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# Parents Say "No" To RAPP PROGRAM

Parents are opposing a plan for violent students in Wake County schools as a new form of "tracking" mostly African-American special-education students out of regular schools.

Beginning this month, principals and other administrators can try to have suspended special-ed students

sent to Required Alternative Placement Program, a private six-week program at Holly Hill Hospital. The Wake School Board will pay Holly Hill about \$180,000 a year to run the program for groups of up to eight students.

Members of Concerned Citizens for Educational Equity, a group of

African-American parents in Raleigh, said they were "dismayed and appalled that the Wake County Public School System has instituted the RAPP. We believe it is in violation of state and federal guidelines and further assert that it is unethical and immoral to address student difficulties in this manner."

Another critic, Carol Ornitz, a Raleigh advocate for learning-disabled students who helped draft parts of RAPP, said that the plan would remove problem students from schools with little or no consultation with parents.

Ms. Ornitz said she had no problem with creating a program, "even

at Holly Hill." But she added, "But I'm saying right now, they're creating a Pandora's box. Where do parents come in? The potential for abuse in the way this is being done is very serious."

In a letter to Lowell Harris, director of the Division for Exceptional Children, State Department of

Public Instruction, Ms. Ornitz said, "The arbitrary method of student selection is also a source of concern. RAPP is designed to serve secondary special education students who have committed serious offenses which by school board policy

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## ABC Reporter Says More Blacks Needed In The Media

BY CASH MICHAELS  
Staff Writer

The number of African-Americans and other people of color working in national television is declining at an alarming rate, warns one of the few visible black network news reporters in the business. Ron Claiborne, a national correspondent for ABC-TV's "World News Tonight with Peter Jennings," says more people of color are needed at every level, especially executive management.

Claiborne was the keynote speaker during the WTVD Minority Advisory Committee's ninth annual Awards and Honors Luncheon at North Carolina Central University in Durham Saturday. The committee, made up of African-American representatives from many of the 22 counties in WTVD's viewing area, has advised the station since 1971 in the areas of programming, news coverage and hiring goals that are in the interest of communities of color.

Claiborne, who has been working in network television news for the last 10 years after an extensive newspaper career, characterized the current state of African-Americans and other people of color in the television industry as "present, but absent."

To dramatize the point, Claiborne quoted a 1991 survey that tallied up all of the stories broadcast over the evening newscasts of ABC, CBS and

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## Cited As Humanitarian...



**HUMANITARIAN AWARD**—(Pictured third from left) Ms. Mary E. Perry recipient of the Wendell-Wake NAACP Humanitarian Award. She was the first African American elected chair of the Wake County Democratic Party. Presenting the award is Charles High, first vice president of Wendell-Wake NAACP. Also pictured (l. - r.) Rev. James E.

Lee, pastor of Wendell First Baptist Church; Rev. John Mendez, speaker for the occasion and pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem; Ms. Mary E. Perry, the honoree; Bill Windley, assistant for Congressman David Price; and Everett Ward, executive director of the North Carolina Democratic Party.

## Wake Superintendent Subpoenaed In BB Gun Case

BY CASH MICHAELS  
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The superintendent of the Wake County Public Schools will be subpoenaed to testify for the defense in the case of a 16-year-old African-American who was convicted of bringing a broken BB gun to school. The case of the teen, Willie Barnes, has drawn attention statewide because the youth was allegedly convicted of something he was never charged with.

Barnes allegedly got into a scuffle with three Enloe High school administrators last November 15 after he was called out of class for allegedly bringing a broken BB gun to

campus. The administrators were reportedly trying to search the young man after refusing to call either his mother or the police at his request.

Barnes was convicted in February on three counts of assault and two counts of verbal threats stemming from the incident, despite what many call inconclusive evidence.

According to Mattie Barnes and Jim Scales, the parents of Willie Barnes, who were present, District Court Judge Anne B. Salisbury made it clear in announcing her decision that she was "making an example" of Willie because "he brought a gun to school." Despite

having no prior criminal record, the judge sentenced him to two years in the Youth Correctional Center.

