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## Charlotte Mayor Speaks Out

# People's United Voice Must To Win 'Drug War'

BY SUE MYRICK  
Mayor of Charlotte  
Special To The CAROLINIAN

This is an appeal for Tar Heel citizens to take matters into their own hands to stop the current epidemic of crime, drugs, and violence that is sweeping our state and all of America. I began trying to convince Charlotte citizens that it was coming nearly four years ago. Unfortunately, the threat was not taken seriously. Now, Charlotte is No. 8 in serious crime of cities over 100,000 population in America. Important to you is North Carolina's fast rise toward the top ten

most dangerous states in which to live. Why? Because crime pays in North Carolina. Criminals know that punishment is minimal. They currently serve from three days to 28 days for each year sentenced. Some even serve only one day! My source for that information is Secretary of N.C. Corrections, Mr. Aaron Johnson. It is far past time for laws to protect the innocent rather than coddling criminals. Money has been approved for prisons through a state-wide bond vote. It would be a simple matter for the legislature to allocate

some of those funds for building boot camps—many more boot camps for much, much less money than building prisons. North Carolina has one boot camp; it rehabilitates—turns lives around. It works phenomenally well. Cost to rehabilitate a young offender is \$1,700 versus \$20,000 annually for prison! The recidivism (return) rate for prison is 39 percent — for boot camps it is less than 5 percent. Some "experts" say that boot camps haven't been tracked long enough. Prisons have. They are not working. Why not try something that costs a

fraction of what prisons cost to build and maintain?

Rehabilitating first (even some second and third) time offenders would have a dramatic effect on crime as well as free up prison space needed for hardened criminals. It makes no sense to send young offenders to crime school (prison) to learn to be more efficient and dangerous criminals. Another needed change is for judges, rather than convicted criminals, to decide whether offenders get probation or go to prison. Currently, North Carolina

law gives the convicted criminal that choice.

Remember that 85 percent of all crime is drug-related. That activity costs our nation hundreds of billions of dollars every year. That's right "hundreds of billions!" That's money spent on illegal drugs (on which no taxes are paid); police, emergency, fire personnel and equipment; court costs; prisons; insurance of all kinds; losses due to poor worker productivity, etc. That's money THAT COULD ease your tax burden.

Because of soft laws, criminals are frequently released before officers can complete paper work. Our state, our neighborhoods, our very homes aren't safe anymore. Local governments have no power to do anything more than the policing and jailing already being done. The power lies in Raleigh with the State legislature. They have not fully addressed the need to stop this scourge of crime. You can change that, by appealing to your local legislators to pass tougher laws and

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## Breaks From Mother's Grasp

# Auto Kills 5-Year-Old

## Driver Of Vehicle Not Charged

Terry Smith, 5, of 1 Lincoln Terrace, was killed this week when he ran into the path of a car while crossing the street with his mother, police records show.

Smith was dead on arrival at the Wake Medical Center shortly after the accident, according to records of the Raleigh Police Department.

He had stepped off a city bus on Rock Quarry Road at Southgate Drive and was about to cross the street with his mother, Mary Ann Smith, records show. Smith darted away from his mother and into the path of a 1986 Pontiac Sunbird.

The driver of the car was Adrian Louis Johnson of 3116 Chelmsford Court.

No charges were filed in this case. In other news: A Raleigh security guard was stabbed and seriously wounded Tuesday after confronting two men fleeing a store with a money bag, police records show.

James Lawson Hawkins, 30, was in critical condition late Tuesday night after undergoing hours of emergency surgery at the Wake Medical Center. Hawkins was stabbed in the chest and stomach with a long-bladed hunting knife, records show.

Hawkins suffered a collapsed lung and severe abdominal damage, according to the hospital.

The incident occurred at the Rose's store in the Beacon Plaza Shopping

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IN THE CLASSROOM—African-American students are returning to historically black colleges and universities in remarkable numbers indicating a shift or renaissance on black campuses. In photo: students at Shaw University

enjoy the climate of excellence in the classroom. The current enrollment of over 2,100 surpasses a goal of 2,000 by 1995.

## Students Choosing Historically Black College Increase—New Status Is Seen

Black colleges, which saw their class sizes dwindle during the period following integration, are now enjoying steady enrollment increases as they gain respect and acceptability among minority students.

Patrick Elliott, director of public relations at Shaw University and church liaison said "there has been some recent studies on the unexpectedly large increase in the numbers of African-American students going to or attending historically black colleges and universities. It is unexpected because severe recent cutbacks in grants and available scholarship funds and the number of African-American high school graduates.

"The current enrollment of 2,100

at the 15-acre campus sitting on the growing southern edge of a revitalized downtown Raleigh, there is ample evidence he has placed the institution in a position of prominence among historically black colleges.

"It is part of a national trend at both public and private black colleges," said David Merkwitz, spokesman for the American Council on Education. "I think there is increased awareness that these schools are fairly successful in meeting the needs of black students."

