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Parents Say Enloe High Insensitive To Blacks

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
In an ongoing confrontation between a group of parents and administrators at Enloe High School, Wake Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Bob Wentz rejected proposals for immediate action, dismissing the request as "an overstatement of reality."

Parents from various community organizations including the Coalition for Human Justice in a statement to

Dr. Wentz had said "sensitive administrators" were needed at the high school and called for the dismissal of Principal Howard Coleman and the assistant principal, Brandon Smith.

Of particular concern to the groups petitioning Dr. Wentz was the assertion that the creation of a magnet school at Enloe had "created two schools within one facility." They also accused Coleman and Smith of

"lacking vision as to how to manage pre-existing problems" such as racial tension and stresses resulting from the dual programming and mission, which, it said, has seriously worsened the tensions and frictions at Enloe.

The group said that a "threatening climate" exists for students through "oppressive policies, rules and unrealistic demands," and for staff caught in the middle of increasing hostilities. They also said they had

been rebuffed by Coleman and Smith in their attempts to ameliorate the situation.

Thomas Jarrett, parent and PTSA member, said, "The concerned parents and those in charge, the principal, are operating on ideas that are too far apart. I think that those people who are dissatisfied in the community need to have one more meeting, first among themselves, then with the Enloe administration

and lay out exactly what we want.

"What we need from Enloe is a stronger spirit of salesmanship and the teachers making a conscious effort not only to present educational material, but at the same time, make an attempt to sell the students on their individual programs, whether English, algebra, geometry, etc. I don't think the teachers would have a problem with a program that stresses the greatest good for all. But I do

believe that the program must be implemented by the top administrative officials at the school," Jarrett said. "The real problem I see is basically the lack of motivation of some students especially those who are not meeting grading standards."

Attempts by THE CAROLINIAN to reach Dr. Wentz, Coleman and

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Black View AIDS As A White Conspiracy

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—Memories of a medical experiment in which black men with syphilis were given no treatment explain why blacks view AIDS as a conspiracy aimed at them, two public health researchers say.

Stephen B. Thomas, director of the Minority Health Research Laboratory at the University of Maryland, and an associate, Sandra Crouse Quinn, say the Tuskegee Syphilis Study has faded from memory for whites, but is a lively topic among blacks.

It helps explain why blacks see AIDS as a white-invented disease, part of a genocidal plot, they say.

But when blacks raise their concerns, white public-health officials all too often brush them aside, enhancing Tuskegee's ominous meaning for the black community, they say.

The Tuskegee study was conducted from 1932 to 1972 by the U.S. Public Health Service. Researchers kept records on 399 poor, rural black men in Macon County, Ala., who were suffering from syphilis. They were given "free medical care," hot meals and burial stipends—but no treatment, even after penicillin became the standard treatment in 1954.

In 1972, news stories caused the experiment to be canceled. Regulations were adopted to protect human subjects in medical experiments. The government paid \$10 million in damages.

Thomas and Quinn told of Tuskegee experiment's lingering effects in an article in the November issue of the American Journal of Public Health. They elaborated in a joint telephone interview.

"Given that the conduct of the study demonstrated little regard for the lives of the men who participated, it is no surprise that blacks today do not readily dismiss assertions that HIV is a manmade virus intentionally allowed to run rampant in their communities," they wrote.

They said the rumors of an AIDS conspiracy have been given credence in black newspapers and magazines, on black-oriented television shows and in books.

To show that the rumors are widely believed, Thomas and Quinn cited a 1990 survey of 1,056 black church members in Atlanta, Detroit, Charlotte, Kansas City, and Tuscaloosa, Ala., in which 35 percent said they believed that AIDS is a form of genocide and 30 percent said they were unsure what to believe.

Thomas said he has encountered hostility to government AIDS prevention programs in talks he has given in Philadelphia, Atlanta and San Francisco.

"Right out of the audience a question will come up about the validity and accuracy of any information from the government," he said. "What about Tuskegee?" they will say.

"It is a vague sense of 'You know what they did to us back then,'" he added. "In Philadelphia, a woman stood up and talked about her grandfather, who was part of the study. People know people who were in the study. Tuskegee is the personification of distrust."

Health officials ignore the suspicions instead of openly discussing the fear of genocide, Thomas and Quinn said.

Thomas said he feared that when a vaccine against AIDS finally is developed, many blacks will not accept it.

