

**Walnut Creek Star**

Hitmaker Paula Abdul will be among the stellar acts to entertain this season at Hardee's Walnut Creek Amphitheatre. She performs May 15.  
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**Denying Allegations**

The Rev. Jesse Jackson denies he offered to help a bank get new business in Africa and had his hotel bills paid in Paris by the bank.  
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In 1909, Matthew Henson set foot on the North Pole. He accompanied the expedition as navigator, guide and the only American who spoke the Eskimo language. He died in obscurity, but in 1987 blacks petitioned the American government to have his remains moved to Arlington Cemetery with full military honors.

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HOUSE SPEAKER DAN BLUE

**Blue Rated Most Effective Lawmaker**

**BY CASH MICHAELS**  
Staff Writer  
Of the 50 members who make up the North Carolina Senate, and the 120 lawmakers of the North Carolina House of Representatives, N.C. Speaker of the House Daniel T. Blue, Jr. (D-Wake), the first African-American this century to hold that post, is ranked No. 1 in effectiveness, according to a new survey released last Thursday.  
The rankings show that two other African-American lawmakers in the N.C. House, Rep. Milton "Toby"

Fitch, Jr. (D-Wilson) and Rep. H.M. "Mickey" Michaux, Jr. (D-Durham), also made the top 10 list.  
The study, conducted by the North Carolina Center for Public Policy Research, Inc., surveyed the legislators themselves, as well as registered lobbyists based in North Carolina who regularly work in the General Assembly. The Capital Press Corps was also polled to finally determine the rankings.  
Evaluations of legislators' effectiveness were based according to their participation in committee

work, skill at guiding bills through floor debates, and general knowledge or expertise in special fields. The respondents were also asked to consider the respect the legislators command from their peers, the political power they hold, and their ability to sway opinions of the other lawmakers.  
According to Ron Coble, executive director of the N.C. Center for Public Policy Research, there are key reasons for Speaker Blue's high ranking.  
"Dan Blue's ascendancy to the

speaker's office was a sea of change in many members' effectiveness. For those Democrats who rode in on the same tide, they got committee chairmanships and their effectiveness went up for. For Blue's fellow African-American lawmakers, the rising tide lifted their boats," said Coble.  
Coble noted to The CAROLINIAN that the N.C. General Assembly is losing more of its most effective members after the 1991-92 session than at any time in the last 15 years. Three of the 10 most effective sena-

tors—Henson Barnes (D-Wayne), Kenneth Royall (D-Durham) and William Goldston (D-Rockingham) are retiring from the Senate. Four of the 10 most effective members of the House of Representatives, Dennis Wicker (D-Lee), Harry E. Payne, Jr. (D-New Hanover), Mickey Michaux, Jr. and R. Samuel Hunt, III (D-Alamance) are either retiring or leaving to run for other state offices (Michaux is a candidate for the newly created 12th congressional district).  
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**US Air Faces Bias Charges**

**NAACP Demands Fair Play**

**BY WAYNE BROWNE**  
Reprinted from the Philadelphia Tribune  
A federal court judge is expected to rule soon on motions that would affect black pilots and flight attendants at USAir, one of the five largest passenger airlines in the nation.  
Just four months ago, in December 1991, USAir agreed to settle a federal discrimination complaint brought by pilots and flight attendants. A federal court judge ordered the company to restore the employees' pay and their seniority.

On a recent trip from Greensboro, NNPA president and Publisher of The Philadelphia Tribune was ordered by a flight attendant to relinquish his seat to a white traveler...

Debbie Millenson, litigation counsel for the U.S. Labor Department's Civil Rights Division, said the affected employees have yet to be reinstated because of opposition filed by the Airline Pilots Association. The APA says restoring their seniority would effectively "displace current pilots."

This action came on the heels of another federal court ruling, made last spring, in which USAir was ordered to pay two black pilots up to \$1 million in back pay on charges that the airline discriminated against them.

