

TEEN MOMS

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sic, practical instruction in responsible parenting. Group facilitators prepare topic presentations with related learning activities to ensure the information is integrated into the teen mom's lifestyle. MYM participants receive free child care, transportation and dinner at each session.

The Interfaith Food Shuttle drops off foods for the moms to take home with them. Donated articles of baby clothing also are available for the moms. Local churches donate their space to house MELD Young Moms groups. St. Ambrose Episcopal Church and Martin Street Baptist have donated their facilities to house MELD Young Moms.

MYMs depends on the kindness of people to provide child care and cook a meal once a week at the group. Anyone interested in improving the well-being of teen mothers can call 250-8710 to volunteer.

SUPERINTENDENT

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"If [the administrators] didn't overreact the way they did when they tried to forcibly search Willie instead of calling his mother or the police like he asked, this situation would never have gotten to court," Campbell later told The CAROLINIAN.

HELPING AFRICA

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before, but we want the world to know that Africa will never be alone again. We are joining hands across the Atlantic and we will be speaking out, especially for Africa because a stronger Africa will make a stronger America and a stronger Africa will make a stronger world."

In his last visit to Washington, D.C. in November 1991, Rev. Sullivan was presented at the White House with the nation's highest civilian award, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

Those interested in additional information on the Teachers for Africa Program should contact Dr. C.T. Wright of IFESH at 1-800-835-3530.

ABC REPORTER

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NBC. "Out of the top 50 [reporters] who've appeared on network television [news] most frequently, not a single one was black, Latino or Asian... not one," said Claiborne.

And when you go beyond the top 50, Claiborne notes that African-Americans accounted for a total of five percent of all field reports and news anchor stories combined that made it on the air. Individually, nine percent of NBC's stories were reported by black reporters or news anchors, CBS had 14 percent, and NBC had a dismal two percent.

Claiborne praised his own network, ABC, for making considerable progress in hiring African-Americans in many behind-the-scenes technical capacities, like camera-people and videotape editors, but he chided the network, which made history back in the '70s when it made the late Max Robinson the first African-American to regularly co-anchor an evening newscast, for not replacing Kenneth Walker, Lark McCarthy and Charles Thomas, three well-respected black journalists, who have left within the last few years.

Now, only weekend anchor/correspondent Carole Simpson, medical correspondent George Strait and Claiborne, three out of a total of 60 reporters and correspondents at ABC, are African-American.

In the face of this less-than-favorable trend, Claiborne says qualified black media professionals are making "meager" progress.

"It would appear to me, in my opinion, that there is a conscious or unconscious ignoring of black men and women in the media," he said. "Maybe it's a legacy of the Reagan era, when the subtle and sometimes not so subtle messages coming out of the White House were in effect, 'Hey, it's okay, you don't have to worry about appeasing those people anymore. That civil rights stuff doesn't matter anymore.'"

Claiborne exposed many of the tricks that some local television stations use to make people think they have a large compliment of people of color on staff, like giving the one or two there more than normal exposure.

Many station managers hired African-Americans out of "obligation" to comply with federal law and nothing more and still others who say they find it difficult to comply, complain unconvincingly, Claiborne suggests, that they can't find anyone "qualified."

"Of course there are [qualified reporters and producers of color]..." Claiborne states categorically. "But in many cases they do not, or maybe even do not want to seek, hire, and where necessary, cultivate and train [people of color] for on-air reporting."

With African-Americans and Hispanics grossly underrepresented in major national television markets, Claiborne says this condition has to impact how those same groups are perceived in the press.

"Rightly or wrongly, the vast majority of people get their news from television. When they deny minority representation, they are preventing people from gaining the valuable insights, perspectives and participation of its minority population."

"It's also subliminally telling its audience that these people are not important," claims Claiborne. He says there has been a racial "devaluation" of people in society, evidenced by many of the incidents of racial conflict cropping up across the country and the absence of positive images of color.

Claiborne warns that despite the industry's current condition, those black journalists who are working and are visible must maintain high, professional standards and skills so that the story of African-Americans can be accurately and vividly told.

"Ideally, we as black journalists offer something more, something we can bring from the common well of our experiences. Hopefully we can bring a special and unique insight and understanding... a perspective that is our own, and a compassion for stories about our community." That is something, Claiborne contends, that white reporters simply can't do, and may not want to.

The way to ensure that the black perspective is an integral part of the network and local news decision-making process, insists Claiborne, is to have more African-Americans in executive and supervisory management.

"These are the positions where the real power is... these are the positions that decide who gets hired, and what gets covered." He says the reporters are footsoldiers in the scheme of things and the executives are the colonels and generals.

Claiborne suggests that there is a "glass ceiling" that prevents many people of color from entering media management. "That is the real challenge, how do we break down these barriers? [We] must make the clear and convincing argument of the rightness and fairness of our cause, to demand, when necessary, that we be included in the process, [so] that we are able to take our rightful place in the American news media."

According to the latest figures given to The CAROLINIAN, both WTVD and WRAL say that at least 30 percent of their staffs are people of color. In management, the program directors and the community affairs directors at both stations are black, as are other varying supervisory personnel. Both stations also have black female co-anchors for prime-time newscasts.

NEWS BRIEFS

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prisoners were released as of Monday, April 6.

