

POLICE CHIEF

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relations and sensitivity training become a formalized part of the police academy curriculum, that the public complaint procedures be revamped to be more accessible and accountable to the public, and that efforts be increased to improve community relations and understanding about the areas of personal rights and the use of deadly force.

Heineman disagreed with many of the report's findings, and added that while the HRHRAC examined issues, it "failed to request or make clear what they were seeking." Heineman said that investigating members "never" made clear what they were seeking.

The chief also criticized the commission for not meeting with him or his management team after they completed their findings in order to discuss them. "If the HRHRAC representatives had conducted a review meeting with the chief of police prior to the issuance of their report, much if not all of their misconceptions could have been properly dealt with in a more timely and informative manner."

Heineman indicated that he only met with the commission three times, the last being Oct. 15 of last year, three and one-half months before the report was issued this January.

When asked publicly by Mayor Avery Upchurch if he had forwarded his detailed rebuttal report to the HRHRAC, Heineman demonstrated his anger by saying, "I gave them as much of a report as they gave me, Mr. Mayor, which means nothing at all." Heineman said that while HRHRAC had sent a copy of the report to the City Council, it did not send one to him. He further criticized the commission for forwarding a copy to the Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission, along with copies of confidential surveys that were not released publicly.

Chief Heineman's apparent anger seemed to disturb several council members in attendance.

"The concern is that I hear some [anger]... I haven't gotten the report... I would hope that we can just put this aside... and I would encourage all who are a part of this effort to work together and not create a 'we versus them' type of attitude on both parts," said District C Councilman Ralph Campbell, Jr.

Mayor Upchurch and Councilor Mary Noe echoed Campbell's comments. Heineman did not respond.

No one from HRHRAC was prepared to comment until they have seen the chief's report.

—CASH MICHAELS

NEWS BRIEFS

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second-degree sex offense in an alleged attack early last Sunday. According to police, 22-year-old Matthew Fann allegedly dragged an 18-year-old woman behind a North Raleigh nightclub and sexually assaulted her. Fann was arrested inside the club afterwards. At press time, he was being held in the Wake County Jail in lieu of \$10,000 bond.

BROWN SUSPENDED FROM NCCU

For the second time in as many years, former Durham City Councilman Clarence Brown has been suspended with pay from his position at North Carolina Central University. Observers speculate that the suspension is the result of continuing investigations into allegations of double-billing against Brown last year. Brown was forced to resign his City Council seat amid controversy when he



CONTEST WINNERS—Melvin B. Shaw, UNCF vice president of marketing, joins three American Airlines members of the Association of African-American Flight Attendants in selecting the winners of the 1991 Fly Away Challenge Contest. The

was accused of misusing his city business phone card.

KING ANNIVERSARY CEREMONY

On the 24th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s death, a ceremony will be held at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Gardens on Rock Quarry Road this Saturday. Ms. Yolanda King, daughter of the late civil rights leader, is expected to attend. Beyond remembering the life and work of Dr. King, a mortgage-burning of the gardens debt will be held, and citizens will have a last opportunity to buy a brick in the King Memorial Wall.

INGRAM FAMILY

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firing Officer Kerr's version. Heineman did not give the name of the doctor.

Heineman also said that there were no other eyewitnesses to the shooting other than Officer Kerr. "I believe the only credible account of the shooting is that which was given by Officer Kerr to the Internal Affairs Unit and the State Bureau of Investigation," Heineman said.

The chief went on to relate how troubled the area is where the shooting took place, with drug activity. He suggested that the city seize 314 N. Carver St. and two adjacent properties through a federal forfeiture law. Four "drug houses" have already been seized by the city.

It was after the report, and at the request of City Councilman Ralph Campbell, Jr., that Mayor Avery Upchurch offered the Ingram family the closest statement to a public apology yet from the council. "We do express to the family that we're sorry this incident did happen. We don't have any control over the past, and we certainly regret that anyone in our community is hurt in any way," Mayor Upchurch said to the Ingram family.

But Michelle Moss, cousin to Ivan Ingram and one of several family members attending, told reporters that Chief Heineman's report clearing Officer Kerr was no surprise. As for the mayor's statement of sympathy, "Too little, too late," she said.

BB GUN TRIAL

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officials with both the Wake Public Schools and the criminal justice system had met to discuss the disturbing increase in dangerous weapons being brought to school campuses. As published reports document, it was agreed that tougher measures should be taken

on students who are found guilty. One of the first victims of that agreement was Willie Barnes.

Despite the fact that none of the criminal charges Willie faced had anything to do with the BB gun, District Court Judge Anne Salisbury, in her words, "made an example" of Willie and sentenced him to two years in the Youth Correctional Center, citing specifically the BB gun.

