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March To Protest Award To Officer Involved In Shooting

Ingrams Outraged Over Award To Officer

A Raleigh police officer who shot and killed an unarmed man during a drug raid last November was one of the many law enforcement officers honored at a regional police association ceremony, and the family of the victim is outraged.

The fifth annual Outstanding Performance ceremonies of the Raleigh/Wake Chapter of the N.C. Police Benevolent Association was held at the Raleigh Hilton Hotel last Wednesday night. Raleigh Police Officer Vincent Kerr was cited for killing 35-year-old Ivan Lorenzo Ingram on Carver Street on Nov. 8, 1991.

Ingram, who had no weapon, no drugs, and no alcohol or drugs in his system, was shot once in the chest with a 12-gauge shotgun after, according to Kerr, he allegedly made a move toward the officer while he was protecting several other officers during the raid.

Many in Raleigh's African-American community, and especially the attorney for Ivan Ingram's family, dispute Officer Kerr's version of the shooting. A Wake grand jury cleared Officer Kerr of any criminal wrongdoing several weeks ago.

In honoring Kerr, Sgt. Jeffrey Fluck, head of the PBA, is quoted as saying, "[Kerr] had no regard for his personal consequences. His thoughts were for his fellow officers."

According to Roylene Smith, Ingram's cousin, this latest chapter has so upset Ingram's mother that

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NAACP PROTEST—North Carolina Confederate Flag Day was denounced recently during a silent vigil at the capitol. The flag is the target of an NAACP resolution to have the pennant removed from the state capital buildings and state flags. After the Civil War the Ku Klux Klan adopted the

pennant as its standard and today is considered offensive to African-Americans. Holding the banner of N.C. Youth and College division of the NAACP are Mary E. Perry, president, Wendell-Wake Chapter of the NAACP and Charles Bullock. (Photo by Sherman Jenkins)

Court Dates Near For Two Local Teenagers

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Sixteen-year-old Lorenzo McCoy and 16-year-old Willie Morris Barnes don't know each other, but they have a lot in common. They're both 16, they're both African-American males, and they're both finding themselves entangled with the criminal justice system in situations that many in the community find all too common, all too unfair... and all too tragic.

Both young men are scheduled to go to court within the next two weeks to answer to criminal charges that may ruin the rest of their lives and many in Raleigh's African-American community are preparing to mobilize to show solid support.

Lorenzo McCoy will appear in Wake District Court on Tuesday, March 17, to answer to charges stemming from an incident at Crabtree Valley Mall. McCoy was allegedly struck several times by a Crabtree security officer on Jan. 25 after he and two friends were told to leave the mall for allegedly loitering.

Though McCoy was charged with assault on a government official (a security guard), resisting arrest and trespassing, a subsequent investigation by the Raleigh Human Resources Department uncovered evi-

dence of an unwritten policy to unfairly target black youth at the mall. A report based on that investigation from the city's Human Resources/Human Relations Advisory Commission also concluded that mall security, and particularly the chief of security, did not handle the situation properly as a result of that policy.

Based on those findings, many in the African-American community, including the head of the local NAACP, have called for all charges to be dismissed against McCoy. Sources have told The CAROLINIAN of plans to picket the court, as well as attending the trial as a show of support.

"Mr. McCoy should never have been charged. We expect the charges to be dropped," said Rev. H.B. Pickett, president of the Raleigh-Wake Branch of the NAACP.

Citizens are also closely watching the case of Willie Barnes. Barnes was convicted of two counts of verbal threats and three counts of assault, all stemming from a Nov. 15, 1991 incident at Enloe High School. Three administrators at the school filed the charges against Barnes after questioning him about a broken BB gun he allegedly brought to school. They never saw the BB gun,

but when they refused to call Willie's parents before trying to search him, a struggle ensued when they grabbed the teen as he was trying to leave the school.

Though the five charges had nothing directly to do with the broken BB gun, District Court Judge Anne B. Salisbury, a former Wake County teacher, found him guilty of all five charges and sentenced him to two years in the Youth Correctional Center.