The trend has led to steady enrollment increases and major expansion at Dillard, Southern and Xavier Universities in New Orleans.

"Black colleges have achieved a new status of acceptability and respectability," Dillard University

universities also boast a low student-teacher ratio that allows more personal attention.

Christopher Lemelle was offered scholarships at Tulane University and the University of Southern Mississippi, but chose Xavier University.

"I saw I would be more than a number here," said Lemelle, a 17-year-old freshman at the historically black Catholic school. "They wanted me not just for what I am, but for

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## \$10 Million Suit Filed Against NCNB By NC Communities Empowerment Corp.

The North Carolina Communities Empowerment Socio-Economic Corp. seeks \$5 million for compensatory damages and \$5 million for punitive damages from North Carolina National Bank for racial discrimination in economic opportunities. The civil rights suit was filed Tuesday in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of North Carolina, Raleigh Division.

Dr. Ralph Scales, a socio-economic consultant and business developer, is president of North Carolina Communities Empowerment Socio-Economic Corp. and James E. Dawson, a businessman and real estate developer, is secretary of the corporation. They stated, "NCNB segregated investment in a white private organization and their refusal to invest in a minority organization on the same terms is racial discrimination that reduces and maintains the minority U.S. citizens and the citizens of North Carolina to the conditions of a subject race which denies equal opportunity to economic

development and the security of their enjoyment of the rights that others enjoy."

North Carolina Labor Commissioner John Brooks and Gerald Scannell, assistant U.S. labor secretary for occupational safety and health, issued a joint statement saying the federal OSHA would consider proposals by Brooks and Gov. Jim Martin to improve the state-run program. Brooks and Scannell met in Washington.

"This statement could dispel media speculation that federal OSHA might take over the N.C. OSHA program," Brooks said in a separate statement issued by his office in Raleigh.

"This initiative should encourage state OSHA programs across the country to seek additional resources for their state programs."

Martin's plan includes using more than \$1 million from a state legislative emergency fund to hire 27 additional inspectors. The federal agency said it would consider a request to match that amount, the statement said.

The federal agency also will evaluate proposals by Martin and Brooks to lend the state additional federal safety and health compliance officers while new inspectors are recruited and trained, the statement said. The agency also will consider helping the state find inspectors to work for the state on a temporary basis.

In a letter delivered to Brooks on Thursday, Scannell had warned that he would change the North Carolina

inspections when a complaint is brought to the federal agency's attention, rather than turning those complaints over to the state as is done now.

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## Former Panther Runs For Rep. Bill Gray's Seat

BY HENRY DUVALL  
Special To The CAROLINIAN

In the late 1960s and early '70s, the name Bobby Seale exploded on the American scene as he co-founded and chaired one of the most controversial activist groups in the nation, the Black Panther Party.

Today, more than 20 years later, Bobby Seale's name will be echoed again, as he plans to run for Congress to capture the seat vacated by Rep. William Gray, who until recently was the highest-ranking black legislator on Capitol Hill.

Seale's presence will also resurface in bookstores nationwide with his protest-era classic "Seize the Time," just republished by Black Classic Press.

The book focuses on how Seale and fellow Black Panther Party co-founder Huey Newton seized the time

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### HUNGRY THIEF

Police are searching for a hungry thief who broke into a restaurant and took about \$700 worth of ham, roast beef, and pork chops. The incident happened at Porky's Palace on Hillsborough Road. Fay Raines, an employee, discovered the food missing on Monday. Police records show the thief cut a hole in the roof to get into the building and then ransacked the restaurant. The thief got away with eight hams, some roast beef and pork chops. A microwave and \$30 in cash were also missing.

### CHARGED

Two N.C. Central University basketball players have been arrested and charged with breaking into a home. Nathaniel Eron Lindsey, 19, and Jason Edward Beatty, 20, were arrested Sunday after a witness reported seeing someone enter a house. Both players are sophomores. Officers said nothing was missing from the house. Beatty was released on his own recognizance, and Lindsey was released on \$1,000 bond.

### COUNCIL OKAYS EXPANSION

The Raleigh City Council Tuesday approved an 85,300-square-foot addition to Tower Merchants

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Dr. Talbert O. Shaw has placed the university in a position of prominence. In spite of seemingly impossible odds, he has lead the 126-year-old institution to acceptability with high standards and lofty goals.



students represents a remarkable but not surprising achievement," Elliott said. "Surpassing its own goal of 2,000 students by 1995 it is clear that many African-American students have come to bask in the sunshine of Shaw weather, and they are obviously in the climate of excellence in and out of the classrooms."

Charisma has characterized the leadership of Dr. Talbert O. Shaw since his inauguration as the 12th president four ago. Since his arrival

President Samuel DuBois Cook said. "We're not in the defensive posture we were in a few years ago, and we're doing a better job of telling our story."

Overall, the schools have higher graduation rates for black students that do the predominantly white schools, place many of those graduates in professional jobs and graduate schools, and offer students a chance to talk with many positive role models. The small, private