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## Campaign '92 Not Arousing Black Vote

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During a recent appearance with Bryant Gumbel on NBC's "Today" show, two-time presidential candidate Jesse Jackson lamented the fact that none of the Democratic candidates for president are exciting black voters. Jackson complained that the candidates are not addressing the issues that matter most to the majority of black voters—urban policy, jobs, housing, health care, children, etc. Inter-

views conducted by various news organizations reveal that large numbers of African-Americans are displeased with the candidates of the establishment parties because of the total lack of discussion about black issues and concerns. As a result there has been a dramatic decline (20-30 percent) in black voter turnout during this year's primaries so far.

Jackson has a right to complain, but the fact of the matter is that black people have virtually no leverage with the establishment parties,

particularly the Democratic Party. Black people, those who bother to vote, are locked into the Democratic Party, but the Democratic Party is not locked into the black agenda or black people. A few months ago I wrote that Jesse Jackson was the last best hope for the Democratic Party. When Jackson decided not to run for president, it was clear to me that no other Democratic candidate would raise the issues of vital concern to black people, minorities, women, and poor and working people.

But even a Jackson candidacy would have been a somewhat tired rerun of his 1984 and 1988 campaigns. In both instances these brilliant campaigns were terminated at the Democratic National Convention. The Democratic Party refused to commit itself to broaden its base to include the millions of disenfranchised and disadvantaged voters who could have propelled the Democrats into the White House. Indeed, in '84 and '88, Jesse Jackson and the Rainbow forces were insulted and disrespected. No one, including

Jesse Jackson, should have any illusions about the Democratic Party and its allegiance to black people, workers, women and the poor after the rejections of '84 and '88.

When Jackson announced that he would not seek the Democratic nomination for president in '92, some of us thought we saw a glimmer of hope. Jackson indicated that he would focus his attention on the building of a New Independent Democratic Majority. It sounded

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## Hooks Urges Civil Rights Movement Persevere

ATLANTA, Ga.—A wide swing to the right in American politics will not suppress the civil rights movement, but will compel the movement's followers to persevere, NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks said recently.

"I see Patrick Buchanan spewing out hatred and venom—and getting by with it," Hooks told more than 1,000 students and teachers at Clark Atlanta University. "But I look at all these people—the David Dukes and Pat Buchanans—and I know they can't last forever.

"In the midst of oppression and trouble, we have to keep on. We can't give up," he said.

Hooks sharply criticized conservative overtones in national politics and the federal government.

"I see a Supreme Court that seems to have lost its collective mind. I am convinced that if you transplanted their brains into the head of a bird, it would fly backwards," he said.

"These are difficult times, but it doesn't matter how dark it is. When it is dark enough, you can see the stars," Hooks said.

Hooks, 67, announced Feb. 15 he will resign as leader of the NAACP after 15 years as chief executive of the 500,000-member organization.

His keynote address to the academic convocation in Clark Atlanta's Vivian Wilson Henderson Center closed a week-long celebration marking the third year of the consolidation of Clark College and Atlanta University.

He noted that two of the four Afri-

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## Police Chief To Deliver Ingram Shooting Report

BY CASH MICHAELS  
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When the on-again, off-again Raleigh Police Affairs Committee meets on Monday, March 30 in the City Council chambers, the final administrative report from Police Chief Frederick K. Heineman on the shooting of 35-year-old Ivan Ingram is expected to be delivered, and while a previous Police Affairs report and a grand jury decision have held the police officer who shot Ingram faultless, The CAROLINIAN has learned that a different version of the shooting has been portrayed in the claim against the city that lays blame on the officer.

Ingram was killed Nov. 8, 1991 when Raleigh Police Officer Vincent Kerr shot him once in the chest with a 12-gauge shotgun. Though the shooting took place during a drug raid at 314 N. Carver St., there has been no evidence that conclusively linked Ingram to the address. He was unarmed, and had no drugs on his person, nor any drugs or alcohol in his system. Witnesses portrayed him as a bystander to the raid when he was killed.

A report to the Police Affairs Committee dated Nov. 12 gave Officer Kerr's version of what happened, stating that Ingram was part of a group of four men that an undercover officer had purchased drugs from. In Kerr's version, when

the Selective Enforcement Unit rushed the men and yelled, "Police... Everybody on the ground," Ingram allegedly began walking quickly away from the group. Kerr says he stepped into Ingram's path with his shotgun drawn and told Ingram he was the police.

