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DR. ROBERT BRIDGES

St. Aug's Provost Resigns

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Dr. Robert E. Bridges, former Wake County School superintendent and provost at St. Augustine's College, has submitted his resignation after two "fruitful" years at the institution.

A spokesman at the college said Bridges was leaving to work on research projects and the resignation was effective June 30.

"Dr. Bridges has resigned as provost," the spokesperson said. "He said he will continue his relationship with the college."

Dr. Prezell Robinson's office issued the following statement from Dr. Bridges to The CAROLINIAN:

"I came to Saint Augustine's College two years ago to get involved with the academic program to give what assistance I could to teacher education and assist the president where possible. Involvement in these areas has been exciting. I have had two instructive and rewarding years and I hope that my presence has contributed positively to the overall operation of the college.

"I ask to be released from the

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GEN. COLIN POWELL

NAACP Awards Gen. C. Powell Spingarn Medal

General Colin L. Powell, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Department of Defense, has been selected as the recipient of the NAACP's 1991 Spingarn Award—the highest honor bestowed by the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, according to an announcement from Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks the NAACP's Executive Director/CEO.

Instituted in 1914 by the late Joel Spingarn, then NAACP chairman, the medal is presented annually to the man or woman of African descent and American citizenship who has made the highest achievement during the preceding year or years in any honorable field of human endeavor.

The selection was made by a committee of the NAACP's National Board of Directors from nominees submitted by the public.

Its purpose is twofold—first, to call the attention of the American people to the existence of distinguished merit and achievement among Americans of African descent, and secondly, to serve as a reward for such achievement and as a stimulus to the ambition of youth of African descent.

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Democrats Rally Support

Civil Rights Bill Could Buck Veto!

Civil rights leaders and President George Bush traded angry charges over the proposed civil rights bill this week as the House neared a vote on the controversial legislation that seeks to restore protections against job discrimination eroded two years ago by the Supreme Court.

On Tuesday, the House discarded Bush's limited bill and a liberal alternative, as Democratic leaders hunted for the two-thirds majority that would make their proposal immune from a veto.

The House rejected the Republican-sponsored job discrimination bill, endorsed by the president, on a 266-182 vote.

Earlier it defeated the most liberal of three competing versions, voting 277-152 against a purists' bill sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus, Democratic

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of passage, is supported by Democratic leaders as well as civil

rights groups, but condemned by Bush as encouraging employers to use racial quotas in hiring. A final vote on the measure was put off until Wednesday.

At a Capitol Hill news conference, leaders of a number of civil rights groups accused Bush, in his campaign against the bill, of peddling "the narcotics of polarization" as a tactic to ensure Republican political gains in the 1992 congressional and presidential elections.

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"cynical political leaders are trying to turn a civil rights issue into a political issue that plays on irrational fears and latent racism."

Bush angrily fired back. He charged that his opponents "wanted to grind me into the political dirt" even as they themselves jockeyed for political advantage.

Mocking critics who appeared on Sunday TV talk shows devoted to the issue, Bush said, "I've been accused of playing politics, playing election politics with this issue, and very frankly it's the other way around."

His opponents, Bush said in a speech to the National Federation of

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Women Urged Beware

Scams, Robberies On The Rise

Females Prime Targets

BY ERNIE JOHNSTON
An Analysis

A woman acquaintance was relating to me an incident that happened to her as she waited to board an airplane for the Caribbean.

What made the story even more bizarre was the fact that it happened around 6 a.m., hardly a busy time in an airport and a time when one would least suspect an incident to happen to them.

The lady had her handbag on the side of her seat and as a man with a heavy accent who sat on the other side of her asked her a question, she leaned toward him to hear what he was saying.

That is when it happened. When she leaned back, she discovered that her bag was gone. She was the victim of a scam. Apparently two individuals were working in pairs, one getting the attention of their victim while the other grabbed the purse.

Luckily this woman's purse was found, although it was minus a couple of hundred dollars. Everything else was intact.

The police told the woman that it is a common thing these days for criminals to prey on women traveling alone and who seem to be careless with their purses.

Another woman told me of an incident that happened to her while she was on her way to church. As she walked along the sidewalk, an automobile approached from her left side.

Before she could react, the man sitting on the passenger side of the automobile had grabbed her pocketbook and the car was speeding away. On this particular Sunday, the police in this suburban town had reports of a couple of other purse-snatchings that women en route to church had experienced.

For some reason or other, persons who have scams, commit robberies and snatch purses think that women are easy prey.

They have no regard for the opposite sex and their respect for women is nil, whether they be young or old. As a matter of fact, the older the women, the higher the crime rate.

Criminals think nothing of robbing or mugging women old enough to be their grandmothers—since all they want is the money to get the next fix.

It is a shame that in this day and time that women have to take every precaution to protect themselves and

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FOR HUMANITY—in the spirit of helping, the Raleigh Host Lions Club raised approximately \$37,000 and volunteered more than 1,860 hours to build a home at 412 Dakar St. for Marva Robinson and her son Dwayne. Due to the home recipient's visual handicap, the Lions Club helped the Robinsons meet the required construction volunteer hours. At the dedication dinner at Rush Metropolitan AME

Church, Ms. Robinson stated, "This home is a dream come true. My son and I are very happy. God thank you all... especially the Lions Club." Pictured from left: Sherman Leathers, Jr., Dwayne Robinson, Ed Wyatt, Marva Robinson and Bill Anderson. In rear: Lucy Presnell, L. Merritt Jones, Scott Anderson and L.C. Bruce.