Willie's parents have appealed that decision because they say that their son was not on trial for bringing a gun to school, and was never charged with that. The appeals trial is set for April 27 in Wake Superior Court.

Ronald Campbell, attorney for the youth, called in to WLE-AM's "Traces of Faces and Places with Ms. Margaret Rose Murray" last Saturday while Willie's parents were guests. Campbell told the listening audience that he plans to subpoena Wake Superintendent Dr. Robert Wentz to testify why he overruled the Enloe principal's decision to suspend Willie for a year, and transferred the youth to Mary E. Phillips School, where he currently attends and is reportedly doing well.

"Dr. Wentz wrote a Dec. 10, 1991 letter to Willie's parents stating that after reviewing the details of Willie's case, he was going to return Willie to the school system," said Campbell. He contends that this is documented proof that in the judgment of the system's highest administrative officer, Willie Barnes was not a threat to anyone in the system and deserved to resume his education.

Campbell also said that the Enloe High assistant principals who filed the charges against Willie will be subpoenaed, as will tapes from an Enloe appeals board hearing that was held in December.

Campbell says that a transcript of these tapes will show that none of the administrators who filed criminal charges against the youth could definitely prove in their testimony how the youth attacked them in any way while he was trying to leave the school.

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## Teen Mothers Helped Through New Program

To be a teenager and a competent, confident mother at the same time requires community support and resources. Opportunities must be made available to assure the teen mom and her baby of a chance to survive and thrive. Thanks to a grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation of \$36,000, such an opportunity is now available in Wake County.

The MELD Young Moms program is dedicated to reaching into the heart of the family system to address the needs of teen moms.

MELD Young Moms is a not-for-profit, comprehensive two-year program. It provides teen mothers with age-appropriate parenting information and the emotional and psychological support they need to survive and progress during their crisis.

MYMs assists the young mother in working through the many difficulties she faces to prevent both infant mortality and child abuse and neglect, to develop a solid mother/child relationship, to maxi-

mize the child's developmental capacities, to help the mother with academic and/or career goal setting and achievement and to prevent subsequent pregnancies.

A typical MYMs group consists of 10 to 20 adolescent girls, some pregnant and some already mothers. Each group meets once a week for two-hour evening meetings over two years. Groups are facilitated by two women who were teen mothers themselves and who show evidence of successful parenting and career achievement. Essentially they are peers by experience, rather than age. These women work as volunteers and are reimbursed for their child care and mileage. Intensively trained to create a non-threatening, non-judgmental atmosphere, these volunteers aid the teen mother in learning parenting skills, how to make appropriate choices, and how to set goals.

MYMs' curriculum provides ba-

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## Rev. Dr. L. H. Sullivan Unveils \$40 Million Program To Help Africa

By Capitol News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Rev. Dr. Leon H. Sullivan returned to the nation's capital to unveil and announce, at an extraordinary ceremony on Capitol Hill, a four-year, \$40 million program to help improve the quality of life in Africa.

In the historic Caucus Room of the Russell Senate Office Building and in a ceremony attended by members of the U.S. Congress, an exceptionally large number of African ambassadors, corporate officials and other leaders, Rev. Sullivan announced a \$15 million agreement with the U.S. Agency for International Development, to help expand the work in Africa of his newest organization, the International Foundation for Education and Self-Help.

Rev. Sullivan said, "Today, we are witnessing what I believe to be another landmark signing of an agreement between the IFESH and AID, an agreement that will support three major programs to help improve the quality of life in Africa."

"Last year, we announced Phase I of our Debt for Development Program in Africa for \$2 million that was initiated in Nigeria, Guinea and Niger. Today, we announce Phase II of Debt for Development, an exciting new Teachers for Africa program and an interesting Short Term Training Program for African bakers," Rev. Sullivan said.

He indicated that a portion of the \$15 million grant will be used to purchase debt for human resource development and that IFESH will augment the grant through non-federal funds for a total of \$40 million which is expected to benefit up to four million grassroots African citizens.

Participating in the special signing ceremony were U.S. senators Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), who hosted the ceremony; Paul Simon (D-Ill.), Nancy Kassebaum (R-Kan.), and Claiborne Pell (D-R.I.); and Congressmembers Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.) and Donald Payne (D-N.J.).

