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## Educators Insist Race Should Not Be Factor In Grading N.C. Schools

GREENSBORO (AP)—Race should not have been included among the factors used to grade North Carolina's 134 school systems, some educators say.

"Just to put race down with the other variables, and the message you have is that black is a barrier," Prezell Robinson, a member of the state Board of Education, told the Greensboro News and Record.

"This is going to irritate and disappoint a lot of parents in this state who feel, like me, that they had hoped we

had gotten this behind us," Robinson said. "But once you put race out there, blacks are then not expected to do but so much."

Last week the state Department of Public Instruction released the first state report cards. The department tried to balance the results by measuring actual performance against potential for the final grade.

Minority status was one of six factors used to size up how well a school system should perform.

The other factors were the amount

of local spending, parental education, chronic absenteeism, the percentage of students who receive free or reduced-price lunches and the percentage who are in federal education programs for the disadvantaged.

Tommie Young, who teaches sociology of education at N.C. A&T State University, said the grading system is biased and suggests black students are inferior.

"They have tied expectations together with race," said Young, education committee chairman for

the Greensboro branch of the NAACP.

"A black child who has had equal advantages performs as well as a white child," Young said. "They need to focus on social conditions. All of this is socioeconomic. It just so happens that the majority of the people who are economically deprived are ethnic minorities."

Expectation or not, once the six factors are made public, they become an excuse for some school systems and schools to think they don't have to

perform, said Donald Pollock, a State Board of Education member.

"Being black is no handicap to learning," said Pollock. "What we need to do is challenge students to do the work. I remember the cries of racism from Proposition 48 [the National Collegiate Athletic Association rule] that required all athletes to score at least 700 on the SAT, or when we raised scores on the National Teacher Exam, or forced all students to pass the high school competency test.

"You don't hear those cries

anymore," he said. "And why? Because we set the standards high, and the students were expected to achieve."

Suzanne Triplett, the assistant state superintendent who led the team that developed the report card, said her department spent two years narrowing a list of 60 variables to those most influential on student achievement.

And in North Carolina, black

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REV. CHARLES T. BULLOCK  
**Charles Bullock New Martin Street Pastor**

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Martin Street Baptist Church has called the Rev. Dr. Charles T. Bullock of Rocky Mount to serve as its pastor. The church is located at 1001 E. Martin St. and is one of Raleigh's oldest churches serving the black community.

Dr. Bullock currently is pastor of St. James Baptist Church of Rocky Mount, where he has served since 1972. He was licensed to preach in 1956 and was ordained in 1959.

Before his pastorate in Rocky Mount, he was pastor of Nashville Baptist Church in Laurinburg, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Creedmoor, Snow Hill Baptist Church in Warrenton and First Baptist Church in Weldon.

Cognizant of the fact that preparation was necessary for the ministry, Dr. Bullock received the B.A. degree

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## Controversy Continues Amphitheater Underway In City

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports

Some Southeast Raleigh residents still voice concerns that the construction of Walnut Creek Amphitheater does not enhance the area as a financial project within the community, that it will bring unwanted traffic, noise and drunken vandals.

The City of Raleigh was granted a permit for the amphitheater project in mid-October 1990 but faced opposition from some area residents who asked Judge Howard E. Manning to review the case. Manning said the city had taken the right steps when it granted the permit, paving the way for construction to begin in the park.

Ground was officially broken Jan. 23 for the city's newest entertainment attraction with officials from the City of Raleigh and Sony Music/PACE Partnership joining in the ceremony at the park site where the work has already begun.



OUR WAR IS AT HOME!—Black Belt Youth Brigade—this is one of the many banners the youth were carrying during the Martin Luther King Memorial March in Raleigh. Students and peace activists from around the country are demanding an end to what they describe as a "racist" war while President Bush vows to destroy Iraq's mobile missile launchers and prepare ground troops for a large-scale invasion.