At that time, he could see Ingram's hands and "did not see a weapon." Then, according to Kerr, Ingram turned his body from him, thrust his left hand into his left jacket pocket, then turned toward Kerr taking a step and removing his hand. Officer Kerr, standing six feet away, says he fired his 12-gauge shotgun once, hitting Ingram in the chest. Kerr says Ingram never said a word.

After much community outrage, a Wake County grand jury absolved Officer Kerr of any criminal wrongdoing.

But in February, the family of Ivan Ingram filed a \$20 million wrongful death claim against the city of Raleigh. In a copy of the claim obtained by The CAROLINIAN, the statement of facts as to how Ingram was killed differs in key areas from Officer Kerr's version.

According to the Ingram family's claim version, the SEU officers saw four black men in the year of 314 N. Carver St. when they pulled up, as in Officer Kerr's version. But the claim states that one of the four men, nor the supervising SEU officer, ever saw Ivan Ingram with the group.

The claim says that Officer Kerr, who was covering the perimeter during the raid, saw Ingram "walking around the side of the house coming from the alley and thought he had run from the group." Ingram, says the claim, was approximately the same height and complexion of one of the suspects the undercover officer had just bought drugs from. Apparently, both the suspect and Ingram were wearing dark leather jackets and baseball caps that night, and were approximately the AME height. The claim says that Officer Kerr mistook Ingram for the suspect, and "admitted in his statement to the SBI and the grand jury that he shot Ivan Ingram with the intention of killing him, and that the shooting was no accident."

The Ingram claim then makes the following contention:  
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STILL RUNNING—Former U.S. Senate hopeful Harvey Gantt greets Rosa Gill and other well-wishers after his keynote address at Saturday's NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet. Gantt told the crowd that he plans to run for the U.S. Senate again, and joked, "I just can't imagine a Helms supporter in this room tonight."

## Harvey Gantt Reminds, "NAACP Has Made Life Better For All Of Us"

BY CASH MICHAELS  
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"The NAACP has made life better for all of us..." the sound of the statement resonated throughout Shaw University's Spaulding Gymnasium last Saturday night, as the thunderous applause signaled unanimous agreement from the several hundred attending.

The occasion was the Raleigh-Apex NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, and the speaker of the evening was Harvey Gantt.

Gantt, 49, was the first African-American student in 1961 to attend Clemson University in South Carolina, just a short distance from Charleston, where he was born. He was the first African-American to serve two terms as mayor of Charlotte, North Carolina's largest city. And Gantt was the first African-American ever to win the Democratic nomination to the U.S. Senate from North Carolina, challenging incumbent Republican Jesse Helms.

That 1990 Senate race has gone down in history as one of the most

racially divisive ever. Though the loss was painful, it was a campaign that Gantt and his supporters are proud of, and are expected to mount again.

"I just can't imagine a Helms supporter in this room tonight," Gantt said jokingly to the audience of mostly blacks, women, liberals and Democratic politicians.

Gantt's mission Saturday night,

was not to remember the past, but to help develop a blueprint for the future. Using the banquet's theme, "Preparing a New Generation for the Struggle," as a springboard, Gantt described the present state of black America and challenges ahead that face African-Americans and the NAACP.

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## NCCU Prof. And Three Students Face Charges

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports

FAYETTEVILLE—A North Carolina Central University professor was among 24 men issued a citation on morals charges in Fayetteville during a three-day period.

Dr. Raphael Nash Thompson, 65, assistant dean and lead professor of the School of Business, was cited for soliciting crimes against nature, according to the March 7 issue of the

Fayetteville Observer-Times.

According to police reports, Thompson was among six men picked up around adult book stores on Bragg Boulevard. The police report also alleges that Thompson solicited anal sex from a male undercover police officer.

The 24 arrests, including Thompson, were part of a sting operation conducted by the Fayetteville Police Department's Career Intelligence Unit.

Thompson could not be reached for comment.

Also among the 24 arrested were three NCCU students. James Franklin Thomas, Jr., Charles Bruno Leak and Kevin Artez McPhatter, all from Laurinburg, were charged with soliciting crimes against nature to an undercover police officer.

Lt. Vera Bell from the Office of Professional Standards and Inspections with the Fayetteville Police Department for 16 years told The CAROLINIAN that Dr. Thompson was issued a citation on March 4 for soliciting a crime against nature. "This is a misdemeanor and if they have positive identification we issue a citation," she said.