Willie's parents point to the 24 publicized incidents of guns brought to Wake County schools since last August, and note that in that listing, you won't find Willie's case anywhere.

They also point to cases where students have been convicted of bringing real guns to school, and that none of them to date are known to have been sentenced to anything near the two years that Willie got.

And finally, they point to a case they all witnessed Monday while sitting in Wake Superior Court waiting for Willie's court date to be reset. An 18-year-old white male, who told the judge that he was not in school and had just gotten a part-time job, was charged with simple assault. But the "simple assault" was actually a reduced version of an assault with a deadly weapon charge, emanating from when the young man allegedly pointed a loaded gun at someone during an argument.

The district attorney agreed with Superior Court Judge Ronald Stephaes that what the young man allegedly did was much more serious than "simple assault," but Judge Stephaes then agreed with the prosecutor that the defendant should perform 48 hours of community service as punishment for his deed.

"Did you see that?" an exasperated Jim Scales exclaimed. "He points a gun at somebody and gets 48 hours community service. Meanwhile, Willie's facing two years in prison and no one at the school even saw the [broken BB] gun."

Scales, himself a former police officer, also cited the high bail that Willie got, and the fact that he was not considered for the first offenders program, something that those with no criminal record regularly are considered for. It still stuns Scales that Willie got no probation, no suspended sentence, no consideration... just a straight two years.

Willie's new attorney, Ron Campbell, tried to avert a new trial last Monday by asking Assistant DA Randy Poole to allow Willie to do 100 hours of community service (which he has already started at the Helping Hands Mission). Campbell also has Willie bringing home a weekly report card, showing not only how well he's doing in school but reflecting his teachers' opinions about his character, but according to Campbell, Poole was not impressed, and said Willie should do "active time," something his parents refuse to let happen.

"We'll fight this. I don't care how high a court we have to go to," said a determined Jim Scales.

Even though the new trial on April 27 will represent another ordeal for the family, at least it will have something the District Court trial didn't: a jury. The question for the parents and Willie, however, is what kind of a jury it will be.

CRIME BEAT

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CHARGED WITH BREAKING DRUG LAW

Christopher Cogdell, Rt. 4 Box 44M, Greenville, has been arrested and charged with possession with intent to sell drugs (marijuana) and speeding. Duane Odell Smith, 302 Suydan St., New Brunswick, N.J., has also been arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. U.S. currency in the amount of \$924, \$2,000 in assorted jewelry, and six packages of marijuana were allegedly recovered from the duo at 2200 Atlantic Avenue Saturday at 10:45 p.m.

CHARGED WITH VANDALISM

flight attendants are, left to right, Cheryl Brockman; Deborah Brannon, president of the association; and L'Tanya Seals-Willis, vice president.

Alvin Anthony Gist, 111 Newport Avenue, has been arrested and charged with damage to property. The 22-year-old man allegedly damaged \$250 worth of property at an apartment located at 804-H Elkhart Drive, Saturday at 5:50 a.m.

"ASSAULTING AN OFFICER"

Marcus Donte Chavis, 323 Dacian Road, has been arrested and charged with assault on a law enforcement officer and damage to property. Chavis reportedly assaulted a law officer in the 300 block of South McDowell Street, and damaged the left rear door of Vehicle 135, a 1989 Ford. Property damage was alleged to be \$200.

BILL CLINTON

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March, was concocted as the vehicle to achieve that end. The strategy might have worked in '88 with Sen. Al Gore of Tennessee as the candidate, except for one major oversight—Jesse Louis Jackson.

Racial blinders led the DLC to overlook the potential impact of a second Jackson candidacy on the massive black vote in the South after Jackson's crusading campaign in 1984. This oversight proved fatal as Jackson wrecked the DLC plan by capturing five primaries and placing second in the majority of the remaining Southern states. Al Gore's campaign collapsed in New York, and with it the hopes of the DLC expired for '88. The Dukakis debacle, however, seemed to lend credence to the DLC's contention that only a moderate-conservative would dislodge the Republicans from the presidency. Hence the DLC went back to the drawing board determined to get it right for 1992.

Bill Clinton, who was a constant critic of Jesse Jackson's liberal-progressive politics in '88, emerged as a likely standard bearer for the DLC's cause in the 1992 election. Warning that Jesse Jackson's brand of politics in particular, and liberalism in general, are a liability for Democratic presidential aspirations, Clinton garnered substantial DLC support for his '92 run for the Democratic nomination.

With Jackson electing not to run in '92 and the ambitions of Virginia Gov. Doug Wilder faltering in New Hampshire, the path was clear for Clinton to fulfill the DLC's "Southern Strategy." Clinton swept Super Tuesday and in so doing was propelled into the position of frontrunner.

