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DR. WALTER C. FARRELL, JR.

Dan Blue, New Speaker Of House Represents Vision, Changing Era

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The history of North Carolina has changed following the election in the N. C. General Assembly on Wednesday, January 30, 1991. Amid

Waging Battles At Home

Racial Equality: Dream Deferred?

BY DOROTHY SHAW-THOMPSON
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On the day designated by our nation as the celebration of the birth, contribution and life of Dr. Martin Luther King, I made a decision to stay in my home and glean a continued reflection and inner commitment to the fight for racial, economic and sexual equality. At a time when our country engages in war while discussions evolve around the subjects of democracy, peace and justice the confusions of human beings are more evident than any would have hoped.

On Monday's "Donahue" show, I listened as an African-American alderman dressed in black fatigues threatened the city of Milwaukee with "slingshot" or "armed warfare" by the year 1995, if no changes are evident for the city's poor and largely black community. I was proud and pleased to hear him name, among the many he works from within to engage non-violent warfare against injustice, Dr. Walter Farrell, formerly of Raleigh. During my beloved days at J.W. Ligon Senior High School and NCCU, Walter was one of my

treasured friends. Though we have lost personal touch since those days I have kept up with him through ties with his parents, sisters and brother and countless articles that chronicle his achievements throughout this country.

I have learned over the years that Walter has become influential in the circles of those who continue to attempt to effect the kinds of educational experiences that nurtured us from the academic and communal halls of North Carolina. I have often sent messages by those who keep in

touch with him to remind him that there are battles to wage on his home front also. Yes, I encourage people to return home.

Little did I know that evidence, of what some experience daily, would strike so close to home for Walter as it did this week when his brother was unjustifiably shot in the leg by a plainclothes detective. Those of us who know Tony are outraged, however it is not just our knowledge of him, his family and the length of that knowledge that creates our emotions. Rather it is the knowledge that

any human being would be shot based on the assumption of another, especially by one we pay to serve as a protector of our bodies, property and rights.

When not too long ago our city council met to hear experiences of discriminatory treatment from a varied audience of citizenry, we are reminded that we received no response to our concerns and that our mayor, who seemed concerned and surprised, did not, to my knowledge,

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Potential Killers

DWI Arrests Breaking Records

Making Roads Safer

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol arrested 60,028 drunk drivers in 1990, the most ever in the patrol's 61-year history. The previous high was recorded in 1989 when the patrol made 50,776 arrests for driving while impaired.

"Last year when we broke the record, I said we would make an even bigger effort in 1990. Outstanding work by the troopers across the state helped us to do just that," said Joe Dean, secretary of crime control and public safety. "The troopers made this endeavor very seriously and realize when they arrest a drunk driver they take a potential killer off the road."

The patrol's arrest figures have risen each year since 1985 when troopers arrested 37,517 drunk drivers. That year marked the end of a three-year decline in arrests following the passage of the Safe Roads Act in 1983 which overhauled the state's drunk driving laws.

Operation Eagle is an example of the more effective enforcement. Operation Eagle uses sobriety checkpoints to catch drunk drivers. This

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GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY — Recently Raleigh Mayor Avery Upchurch and Mayor Pro Tem Ralph Campbell along with other city officials and Rodney Eckerman, executive vice president of PACE Entertainment Group, participated in a ground breaking

ceremony for a 20,000 seat amphitheater. The venture represents a major league franchise in Raleigh with construction of the Walnut Creek facility estimated at \$13 million and projected to be completed by July 1, 1991. (Photo by J. Giles)

Community Investment Corporation Creates Affordabel Housing Plan

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports

A group of North Carolina community banks and savings and loans has organized a corporation that will provide long-term financing for building low-income housing. The critical shortage of affordable

housing spurred the creation of the Community Investment Corporation of North Carolina, by the N.C. Alliance of Community Financial Institutions, the Raleigh-based trade association that represents the state's federally insured community financial institutions.

Such financing is not readily available now in the state, and the need for affordable housing is great, said Thad Woodard, president of the N.C. Alliance of Community Financial Institutions.

The Community Investment Corp. of North Carolina will begin accepting loan applications March 1 and expects to back \$30 million in loans within two or three years, Woodard

said. "We knew there was a growing demand for this type of permanent financing," he said.

Woodard said the alliance kicked in \$250,000 in start-up money to the organization, while the alliance's 128 members that decide to participate as lenders will pay anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 for memberships.

"We have created a vehicle which can have a real impact on North Carolina's housing problem," Woodard said.

A. Robert Kucab, executive director of the N.C. Housing Finance Agency in Raleigh, said the new entity of

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"The right person at the right time with a good view of history...
Joe Hackney

DAN BLUE

repeated applause and standing ovations from friends and colleagues, with family members looking on with pride, Daniel T. Blue, II, a black, accepted the gavel from Principal Clerk, Grace Collins and became Speaker of the House of Representatives for North Carolina.