Some AIDS prevention steps—the distribution of condoms and clean needles to intravenous drug

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Citywide Robberies Continue

Gorilla-Masked Robber Loose

Female Thieves At-Large

Two women are wanted for questioning in a series of robberies in as many as four area towns.

After a drug-store holdup in Garner at 4:20 p.m., a pizza delivery restaurant in Clayton at 5 p.m. and a Cary dry cleaning business at 6:20 p.m., all on Tuesday, police said they were looking for one armed woman and an accomplice in connection with all four.

According to police records, a gunman wearing a gorilla Halloween mask jumped over the counter of a Cary bank Monday afternoon and took an undisclosed amount of money from a teller's drawer.

Records show that a man armed with a small-caliber handgun walked into the United Carolina Bank branch at 1207 Kildaire Farm Road shortly after 3 p.m. and jumped over the counter, grabbed the money and placed it in a bag he brought to the bank with him.

The gunman then walked around the counter and left through the front door. He was last seen driving away in a white, early 1980s model four-door Oldsmobile.

The robber is described as dark-skinned, about 5'5", weighing 150 pounds with a heavy build. He was wearing a dark plaid shirt, khaki pants and tennis shoes.

No customers were in the bank at the time, and no one was injured, records show.

This was the sixth bank robbery in the city of Cary of the year.

In other news:
The Raleigh City Council approved Tuesday an ordinance aimed at reducing the likelihood of rooming houses being bothersome to nearby residents.

The ordinance requires that

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SHAW UNCF PAGEANT—The young women pictured above were in competition for the title "Miss UNCF" at Shaw University recently. The annual event at Shaw is a student fundraiser for the United Negro College Fund. The pageant is organized by students who are active in the Pre-Alumni Council. The pageant winner is determined on

an essay assigned, a talent show, and the amount of money raised by the participant. This year's winner was Ms. Ursula Robinson (bottom row, far right). Other contestants pictured are, from left, bottom row: Monique McGillberry and Lillian Figueroa; and, top row, Rose Buxton, Tiqua Howard and Shantel Williams

NCNB Plans Mortgage Program To Assist Low-Income And Minority Consumers

A NationsBank mortgage product designed to make home ownership possible for more low-income and minority consumers was announced last week by NCNB.

With creativity and flexibility on terms, loan amounts and qualifying factors, the new Community Investment Mortgage product is exclusively for customers whose total household income is less than 80 percent of the current median for the county in which they live.

The new product will complement

NCNB's broad array of existing community development products, said Catherine P. Bessant, NCNB's principal community investment officer.

Featuring innovative underwriting criteria, it permits prospective buyers to obtain a mortgage with minimal downpayments supplemented by public/nonprofit "soft second" mortgage funds from federal, state, county, city, non-profit or church programs.

"We recognize there are many deserving prospective homebuyers who, for reasons primarily related to income and credit history, have not been able to qualify for a traditional mortgage loan," Bessant said.

"This Community Investment Mortgage product is designed to help these customers realize the American dream of home ownership," Bessant said.

"We believe it will be particularly effective because it results from sound advice given us by the many community groups with which we maintain contact. Prominent among these are the NAACP, the Urban

League and ACORN," she added.

The Community Investment Mortgage product will be available shortly after the merger of NCNB and C&S/Sovran Corp. into NationsBank is complete. That is scheduled for Dec. 31.

"We intend to be innovative and results oriented in our approach to affordable housing," Bessant said. "The Community Investment Mortgage Product continues our product development enhancement and should make a real impact in our communities."

To be eligible for the Community Investment Mortgage product, a property must be the borrower's principal place of residence. The residence can be a detached or attached single-family dwelling, a unit within a Planned Unit Development, a condominium unit or an owner-occupied two- or three-unit property.

"Interest rates will be determined by prevailing market rates at the time of the application," Bessant

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NEWS BRIEFS

MINORITY- AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS LISTING

The City of Raleigh has begun compiling a listing of minority- and women-owned businesses in the area for a new directory.

Luther Williams, coordinator of the city's Minority and Women-owned Business Program, said this is the first time such a directory has been created.

The directory will feature a listing of the businesses divided by trade as well as advertisements. The advertisements, which will help fund publication of the directory, will be accepted from any business interested in the publication. For more information, call 831-6101.