Republicans & Democrats Seek District That Would Elect Black Congressman

BY BRYANT LINDSEY
Special To The CAROLINIAN

State Republicans supported a plan by state Rep. David Balmer (R-Charlotte) unveiled Tuesday which would create two predominantly black congressional districts, but Democrats were skeptical. The proposal came during a meeting of the Committee for Congressional Redistricting of the N.C. House.

One black congressional district proposed by Balmer would extend from predominantly black precincts in Charlotte to predominantly black precincts of Wilmington.

The other black congressional district proposed by Republicans would extend from black precincts of Durham into predominantly black counties of northeastern North Carolina. This district would largely duplicate one proposed by the Democrats. However, the Republican plan might also extend this district

from Durham into Wake County and Southeast Raleigh.

State Rep. Mickey Michaux (D-Durham), who is black, is widely rumored to be interested in seeking this Durham-Northeastern North Carolina congressional seat. Michaux had no criticism for this proposed district, in which he would live, but he questioned whether Republicans were attempting to "stack" black Democrats into the Charlotte-Wilmington Black Congressional District. Other Democrats questioned whether the district would group together areas of North Carolina which are too different to be in the same congressional district.

Republicans countered that "stacking," or concentration of blacks, is necessary in order to satisfy the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and give blacks better opportunities to elect black congressmen. They acknowledged

that this might result in long, "funny-looking" districts which would otherwise be objectionable from a legal standpoint.

The Republicans also pointed out that, under Democratic plans for only one black congressional district, blacks in North Carolina would continue to be under-represented in the U.S. House of Representatives. Under the Democratic plan, blacks would have only one out of 12 of North Carolina's congressional seats (8.3 percent), although they constitute 21.97 percent of North Carolina's population.

The proposed Charlotte-Wilmington district would include all or parts of 15 counties, but much of the black population in the district would be concentrated in four locations: in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, in Fayetteville and Cumberland County, in Lumberton and Robeson County, and in Wilmington and New Hanover County. Republicans note that black candidates might emerge in each of these locations, that a black Democrat would almost certainly win in any Democratic primary, and that any black Democratic nominee who emerged from a primary would almost certainly win in a general election.

The district would have a total population of 552,540, of which the minority percentage would be 58.32 percent, with 48.06 percent of the district black, 8.59 of the district American Indian, and 41.66 percent white. Overall, the district would be 82.43 percent Democratic in registration.

The black Durham-Northeastern North Carolina Congressional District, which is endorsed in principle by both Democrats and

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Edenton St. Body Identified

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Raleigh has had 10 homicides this year so far. Eight of those are as a result of gunshots.

Police have recently identified a Raleigh man who was fatally shot in a parking lot on East Edenton Street, but no arrests have been made in the case.

Ernest William Gantz, 26, of 1407 Raleigh Blvd., died after he was shot by an unknown assailant. Police stated this week that they did not have a motive for the slaying.

Gantz, who came to Raleigh in January and worked as an accounting clerk at GoodMark Foods on Falls of the Neuse Road since January of this year.

In other news.

A statewide task force would be established to investigate the deaths of children from abuse and neglect under a measure approved recently by the House Appropriations Committee.

The 24-member task force is part of a larger plan by some legislators to attack what many consider a disturbing trend in North Carolina—inadequate protections against children dying because of abuse.

The task force would be charged with studying the incidence of child deaths in North Carolina and establishing a profile of such deaths, as well as setting up a systematic review of all

such deaths.

The task force would bring together representatives from social services agencies, law enforcement officials, prosecutors, medical personnel and other advocates for children.

The Appropriations Committee has voted to set aside \$4.5 million next year for child protective services, including the establishment of the task force.

The money also would be used to provide county social services departments with additional personnel to investigate reports of child abuse and for improved training of social workers who investigate child abuse cases.

NEWS BRIEFS

LIGHTING REBATE PROGRAM

The "Great Lighting Cash Rebate" is coming to a close. The Energy Division, N.C. Department of Economic and Community Development, this week announced that due to overwhelming response, rebate funds are nearly exhausted. Subject to availability of funds, applications will be processed if received on or before June 30. The lighting rebate program awarded rebates of up to 20 percent to commercial and industrial facilities for switching to more energy-efficient sources of lighting.

HOUSING SERVICE THRIVING

"There is no such thing as a slump in housing sales, if you seek professional help," declares Joe L. Hodge, Jr., of Hodge and Kittrell Realtors. Hodge is president of the Raleigh Board of Realtors, an organization with members throughout Wake County. The real estate group shares data on available houses among its membership through a computerized multiple listing service.

SECRETARIES INSTALL OFFICERS

The Raleigh Chapter of Professional Secretaries International recently installed the following new officers for 1992-93: president, Linda Fogie of T3 Technologies, Inc.; president-elect, Marvel Dixon of Hesco. (See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)