Rodney Eckerman, executive vice president, PACE Entertainment Group, who has already announced staff appointments for the \$13 million project, said, "We think the amphitheater is going to be a major league franchise to the entertainment in Raleigh, a valuable opportunity."

"First of all, we are committed to hire locally and have a variety of jobs to offer. Not only that, we will have a variety of entertainment to offer."

Appointments include G. Wilson Rogers, general manager; Robert Klaus, director of marketing; Della Bradley Rowser, director of sales and special events; and Walt Lederle, director of operations. In addition, Knapp Communications has been named public relations firm of record, and contracted as community liaison specialist is Ed Worth.

Mayor Pro Tem Ralph Campbell, CAC chairperson for Southeast Raleigh, and Worth, former Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association president, said the amphitheater was a positive move and would prove beneficial to the community.

"Based on the commitment by PACE, I feel that the concept will be good for our community," Worth said. "What we really need to do is pay close attention and participate in the development and implementation stages."

Effective immediately, Rogers will

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## Persian Gulf War Heats Up, Use Of Ground Forces Next Move

The war in the Persian Gulf grows more intense and fierce as Allied troops advance toward the border posing a direct ground confrontation with Saddam Hussein's elite troops, the Republican Guard, who are dug in and waiting for a ground war to begin.

By now, much of the world has heard mention of the elite corps, Saddam's finest, battle-hardened, lethal shock troops. And indeed, there is reason for fear: the Republican

guards know the sting of battle and have endured massive casualties and pushed on. They are desert fighters positioned to defend home ground, but according to military authorities, they may be as equal in training and motivation to U.S. combat troops, but no better.

With the U.S. Air Force trying to destroy Iraq's military abilities, a debate continues in Washington whether the United States should resort to ground war to drive the Ira-

qis from Kuwait, considering the large number of U.S. casualties that could result.

Originally, the guards all came from Saddam's home village of Uja, not far from Tikrit. Authoritative news accounts put the core number of divisions at six, with up to five new divisions added recently. The actual number of men in the guards is thought to be about 150,000, although some estimates say the force is larger, perhaps 250,000 to 350,000.

In total, Iraq is thought to have about one million men under arms, backed by a militia of about 850,000. Trained by the Soviets and equipped with Soviet-made T-72 tanks and other desert-proven armor, the guards usually are in the vanguard of important military strikes.

For now, this debate appears to be confined to members of Congress and experts outside the Bush administration.

The administration itself seems committed to a strategy of using air power first to destroy as much of Iraq's military potential as possible, to weaken the Iraqi army in Kuwait and to sever its communications links with Baghdad, and then to use U.S., Arab and European ground troops to drive the Iraqis out of Kuwait.

But this approach is being criticized in two different arguments, and the criticism is mounting each day.

One argument against a ground war in Kuwait is purely military. It contends that over time, air power can force an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait—even though no war has ever been won from air alone.

For instance, Edward N. Luttwak, a military historian at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, argues that the air forces should focus on bombing all roads, supply lines and supply trucks that connect southern Iraq with the 500,000-strong Iraqi garrison in Kuwait.

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DR. BRENDA ALLEN  
theatrical director, Shaw University, at 1 p.m. will explore "Influences of African Culture and Cosmology in

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## NAACP Holds Annual Kelly M. Alexander, Sr. Humanitarian Awards

The North Carolina State Conference of Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has selected this year's recipient of the Kelly M. Alexander, Sr. Humanitarian Award.

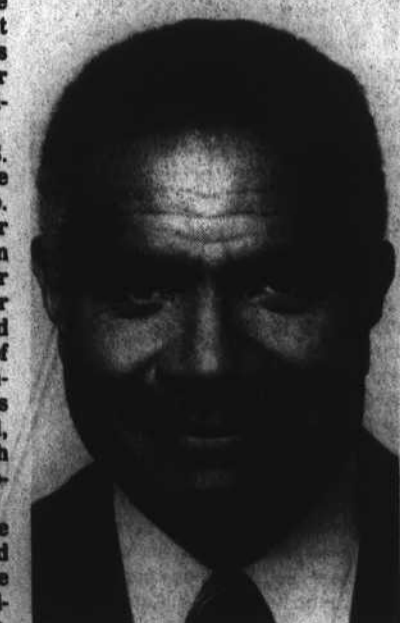
The award is presented to a person whose life and work exemplify the type of dedication and commitment to freedom, justice and equality as epitomized in the life of the former NAACP leader who served as president for more than 30 years.