Essentially Clinton is a moderate-conservative who is well suited to carry out the DLC's strategy for winning the White House. Though he favors modest reductions in defense spending, Clinton has taken pains to cultivate a tough-on-defense image. Despite his apparent efforts to avoid service in Vietnam (which made sense as a matter of conscience), Clinton supported the Reagan-Bush contra policy in Nicaragua. He even sent the Arkansas National Guard to Honduras for military exercises. He was also an unabashed hawk in support of the U.S. war against Iraq.

Clinton has also sought to foster a tough-on-crime posture. He favors the death penalty and recently made a point of being in the state when a mentally defective African-American prisoner was executed. Clinton ignored numerous appeals for clemency on behalf of the pris-

Mixing Business With Pleasure

Entertaining prospects and associates as part of your business is a long-accepted practice. But claiming those expenses as legitimate tax deductions requires some knowledge of the tax laws.

Expenses for business entertainment are deductible as a business expense, subject to certain limitations, only if they are ordinary and necessary, according to the tax rules. "Ordinary" expenses are those that are generally accepted in your particular line of business. "Necessary" refers to expenses that are helpful and appropriate to your business.

The entertainment expense you want to deduct must be directly related to or associated with your business. This means that you should have more than a general expectation that the entertainment will result in making money or getting more business. You must either conduct or discuss business during the meeting, but the entire meeting does not have to be business. Even if your entertainment expense was not directly related to business, it may be a business deduction: for example, if your meal or entertainment comes before or after an important business meeting. Business entertainment can take place in a restaurant, night club, sporting club, or convention center.

You cannot deduct the cost of entertainment for your spouse or a family member unless his or her presence plays a central role in the business meeting. In such cases, his or her expenses are "associated" with the meeting.

Remember, for tax purposes, not all business expenses are equal. Generally, only 80 percent of the cost of meals and entertainment, including taxes and tips, may be deducted as a business expense. But transportation expenses to and from deductible meals and entertainment are not limited to 80 percent.

See IRS Publication 463, *Travel, Entertainment, and Gift Expenses*, for more information on entertainment expense deductions. It is available free by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

OPEN LETTER

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My son had no reason to want to die, so why did this happen? I want someone to tell me. To date... March 30, 1992... these reasons have not been given me. It bothers me that the police said my son pretended to have a weapon in his pocket. A person, especially an innocent one, would have to be insane to "pretend" they had a weapon when a policeman or anyone else had a gun aimed at them. I will never believe Ivan did this. Ivan loved life, had a good job that he enjoyed, co-workers he loved, wonderful friends, and he loved and cared about his family very much. Life was important to him! Ivan was so afraid of guns that we never owned one in our home. He had everything to live for; why would he or anyone with good sense do something so stupid?

I have learned over the years to accept death without question when loved ones have been taken, but this I can't accept... He was shot down and left lying there on the wet, cold ground moaning and groaning, turning his head from side to side with no one there to even attempt to comfort or help him. I will never get over this as long as I live. This is what has given me the strength and courage to fight for justice. I will fight for justice to be done as long as I have breath in my body, and my family will also be right by my side fighting for what we believe in... JUSTICE. As we all say... NO JUSTICE, NO PEACE. An even worse slap in the face was the professional recognition given to Mr. Vincent Kerr. Can you imagine a mother picking up the morning newspaper and reading that her son's killer had received an award and was being honored from an "unarmed" citizen? I had to relive the entire incident all day long. I was unable to work and before the day ended was told by my physician that my health was in jeopardy. As you readers can see, my life is a daily nightmare.

We must do something to stop these tragic things from happening.

Someone saw what happened, someone knows the truth. Please come out and tell us what really happened that horrible night when my son was killed. It is time for us to come together to do something about police brutality, about what happened to Lorenzo McKoy at Crabtree Valley Mall, about what happened to Tony Farrell, about what happened to my son. We as citizens must see that these tragic, senseless things stop.

I lost my son, my best friend, my only child. I lost the one who was concerned about my safety, the one who wanted up for me at night when I worked late. I miss him so very much, and his family and friends miss him also. It's still like a dream, some terrible nightmare. It hits me sometimes like a ton of bricks and I say Oh My God!!! MY CHILD IS DEAD!!!

Vincent Kerr, I want you to listen to me and everyone else to listen to me. Do you have a son or daughter? It could have been your child, walking on a street, or through someone's yard, an innocent bystander, who had no idea what was going on. I want you just for two minutes, to put yourself in my place, and my family's place. Tell me how you would feel about a policeman back on the streets after killing an innocent man. Aren't you afraid for yourself or your sons and daughters? This could happen again, and it could be you or yours the next time. It happened once to an unarmed man, it could happen again.

In closing, I hope the readers will understand my message in the vein in which it is written. My concern is for all parents... and I sincerely hope this will never happen to you. The aftermath of an incident of this nature is a nightmare!

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