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## Bush Initiated "America 200" Falls Short, Congress Considers Education Bills

BY LARRY A. STILL

The "Education President," George Bush, is failing to pursue the national goals to achieve world-class leadership for U.S. schools by the year 2000, according to Rep. Major Owens (D-N.Y.), "The Education Congressman." The Brooklyn-based representative made the charges in calling for a substitute plan for the privately supported America 2000 Project as Congress considers 25 education bills in the House of Representatives and the Supreme Court deliberates on two more historic desegregation cases listing Georgia and Mississippi at the opening session this fall.

Rep. Owens outlined his evaluation of President Bush after introducing the new National Commission on African-American Education formed during the Congressional Black Caucus legislative weekend last month. Dr. Wilbert J. LeMelle, past president of the Phelps-Stokes Fund, is commission chairman and Dr. Elias Blake, president of the Benjamin E. Mays National Educational Resource Center, Inc., is vice chairman of the 30-member

group representing 21 national organizations. A ranking member of the House Committee on Education and Labor and chairman of the Subcommittee on Select Education, Owens is seriously considered the "Education Congressman" in his district.

"While the [African-American] Commission applauds the presentation of a White House initiative comprehensive strategy for the improvement of education in America, we must hasten to expose the fact that America 2000 fails to include a critically important chapter... on emergency action [required] to prevent retrogression and collapse for today's students," the congressman stated.

"Even before the [current] economic decline and recession began to escalate, the budgets for public school systems serving the majority of the children of America were in a state of desperate stagnation. Deep state and local budget cuts have now further mutilated these local education agencies to the point where basic

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## Struggle Between Sea Island Blacks, Developers Escalates

BY BENJAMIN F. CHAVIS, JR.

Off the coast of North and South Carolina and Georgia, there is a growing "African" liberation struggle, yet millions of African-Americans and others remain relatively unaware of this struggle. The "Sea Islands" are part of a chain of small islands located less than one mile from the mainland of the southeast coast of the United States.

The Sea Islands historically were populated by escaped or freed African slaves and their descendants for more than the past 150 years. Due to the fact that these islands were not directly attached to the mainland, the majority African-American population over the years retained a considerable degree of authentic African culture, language and traditional ways of nurturing the land and other natural resources.

Now all of this is being destroyed by the avarice and greed of large so-called "developers." In light of a tremendous national advertisement campaign, many persons have heard of the luxurious hotels, golf courses and condominiums of the Hilton Head Island, S.C. resorts and "properties." Hilton Head is one of the Sea Islands where now the indigenous population

is being displaced and transformed into a post-modern servant/slave class.

Hilton Head Island is now connected to the South Carolina mainland by a bridge. Daufuskie Island is geographically located close to Hilton Head, but remains not attached to the mainland. These two islands pay taxes to Beaufort County, S.C. Daufuskie Island is actually very close to the port of Savannah, Ga. Incidentally, the oldest African-American church, First African Baptist Church, is still located in Savannah, Ga. Today on Daufuskie Island, the nation's third-oldest African-American church, Second African Union Baptist Church, is still providing indigenous leadership for the ongoing struggle for survival and liberation. It is on Daufuskie Island, in particular, that there is a need for emergency response to the rapidly changing situation on the island as the developers have now almost totally eliminated the indigenous population. This is not a case of "black land loss" but "black land ripoff."

We recently joined a fact-finding

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## Alleged Gang Slaying Spurs Search Of Black Males

Last weekend's fatal shooting at the N.C. State Fair, which authorities said stemmed from a dispute between rival factions, has focused attention on groups known to many Wake high-school students by names such as OP (for On Probation), Raiders, Caucasian Violence Committee, Grand Dragons and Brentwood Klan, as well as the Underground and Malcolm X.

Authorities say the groups usually stay out of serious trouble. But occasionally, when violence breaks

out, they all get a bad reputation. After Edwin Leondris "Lee Lee" Crowder, the 18-year-old leader of the Underground, was charged with murder in the Saturday night shooting at the State Fair, "gang" became a local buzzword. Law enforcement officials avoid using that label, but members of some of the youth groups refer to themselves as gangs.

The 18-year-old killed in the shooting, Shawn Maurice Johnson, was a member of a group of about 20

teens known as Malcolm X. When shots rang out on the crowded midway late Saturday, about 5,000 people scattered in panic.

Witnesses told investigators the shooting happened as Johnson and other members of Malcolm X were standing at one end of the midway and members of the Underground began walking up from the other end.

Reports of the shooting from witnesses vary, but authorities say three shots were fired from a sawed-off .22 caliber semiautomatic rifle.

The rifle was found near a restroom by the new racetrack with the ammunition clip missing. Witnesses say that as many as seven shots were fired. The rifle used in the shooting, according to police, had been purchased recently, and a search of Crowder's room turned up another sawed-off rifle.

Also found at the fairgrounds, a short distance from where the shooting occurred, was an unloaded .38-caliber revolver that had not been

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### RPD Asks Citizens Aid

## Acme Cabs Torched

### Four Vehicles Set Ablaze

The Raleigh police are asking for help to solve four vehicle arsons.

Since April, four cars, three Acme cabs and one personal vehicle of an Acme cab driver, have been set on fire at the corner of South Bloodworth Street and East Lee Street. The incidents occurred April 23 at 3:23 a.m., July 16 at 2:42 a.m., Sept. 26 at 4:01 a.m. and Oct. 11 at 4 a.m.