Those who voted for Blue see him not so much as the first black Speaker of the House, but a speaker who happens to be black.

It was a long wait. If impatient, Blue gave no indication. He stood along with other members of the 1991 General Assembly as he and new members took their oath of office, and then listened to the nomination of his opponent, Rep. Jonathan L. Rhyne, from Lincoln County, nominated in what some felt was a somewhat biased, partisan-political speech by Rep. Marty Kimsey, Representative from Macon County.

During his own nominating speech by a long-time friend and former freshman colleague, Rep. Joe Hackney from Orange, Blue was able to maintain a poker face, very much out of character with Blue as he listened to Hackney as he said: "Dan Blue is North Carolina."

In his nominating speech for Blue, Rep. Hackney quoted a proverb. "Where there is no vision," he said, "people perish. He will work to see that our public schools and community colleges are not neglected."

"Dan Blue will make a difference and not be indifferent. What a difference he can make...we can all make," he added.

Said Hackney: "Blue can meet the challenge layed long ago by that great leader in another time and

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Behavior Disorders

Drug Babies: Kids Who Can't Say No

Thousands of drug-exposed babies are born every year—and at great cost to society, with exact numbers unknown because hospitals aren't identifying them all, Reader's Digest revealed in a recent report about "Kids who can't say no."

At a Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut, 50 percent of welfare mothers-to-be tested positive for co-

caine. Comparable figures prevail in other cities.

"Nationwide, tens of thousands of drug-exposed infants are born each year," reports the federal government's General Accounting Office.

Nine of 10 hospitals surveyed by the GAO relied mostly on mothers' own statements in deciding whether newborns had been exposed.

According to the Office of Public Relations at Wake Medical Center, the hospital has a special program for mothers who have had signs of being drug users or who have been diagnosed as having used drugs.

The program is called "Special Infant Care Clinic." It offers services to newborns and children up to three years of age. The clinic offers regular

meetings with mothers to ensure the safety of their babies.

Wake Medical Center received a \$10,000 grant from the Freddie Mack Foundation to aid in the development of this program. A hospital spokesperson said eight percent of Wake Medical Center clinic mothers have been noted as substance abusers. Out of a population of 2,000 babies, that is 160 babies.

The Public Relations Department noted that they do not see some of the things that go on in Washington, for example, when doctors frequently see babies shaking out of control because of the use of drugs.

At one large Detroit hospital, self-reporting indicated that 600 infants were born drug-exposed, mostly to crack, in 1989. When actual tests were used, however, the number shot to nearly 3,000 babies.

Crack babies can suffer from a host of medical problems. They are far more likely to be born prematurely. Even babies who reach term commonly experience low birthweight. As many as one-third suffer from microcephaly, reduced skull size. AIDS is common in crack babies because of their mothers' multiple sex partners. And some experts say

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Bishop Challenges Colleges On Issues

REV. BARBARA C. HARRIS
From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports

Saint Augustine's College celebrated its 124th Founders' Day Convocation last week and received a rousing challenge from the suffragan bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts who was the recipient of the doctor of humane letters honorary degree awarded by the college president.

The Right Rev. Barbara C. Harris received the degree from St. Augustine's College President Prezell Robinson during the ceremony, assisted by Dr. Thelma Roundtree. Platform guests included members of the board of trustees, bishops, board of associates, city officials, student government association and officers of the college.

Rev. Harris said in the area of economic justice, there are some important rhetorical questions concerning American capitalism "that we, as responsible world citizens, should constantly be raising. This is especially true as other nations seek to appropriate, adopt or

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BISHOP BARBARA C. HARRIS

Teacher Actor "Triple Threat" In Spotlight

BY RON CAMPBELL
Contributing Writer

From the classroom at N.C. State comes the mild-mannered student-teacher. Out into the dazzling world of the musical stage comes our local, multi-talented Michael Grubbs. He sings. He acts. He dances. He is known in theatrical terms as a "triple threat."

Mike Grubbs is a featured performer in the musical "South Pacific" opening Wednesday, Feb. 6, at Memorial Auditorium. The Broadway-style production spectacular has a few tickets left.

This is a show not to be missed. As Grubbs says, "South Pacific" is a magnificent musical. It was written in 1946 by the team of Rodgers and Hammerstein. The show won the Pulitzer Prize for its timely message. The Raleigh production is directed by John Milne, who was brought to

town just for "South Pacific." Milne's work is well known in this area for dynamic entertainment. He previously directed "Evita," "Singin' in the Rain," and "Dames at Sea." Director Milne always draws enthusiastic performances from his players.

Mike talks about the energy that is on the North Carolina Theater stage for this show. "It is a team effort. The performers know their work and are excited to be on stage."

The Raleigh actor brings a wealth of experience to his role. After public schooling in eastern North Carolina, he received his B.A. in business administration before serving in the Army. He saw duty in Hawaii and was awarded special commendation for his work in the 25th Infantry Chorus.

On stage, audiences have enjoyed Grubbs in "The King and I," "Hello

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