The national office of the NAACP says USAir has yet to follow the example of United Airlines in negotiating a "fair share" agreement with the nation's oldest civil rights organization.  
(See USAIR, P. 2)



**HISTORIC TOUR**—Part of a program provided by Ms. Vivian E. Irving for the Queen of Hearts was a trolley tour through historic Raleigh as a feature of Raleigh's Bicentennial observance. A number of historic sites were viewed at each of the six stops, including Historic Oakwood, Moore and Union Square. In photo: Ms. Amelia Byers, president Queen of Hearts; Dr. Rhonda Covington, Ms. Sheila Francis, Ms. Parker Call of Capital Area Preservation, Inc., Ms. Vivian E. Irving and Calvin Parks, tour guide.

**United Negro College Fund Planning Strategy For Effective Fundraising**

**NEW YORK, N.Y.**—Last week, the United Negro College Fund, one of America's oldest philanthropic organizations in the field of education, announced a major restructuring in order to improve its cost-efficiency in fundraising and to become more competitive for philanthropic gifts in the 1990s.  
The board of directors of the UNCF approved, at the recent March meeting, a budget for fiscal year 1993 which calls for savings in administrative and fundraising costs while at the same time seeking income growth over the fiscal 1992 plan.  
UNCF's 1992 fiscal year ended March 31, and it expected to reach its \$54.6 million fundraising goal. The new proposal calls for a four percent increase for fiscal year 1993 which began April 1. The new target

will be \$56.8 million and a 10 percent reduction in administrative and fundraising costs will increase the total funds available for distribution to the 41 member colleges and universities to fulfill their mission of providing for higher educational opportunity for record numbers of young men and women who are applying to member schools. In the last five years, enrollment at

UNCF schools has increased 19 percent, from 46,000 students in 1986 to nearly 61,000 in 1991.  
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**Felton Wins Development Recognition**

**Carolyn F. Felton, a biologist in Research Triangle Institute's Center for Life Sciences and Toxicology, has received a 1992 RTI Professional Development Award. The awards program, now in its 16th year, supports RTI staff members in scientific activities that are beyond the scope of their regular contract research responsibilities.**  
Ms. Felton will use her award to support research toward a master's thesis at North Carolina Central University. She will conduct a mutagenesis experiment with chlorinated drinking water. Also, she will learn



MS. FELTON

"We know, through experience,

**African-American Colloquium Involves Students In Campus, Community Life**

**ASHEVILLE**—African-American students at the University of North Carolina at Asheville are taking charge of their own education, getting involved in campus life and serving the local community through an innovative UNC-A program—the African-American Colloquium—began last fall. The program is only one of two in the University of North Carolina system.  
The colloquium is a result of faculty brainstorming sessions generated by UNC-A's drive to reduce the attrition rate among its African-American students, who make up about four percent of the student body. Originally designed as an interdisciplinary, one-semester course for freshmen and transfer students, an overwhelming student response has turned it into a two-semester course for all interested African-American students.  
The colloquium has four major components—academic course work, community service, peer mentoring, and student-faculty advising.  
Part of the colloquium experience is designed to offset problems that all new students have in adjusting to college life, problems that can lead to students dropping out of college.

several student behaviors that often lead to academic warnings and suspensions," said Dwight Mullen, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science and assistant vice chancellor for academic affairs, who is colloquium coordinator.  
"We found freshmen avoided office hours with the faculty, failed to pursue academic problems outside of the classroom and would accuse

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(See COLLOQUIUM, P. 2)



**REDUCING ATTRITION**—Dwight Mullen, coordinator of UNCA's African-American Colloquium, pauses during a highly animated conversation with colloquium participant Delacy Bradsher, a UNCA senior. The colloquium, one of only two in the UNC system, is succeeding in reducing the attrition rate among African-American students.

**Community Calendar**

**BOOKS FOR AFRICA**  
The Kemetic Bend Order of North Carolina State University is sponsoring a project to send books to educational institutions in Africa. Anyone who is interested can drop books by the NCSU Student Center on Cates Avenue. Books for the project can be donated until May 1. Books for all ages are needed. For any additional information, contact Faheem K. Ashanti at 515-2425.

**SCHOOL BUDGET REQUEST**  
The administration of the Wake County Public School System will present its annual budget request for the 1992-93 school year to the Wake County Board of Education's Finance Committee at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7. The board of education will hold a budget work session from 4-6 p.m. and a public hearing on the budget starting at 7 p.m. on Monday, April 13. Both meetings will be held in the board room of the Administration Building, 3600 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh. The public is invited to attend.  
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