WAKE NAACP MEETS

The Wendell-Wake County Branch NAACP will observe its monthly meeting Sunday, Nov. 10, at 4 p.m. at New Bethel Baptist Church, Rolesville. Rev. Ronald Lowery is the pastor of the church. Mary E. Perry is president of the branch.

TOMLINSON SELECTED AS PARKS SUPERINTENDENT

Eugene R. Tomlinson has been promoted to superintendent of parks for the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department. He replaces Henry Fox, who resigned earlier this year.

A Raleigh native, Tomlinson has served as assistant parks superintendent since February 1982. Prior to that, he served as parks and recreation director for Peachtree City, Ga. and Fuquay-Varina.

Tomlinson is a graduate of North Carolina State University, where he received both an undergraduate degree and

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Study Shows UNC-Ch. Campus To Be Intolerant Of Minorities, Gays

CHAPEL HILL (AP)—The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is largely intolerant of women, blacks, gays and the disabled, according to a comprehensive, in-house study.

A 22-member committee made up of students, faculty, administrators and staff compiled the report from studies started in November 1990, near the end of a semester marred by racial incidents, the News and Observer of Raleigh reported.

"Women, minority and gay and lesbian students report a chilly campus climate," the report, issued Friday, said. "The campus is characterized by social separation between white and minority students, and fear or apathy among many who hesitate to discuss racial tensions in the environment."

The committee was formed by Chancellor Paul Hardin after a semester marked by a racial slur in a note to a black homecoming queen and an angry protest about a campus statue that some students said was racist.

The report found racial tensions were prevalent within the student body.

"Black students feel they are not wanted here sincerely; students continue to overhear racial epithets at mixers and other social events," the report said.

One reason black students feel isolated on campus, the report says, is that the black student population has remained steady at about 10

percent or has declined slightly in recent years.

The report also found that only 39 percent of black students graduate within four years, and 53 percent within six years.

The result is that the university is having difficulty attracting and maintaining a diverse student body and faculty, the 11-month study said.

During the 1990-91 school year, the Dean of Students' office received 74 complaints of harassment. Most of the students complained of

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harassment based on their gender, race or sexual orientation.

"The sense of community sought after by diverse students, faculty, administrators and staff on the Chapel Hill campus remains unrealized at the present time," the 45-page report said.

Homosexuals, women and disabled students said they thought the campus was often a "hostile" environment, the report said.

Lesbian and gay students reported that they were frequently harassed for their sexual orientation. And, they

said, faculty members are reluctant to introduce works produced by homosexuals into classroom discussions.

The report also said a significant number of women on campus have been sexually harassed or discriminated against because of their gender.

The report includes 24 broad-based recommendations for improving the situation. It was submitted to Hardin last month and he will decide which, if any, of the recommendations to

implement. The committee's recommendations included increasing funds for financial aid; improving the reputation of the school among minorities by contacting parents, teachers and high-school counselors; and improving faculty advising for students.

Despite the unfavorable report, at least one committee member saw the situation as an opportunity.

"To some extent, many of us felt

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Deltas Sponsor College Fair At Enloe High School

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Enloe High School was the scene of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's seventh annual Black College Fair on Sunday, Oct. 20, at 3 p.m. This project was coordinated by Delta's Education Committee, chaired by Soror Joi Moore.

Soror Moore opened the program with remarks and then introduced the following committee members: Edna Davis, Brigitte Peebles, Patsy Morgan, Marion Laceywell, Valgean Mitchell, Anita Pearson, Nell Hinton, Janice Sanders, and Melinda R. Petree. President Annette Watson gave greetings and made announcements.

In keeping with Delta's national programmatic thrust focused on education, the Black College Fair was designed to inform DELTA Carousell participants, their parents and others about the colleges and

their need for good students. Financial and academic information, as well as career information, became a reality to the students.

The following schools and universities sent representatives: Hampton University, St. Paul's College, Howard University, Lincoln University, Paine College, Winston-Salem State University, North Carolina Central, Morris College, Morehouse College, Shaw University, Livingstone College, St. Augustine's and Spelman.

Local Deltas and alumni filled in for colleges that did not send a recruiter. They were Fayetteville State, Priscilla Simpson, Fisk, DaFleite Brooks, Alabama A&M, Julia Shealey, South Carolina State, Anita Pearson, Morris Brown, Lucy Rose Adams, Cheyney State, Genevieve M. Farmer, and Johnson C. Smith. Daphne Randolph, A&T State was represented.