Top officials from the U.S. State Department who participated in the ceremony included Assistant Secretary for Africa Herman Cohen, AID Administrator Ronald Roskens, and Assistant Administrator of AID, Bureau for Africa, Scott M. Spangler.

Also attending were more than 20 African ambassadors and a host of distinguished leaders and supporters of Africa from throughout the country, including a large delegation from Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia, of which Rev. Sullivan is the former pastor.

Presenting remarks on behalf of the African diplomatic corps and some of the countries participating in the program were His Excellency Paul Pongdi, ambassador of Cameroon and dean of the African Diplomatic Corps; His Excellency Zubair M. Kazaure, ambassador of Nigeria, representing the chairman of the Organization of African Unity, and His Excellency Charles Gomis, ambassador of Cote d'Ivoire and chairman of the Planning Committee for the Second African-African Summit, planned for 1993.

According to Dr. C.T. Wright, executive director of IFESH, the Teachers for Africa Program will be implemented in 12 countries, allowing teachers from the United States to spend a year helping their counterparts to improve the educational system in these countries.

The Short Term Training Program for African bankers will provide an opportunity for the "best and

brightest" among middle-level African bankers from up to 12 countries to come to the United States for executive training. Eight major banks participating in this program include Chemical, American Express, Bank of America, Chase Manhattan, Citibank, National Bank of Detroit, J.P. Morgan, and Mellon.

Rev. Sullivan said he is "absolutely encouraged by the enthusiastic support we have received from the American community and especially African-Americans" for his recent initiatives to help Africa to become more economically self-sufficient.

In his closing remarks, Rev. Sullivan said, "We will be speaking out for Africa in America and in the world. Africa may have been alone

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## WAKE, CITY OUT OF BASEBALL

Just after the Wake County Commissioners voted last week to pay for half of a proposed Triangle Central Park sports complex to be located on the Wake side of Research Triangle Park, and just before the Raleigh City Council was supposed to vote last Tuesday on the project, the deal was called off.

Reportedly, there were too many problems attached to the controversial baseball stadium that was planned to be constructed for the Durham Bulls once they left the Bull City. Now that Wake officials have backed away, Jim Goodman, the owner of the Bulls, has asked Durham city officials to consider building a new stadium in Durham. Vernon Malone, chairman of the Wake County Board of Commissioners, says of Durham doesn't answer Goodman in 30 days, Wake may try to jump-start the deal again.

## CHAPEL HILL CHURCH OKAYS GAY MINISTER

In a controversial move, the Olin Binkley Memorial Baptist Church in Chapel Hill voted Sunday night to grant licensure to a 24-year-old gay Duke University student for the ministry. This means that the student, John Blevins, is one step away from ordination. Leaders in the conservative Southern Baptist Convention have threatened to expel the church from its association for its actions.

## PRISON CROWDING AT ALL-TIME HIGH

According to the N.C. State Department of Correction, the state prison population over the past weekend was at an all-time high. Officials say the population in the state's 91 prisons at 12:01 a.m. Saturday, April 4, was 20,152, just nine more than what it was two days earlier. Twenty

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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.

### CAR THIEF NABBED

Ronald Dixon Branch, 5400 Town and Country Road, has been arrested and charged with larceny of a motor vehicle. The alleged theft of a 1992 Chevy truck valued at \$12,000 by Branch took place at a business located at 3416 Poole Road on Tuesday at 5:25 a.m.

### ASSAULT ON FEMALE

Twenty-two-year-old Neal Ross Eston of 812-304 Navaho Drive has been arrested and charged with assaulting a female. Eston reportedly, in a strong arm manner, assaulted Karla Jean Peslak at the Navaho Drive address. The incident allegedly occurred Tuesday at 2:15 p.m.

### HEAD CUT

Bert James Malpass, 26, was allegedly assaulted by Christopher Allen Glenn, 921 Harp Terrace, on Wednesday at 1:50 a.m. The reported assault occurred at a residence, 944 Wilmington St. Glenn was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Malpass suffered a cut to the head.

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