This year's recipient is Benjamin S. Ruffin, vice president for corporate affairs at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. Ruffin has had a distinguished career in public service, working for seven years as special assistant to former N.C. Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. and for two years as vice president and special assistant to the president of North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co. In his present job, he is responsible for leading RJR's local, state and national partnerships with key minority business, civic and professional organizations.

The banquet speaker is the celebrated actor, writer, director and humanitarian Ossie Davis. For three decades Davis has earned the admiration of America by his performance in plays like "A Raisin in the

Sun;" movies, such as Spike Lee's "Do the Right Thing;" and the current ABC-TV series "B.L. Stryker."

A gospel music interlude featuring One Faith Ensemble of the South English Street Church of Christ of Greensboro will precede the banquet



OSSIE DAVIS

from 7-7:30 p.m. The banquet will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Sheraton Hotel on Feb. 2.

Entertainment during the banquet and a one-hour concert after the banquet will feature Maria Howell, acclaimed jazz vocalist. Ms. Howell is well noted for her film debut in the movie "The Color Purple" and has been widely acclaimed for her solo singing role in the choir scene of this movie.

Honorary chairpersons for this year's banquet include Robert Albright, president, Johnson C. Smith University; W. Maurice Bridges, director of public affairs, Hardee's; Robert Butler, executive vice president, Durham Life Broadcasting; David Dansby, past president, Greensboro Branch, NAACP; Dr. Bernard W. Franklin, president, Livingstone College; Dr. Lloyd Hackley, chancellor, Fayetteville State University; Floyd B. McKissick, Sr.; Dr. Joel O. Nwagabrocha, chancellor, Barber-Scott College; Dr. Talbert Shaw, president, Shaw University.

Also, George Shinn, owner, Charlotte Hornets; James Andrews, AFL-CIO; Robert Brown, president,

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## RTC Workshop Opportunity For Minorities

Success or failure lies in the difference between seizing opportunities or allowing them to pass you by. With the recent crisis of the savings and loan failures across the country comes opportunities for some as the government legislation has set up the Resolution Trust Corporation to sell the assets of the failed institutions and clean up their debts. The government is looking to contract with minority and women professionals and businesses to help them with the awesome task of resolving this financial mishap.

Last fall, the Rev. Jesse Jackson met with RTC officials along with a coalition of African-American and other minority business owners and professionals from across the country who felt that the corporation had been hiding the opportunities available to them through the RTC. As a result of their complaints and recommendations, a one-day seminar in Washington, D.C. sponsored by the RTC will tell hundreds of minority

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### ANNUAL SKATING PARTY

The Wake County Department of Social Services will be providing an annual Winter Roller Skating Party for Wake County children in foster care. The meet will take place at Skate Town on Glenwood Avenue, Jan. 26 from 12:15-2 p.m. The event is being sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Raleigh. For additional information, contact Tina Martin, recruiter for the Wake County Department of Social Services, at 856-7474 or 834-6882.

#### AFRO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY FORUM

The North Carolina Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society presents a community forum titled "The Ashanti Generations: 1854-1990" on Sunday, Jan. 27, at 3:30 p.m. at the P.R. Robinson Library Conference Center, St. Augustine's College.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Flaheem C. Ashanti, author, "The Making of an Ifa Priest: The Ashanti Generations, 1854-1990," and "Psychotechnology of Brainwashing." For additional information contact W. Brent Timmons at (919) 546-0342 or Linda Simmons-Henry at 828-4451, Ext. 227.

#### NEW APPOINTMENTS

Diane Eller and Shannon Rouse recently joined the certified

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