Supporters say that given the teen's clean background, good home, good grades and the fact that the school superintendent had returned Willie to school, he should have been tried on the charges, not on the broken BB gun. His case will be appealed to Superior Court on Monday, March 30.

NAACP Reports Project Fair Share Agreements Beneficial

Fred H. Rasheed, the director of the NAACP's Economic Development Department, after an extended and comprehensive survey of companies that have signed Fair Share agreements with the association, has reported that these agreements have produced an extraordinary flow of economic benefits to the African-American community.

Over a five-year period, 1986-1990, these benefits have exceeded some \$47 billion, affecting not only minority entrepreneurs and professionals, but employees who have been provided upper mobility at the companies, Rasheed said.

The analysis was prepared by the NAACP's Economic Development Department from information submitted by the participating companies.

More than 50 major corporations have signed the agreements but the analysis of results was confined to only those companies who have signed Fair Share Agreements during the period September 1982 through December 1989.

"I am elated at the encouraging results of our efforts that have significantly contributed to the economic strength of African-Americans. We are committed to enlarging those efforts—even with our limited resources," Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, the NAACP's executive director, said.

Operation Fair Share was initiated by the NAACP in 1981 to ensure that a fair share of the dollars spent by African-American consumers are reinvested back into their

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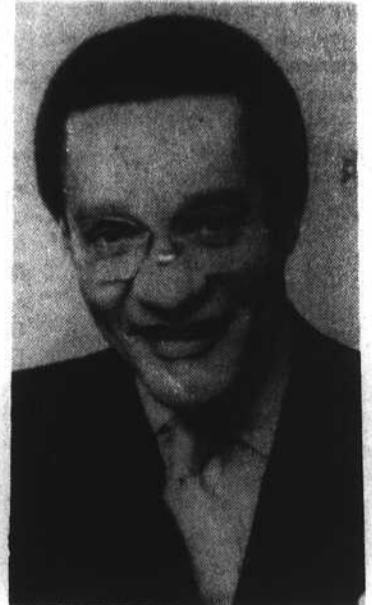
Tony Brown To Speak At Shaw Divinity Event

The Shaw Divinity school will celebrate the 59th anniversary of its founding at a special Founder's Day Convocation to be held at 7 p.m. on March 17 in the Shaw Divinity School Chapel at Rush Street, near Old Garner Road in Southeast Raleigh.

Tony Brown, nationally syndicated columnist and television host of "Tony Brown's Journal," will be the Founder's Day speaker.

The Founder's Day observance will begin on Sunday with the seventh annual Sarah Turner Tupper Banquet, to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the banquet hall of the Student Union Building, Shaw University. The Hon. Marian E. Covington, Grand Worthy Matron, Order of the Eastern Star, PHA Jurisdiction of North Carolina, will be the speaker. The public is invited. Tickets may be secured at the Shaw Divinity School.

Dr. J.B. McLester of Durham, past president of the Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention, and Dr. Lorine McLeod of Fayetteville, are chairperson and co-chairperson, respectively, of the Sarah Turner Tupper Banquet Committee of the Board of Trustees. Rev. Helen McLaughlin, director of



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recruitment and women's concerns, Shaw Divinity School, is coordinator.

The annual meeting of the National Alumni Association will be held at 3 p.m. Monday, March 18, in the Shaw Divinity School Chapel. Dr. Leo Williams, executive secretary

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King Statue Defaced By Vandals Here

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In what many in Raleigh's African-American community feel was an apparent retaliation for the defacing of the state Capitol's Confederate memorial, the statue of civil rights leader Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. was marred early Sunday when vandals threw a quart of white latex paint on the monument.

According to the Raleigh Police Department, the incident occurred at approximately 6:15 a.m. on Sunday at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Gardens at the corner of Rock Quarry Road and Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard.

Police say the defacing was discovered shortly after it occurred because the paint was still wet and no other areas of the gardens were touched or marred, leaving authorities to believe that the vandal or vandals were in a hurry. The King statue was cleaned off after police finished their on-site investigation.