Lt. Bell said undercover officers were running an operation on Bragg Boulevard around adult book stores after receiving a number of complaints. Lt. Bell said Dr. Thompson approached the officer who was posing as a prostitute.

A court date has been set for April 21 in Court 2C in Fayetteville.

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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.

### CHARGED WITH SELLING COCAINE

Tavarus Lajune Peterson, 21 Smith Plaza, has been arrested and charged with possession with intent to sell drugs (cocaine). The alleged crime took place on the street at 1500 Pender St. Tuesday between 1:34 and 1:50 a.m. Approximately four grams of crack cocaine inside a plastic bag valued at \$400 was allegedly recovered from Peterson.

### CAUGHT WITH GUN, AMMO AT SCHOOL

Christopher Michael Banton of 817 Glascock St. has been arrested and charged with carrying a concealed weapon. Property recovered from Banton on high-school campus premises located at 226 Clarendon Crescent allegedly included one 9mm handgun, one magazine and 9mm rounds, total value \$367. The incident reportedly occurred Tuesday at 11:18 a.m.

### CHARGED WITH BURGLARY

Property valued at \$260, including one Fuji Sandblaster bicycle, one blue ball cap with Duke logo, and one pair of black sneakers, was allegedly stolen from a residence at 1518 Belmont Drive. Anthony Gorham, 1404 Stovall Drive, Apt. E-4, Raleigh, has been arrested and charged in connection with the burglary. The incident is said to have occurred Monday between 9:15 and 9:21 a.m.

### ASSAULT ON FEMALE

Harold Lewis Wortham, 19 Mecklenburg Terrace, has been arrested and charged with assaulting a female at a business located at 319 S.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

### YOUTH BB GUN CASE MONDAY

Sixteen-year-old Willie Barnes, a student given two years in the Youth Correctional Prison for bringing a broken BB gun to school, is expected to have his case appealed in Wake Superior Court Monday, March 30, before Judge George R. Greene.

Sources say that since the young man's conviction in February, he has been doing community work at the Helping Hands Mission, plus having his teachers fill out weekly report cards for him to illustrate that he is a productive student. Jim Scates, Willie's stepdad, says he hopes this will show the court that Willie is a fine young man who doesn't deserve to go to prison. Controversy erupted several weeks ago when the judge at his trial for assault and communicating threats used his bringing the BB gun to school as justification for the harsh sentence, even though he was never charged for it.

### WAKE TEACHERS TIRED OF PAYING

Wake public school teachers have to dig into their own pockets at times to buy classroom supplies that the school system is supposed to be providing, and they're tired of it. That was just one of the many responses to a survey of the 3,000-member Wake Association of Classroom Teachers.

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## Police Officer Suspended For Alleged Beating Here

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On the eve of receiving official accreditation from a national law enforcement commission, the Raleigh Police Department is once again in the midst of a racially charged police brutality claim. Officer Michael Collins is accused of hitting an African-American man in the back of the head twice with a long flashlight while trying to handcuff him. Officer Collins is white, 27 years old and a six-year veteran of the RPD. He was suspended last Friday without pay pending the outcome of an internal affairs investigation.

The family of the alleged victim, 23-year-old Daryl Richardson of Goldsboro, has filed a complaint against Officer Collins with the Raleigh Police Department.

Reportedly, the alleged incident occurred while Richardson and his brother were driving to Tremors nightclub after midnight Sunday, Jan. 5. Since they were from out of town, they were following their uncle to the club on I-440. Daryl was formerly a military police officer with the Army stationed in Maryland, so the sports car they were driving had Maryland tags.

At some point, Daryl lost his uncle on the road, so he allegedly accelerated to 70 mph to catch up. That's when he was stopped by police. Four police units and a N.C. State Trooper became involved.

According to published reports, Raleigh Officer Dennis Bailey approached the Richardsons' car, telling them to put their hands on the car. It was then that Officer Collins allegedly came up behind Daryl and

hit him behind the head twice with a long-handled flashlight while handcuffing him. The wounds from the blows were apparently deep enough that the police took Daryl to Wake Medical Center, where he received five stitches. He was then taken downtown and booked for speeding and resisting, obstructing and delaying a public officer. He was also charged with assault on Officer Bailey, but that charge was dismissed.

Daryl Richardson pleaded guilty in court proceedings earlier this month.

Steve Richardson is quoted as saying that he believes the incident was racially motivated because "It was all white officers." Richardson said the police may have thought