Anyone having information about these car fires is asked to call Crime Stoppers a 834-HELP. Rewards will be given for information that leads to an arrest in the cases. Callers need not give their names or testify in court.

In other news: A husband and wife employed by the Durham Police Department have both filed complaints against the City of Durham, alleging they were treated unfairly after both lodged charges of discrimination in the department. Sgt. Charles M. Tiffin and his wife, Cpl. Susan R. Morrison, claim they were singled out for mistreatment or denied promotions after they filed several discrimination complaints. Morrison has filed a grievance against the city saying she was passed over for a promotion because of her past accusations about sexual discrimination and harassment on the force. In the grievance, she claims two officers who were recently promoted to sergeant have less training and experience than she

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EDUCATIONAL PROJECT—In the above photo, Dr. Ollie Bowman, dean of admissions, Hampton University, Hampton, Va., is shown at the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Black College Fair explaining the entrance requirements to a group of high-school students and giving them

materials. The event was held at William G. Enloe High School. Many of the students and parents in attendance are involved in Delta's educational project, the DELTA Carousel.

## "Sisters" Sets Goal To Improve African-American Family Life Here

BY LINDA D. POWELL

DURHAM—Addressing issues such as racial/religious violence, multiculturalism and education is the focus of Sisters, a local women's group working to improve life for African-Americans in the Triangle area.

Formed in 1987, Sisters comprises professional African-American women from Durham, Raleigh and Chapel Hill, who came together as a group because of their common interests in the quality of life of African-American youth and families, said Marilyn Christopher, a psychiatric consult liaison specialist in the Division of Psychiatric Nursing at Duke University Medical Center and mother of four.

"Although we don't work in the community formally as a group, the volunteer work we do on an individual basis ties us together," said Christopher, who has been a member

The work that Christopher does in the community is a reflection of the job she does at Duke providing psycho-social nursing consultations to women and children. She currently volunteers with the Durham Community Health Coalition, a project that is attempting to address and put into place programs designed to improve the health of African-Americans in Durham between 190 and the year 2000.

Christopher also works with the Durham chapter of the National Black Child Development Institute, a program that identifies gifted African-American children who need mentors.

Racial/religious violence and multiculturalism are other areas that are of major concern to Sisters, Christopher said. For example, Christina Davis-McCoy, a member of the group and executive director of North Carolinians Against Racism and

the basis of the group's response to an invitation to participate in the Festival of the Irmandade Da Boa Morte in Brazil last August.

The Irmandade Da Boa Morte, which translates into "Festival of the

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## Southeast Raleigh Community Festival To Showcase Diverse Cultures Saturday

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports

A first-of-its-kind festival has been designed to showcase the diverse cultures of one of the city's most historic and colorful communities—Southeast Raleigh.

To celebrate this unique community the City of Raleigh Human Resources Department and the southeast Raleigh community are presenting the first "Southeast Raleigh Community Festival," Saturday, Nov. 2, from noon to 6 p.m. at Walnut Creek Shopping Center (formerly Century Center), 3418 Poole Road.

This first-of-its-kind festival will showcase the diverse cultures in this community while serving as a pilot for other such festivals throughout the city. Events will offer all citizens an opportunity to listen, learn and take part in a fun and fascinating educational experience.

Bettye Hargrove, public affairs assistant with the City of Raleigh and a resident of the community said the concept of the festival was the result of various discussions. "The festival focuses on cultures, learning about each other and pulling together and sharing. It will also help each culture understand one another. It is intended to be educational, fun and a learning experience about people in the community."

"The festival will inform people in the community concerning what is available to them, such as schools, colleges, and other educational organizations," said Edna Davis of the Human Resources Department.

"There will be businesses informing people on home buying, etc., Ms. Davis said, concerning the

festival sponsored by Walnut Creek Shopping Center and the City of Raleigh.

Highlights will include gospel

concerts by the St. Augustine's College Choir, the Shaw University

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Community Watch March

The College Park Community Watch Program invites you to participate in a rally and march. The event will take place at the Tarboro Road Community Center Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 7 p.m. College Park Community Watch is an organization made up of residents in the College Park area who are interested in addressing community problems and concerns.

If you are interested in joining the rally and march, meet at the Tarboro Road Community Center at 7 p.m. The march route will be north on Tarboro Road, turn right on Oakwood Avenue, continue to Carver Street, make a right onto Pender Street and continue to Tarboro Road where it will return to the community center.

#### Scales Named To Post

William C. Scales has been elected senior vice president at Wachovia Operational Services Corp. in Winston-Salem. He is manager of information services support.

Scales joined Wachovia in 1977 and has held a number of management positions in the operations division, including manager of information processing, manager of student financial systems and group

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of Sisters for two years. "Each of us came to the group with something different to share, all of which identify concerns of the African-American community."

Christopher said the group's 10 members, which include historians, writers, business women and health professionals, lend support to each other as well as to the community. Members help each other emotionally, financially, and in other social areas where support is needed. The name "Sisters" appropriately fits the group, because they are in a sense sisters—sisters of African descent, they said.

Religious Violence, is involved in activities to counteract racial/religious violence, and helps provide workshops to get teachers, parents, and school officials involved with providing a multicultural perspective on education. Christopher also works with a committee devoted to making sure that schools in Chapel Hill and Carrboro have a multicultural curriculum for students in kindergarten through grade 12 by 1992-93.

Christopher said these interests, as well as interests in African-American culture, history and spirituality were