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CRIME BEAT

Editor's Note: This column, a fixture of The CAROLINIAN in years past, has returned to our pages in hopes of deterring crime in our community. The information contained herein is taken from public arrest records and does not necessarily mean those mentioned are guilty of crimes.

NABBED FOR FORGERY

Thirty-five-year-old Valtina Bronson, 19 S. Pettigrew St., was arrested and charged with two counts of forgery on Monday at a bank located at 2235 New Hope Church Road. The alleged forgery is said to have occurred between 3 and 3:17 p.m.

GENERATOR LIFTED

Adrian Bernard Griffin, 1306 Branch St., was arrested and charged with larceny/shoplifting Monday. The reported offense occurred at a business located at 4500

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Raleigh-Apex NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet To Honor Harvey Gantt

The Raleigh-Apex Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will recognize Harvey Gantt, former mayor of Charlotte, at its annual Freedom Fund banquet at Shaw University on Saturday, March 21, at 6 p.m.

The NAACP will also honor longstanding NAACP members and officers and local winners of McDonald's "Black History Makers of Tomorrow" program.

A welcoming reception, featuring Gantt and other program attendees, will precede the banquet at 5 p.m. in Shaw University's James E. Cheek Library.

Gantt, a Charleston, S.C. native and 1990 Democratic candidate for the U.S. Senate, will be the event's keynote speaker. Gantt served as Charlotte's mayor from 1983 to 1987, following many years as a Charlotte City Council member and a career as an architect.

Gantt received his bachelor's degree in 1965 from Clemson University, after becoming Clemson's first black student in 1963. He received his master's degree in 1970 from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Gantt has lectured at a variety of institutions including Yale, North Carolina State University, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and the Univer-



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sity of Michigan.

A co-founder of Gantt Huberman Architects, Gantt has designed numerous buildings across the Carolinas, including the Winston Lake YMCA in Winston-Salem, the Campus Hills Recreation Center in Durham and UNCC student housing. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Friendship Baptist Church and serves on various community boards.

"Each year, the Raleigh-Apex branch of the NAACP searches for just the right person to inspire our

members to continue to be active community citizens," said Kenneth Wilkins, Wake County register of deeds and chairperson for the banquet. "Mr. Gantt has lived in the Carolinas most of his life—people from this area have grown up respecting him and everything that he has done. We couldn't think of a more appropriate speaker to discuss how the NAACP can make a difference in the '90s."

As part of the Freedom Fund Banquet program, special guests such as Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, president of Shaw University, and Dr. P.R. Robinson, president of St. Augustine's College, will discuss the importance of the NAACP and recognize the NAACP Mother of the Year. In addition, the five local winners of the McDonald's "Black History Makers of Tomorrow" program—an educational program that honors outstanding high-school juniors who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, character and scholarship, along with the potential to be future black history maker—will read excerpts from their award-winning essays.

Almost 400,000 Americans of all races are members of the NAACP. The NAACP is the largest civil rights organization in the world, and the largest secular citizens' action agency in the nation.

GRAND JURY HANDS DOWN INDICTMENTS

The owner, his son, and the plant manager of the Imperial Foods chicken processing plant that caught fire last September, killing 26 workers, were all indicted by a Richmond County grand jury Monday on a total of 76 counts of involuntary manslaughter.

Emmett J. Roe, the owner, along with Brad Roe, operations director, and James Neil Hair, the plant manager, were each charged with one count per person killed in the Hamlet blaze. They face a maximum of 10 years in prison for each count. The indictments came down after several people, including investigating agents of the State Bureau of Investigation, testified to fire doors locked, emergency exits blocked, and no sprinkler systems or fire alarms.

PANEL DENIES GOP REDISTRICTING SUIT

The N.C. Republican Party failed Monday to have new voting districts drawn by the General Assembly ruled unconstitutional. A three-judge federal panel, while agreeing that the oddly shaped configurations were strange in design, nonetheless found that they did not violate voters' rights. The GOP had charged that the new districts, drawn to ensure black voting strength in congressional races, was a case of "the Democratic controlled General assembly picking

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