenda M. Hoth, prevention outreach worker, Morris Godwin, Ms. Stella Kirkendall, prevention specialists and Ms. Entress Meadows, secretary. The center is located on Old Garner Road. (Photo by James Giles)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### JAMAICAN NARCOTICS RING

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Hundreds of federal and local agents dismantled an "absolutely vicious" gun-running, murdering Jamaican narcotics ring in overnight raids in New York and Texas, the FBI said recently. James M. Fox, head of the FBI New York office, estimated that the gang took in more than \$100 million in the past five years and carried out at least 10 murders on orders of its leader, Eric Vassell.

### NORIEGA PROBE

MIAMI, Fla.—An investigation into the leak of Manuel A. Noriega's taped prison conversations has focused on an individual assisting the Drug Enforcement Administration, a federal source said recently.

In documents released recently, prosecutors said 162 tapes had been subpoenaed by the DEA in its investigation of drug-trafficking charges against the deposed Panamanian leader.

### BLUE WINS DEMOCRATS' VOTES

Winning unanimous backing from House Democrats, state Rep. Daniel T. Blue became certain to become the first black speaker of the House in North Carolina history. Democrats, in

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