BROOKS SAYS FEDS CAN STAY HOME

In a move to try and forestall an announced federal takeover, N.C. Labor Commissioner John C. Brooks said Monday that his department has improved dramatically since the Hamlet chicken plant fire of last September, and that the U.S. Department of Labor has been "grossly misleading" the public about the state's job safety program. Brooks, a Democrat who is running for

re-election, told reporters that the attacks made against him and his department were political in nature. Twenty-five people died in a fire at the Hamlet chicken processing plant that had never been inspected. Federal officials deny Brooks' charges.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The United Negro College Fund/Lilly Endowment has just awarded St. Augustine's College a check in the amount of \$25,000. This is one of three annual installments of St. Augustine's Leadership and Organizational Development Program grant award of \$75,000 over a three-year grant period beginning in February. The purpose of the grant is to help strengthen management at the college by offering skill-building workshops for senior administrators, on-site team building retreats for the administrative cabinet, and the annual Presidents' Institute for presidents and board chairs.

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

Each year, the City of Raleigh observes the month of April as Fair Housing Month. The purpose of the Fair Housing Office is to administer the Fair Housing Ordinance, No. (1976) 330 for the City of Raleigh.

The Fair Housing Ordinance makes it a violation of the law to discriminate against a person because of their race, color, religion, sex, sexual preference, or national origin in the access of renting, buying, selling and purchasing housing.

If you feel that you have been discriminated against in the above-mentioned areas, ask the Fair Housing Office to check into it. Their number is 831-6101.

RAPP PROGRAM

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require a long-term suspension."

Ms. Ornitz noted that since exceptional students, by definition, depart from the norm in academic, physical, and/or social development, "They are more sensitive and likewise vulnerable to changes in stress levels, expectations, and attitudinal climates within our schools. Furthermore, as accountability measures increasingly focus on high SATs and pressure schools for immediate results, the danger exists that exceptional and other students who may not meet the new more rigorous academic or behavioral standards or who cannot respond at the rate expected, will find themselves further alienated and, in fact, considered 'undesirable.'"

The RAPP program would try to develop a strategy for the student to return to regular school within six to eight weeks, administrators said. A certified teacher would give special-education students classes to match those in regular school, while a counselor would work on any behavioral problems and with disadvantaged parents to find county financial aid.

Janet Stevens, Wake's assistant superintendent for student services, said RAPP is a first step for closing a gap in the system: What to do with students who are suspended for the rest of the year for violence.

Members of Concerned Citizens for Educational Equity also said the school system "has defined a need to exclude students from the mainstream of education because of their inability to address these students in the regular classroom."

As the program pertains to the special education population with its high percentages of African-American males, "We believe that RAPP demonstrates a maintenance of the belief that exclusion promotes social and academic success in disregard to obvious reality that statistics disprove this theory."

The citizens' group suggested that the Wake County Public School System commit itself to learning strategies and behaviors that assure progress on the part of all children in an inclusive policy versus the punitive-exclusionary policy that is by definition the RAPP program.

It was further noted that the crisis intervention committee that the Wake schools requested to design RAPP had no African-American parents participating.

The group requested that parents with children in special education write to them for additional information at P.O. Box 27782, Raleigh 27611.

Once a parent signs for a student to go into any special program, the school administrators have a right



FARMER OF THE YEAR—Dr. Daniel Lyons, left, presents Charles Sneed of Kirell with the 1992 Small Farmer of the Year award for accomplishments. He nourished his land, sharpened his marketing skills and streamlined expenses.

By working closely with North Carolina A&T State University's Cooperation Extension, Sneed's 54 acres produced soybeans, corn and livestock at increasing efficiency since 1989.



RECEIVING HONORS—Dr. Furney Brown, left, presents a plaque to Dr. Prezell Robinson, president Saint Augustine's College during a recent Laymen's League Breakfast

honoring Dr. Robinson on his 25th year as president of the college. The observance was also a celebration of the 125th anniversary of the founding of the college.



RECEIVING CONGRATULATIONS—N'Kengle Best and Ray Rogers are congratulated by Phyllis Cain, chairperson of the middle school level of Delta Carousel on their selection

of King and Queen of the middle school Delta Carousel. They were recognized and awarded prizes at the closing activity held recently at Enloe High School.

CRIME BEAT

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BREAKING DRUG LAW
Darrell Anthony Griffin, 118 E. South St., Men's Dorm No. 615, has been arrested and charged with possession with intent to sell drugs. Griffin allegedly broke the drug law on the street at 316 S. East St. Wednesday at 1 a.m. In his possession was a pill bottle allegedly containing \$140 worth of crack cocaine rocks and \$40 in U.S. currency.

FUGITIVE CAUGHT
Osborne Brendan Young, 800 Park Place, Hempstead, N.Y., has been apprehended by the Raleigh Police Department. Young has been charged as a fugitive from justice (murder). He was picked up Tuesday between 6:59 and 8:29 p.m. at a residence, 564 Dacian Road.

CONCEALED WEAPON
William Eugene Ellison of 801-C

Elkhart Drive has been arrested and charged with carrying a concealed weapon. Ellison allegedly was in possession of a Charter Arms .38-caliber revolver and five .38-caliber bullets at some apartments located at 581 E. Lenoir St. Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.

TAKING WOMEN'S SUITS
Mary Magdeline Hinton, 1340 Raintree Circle, and Ollie Dennis Hooker, 1208 Savannah Drive, have been arrested and charged with larceny (felony). The duo allegedly stole \$1,552.96 worth of women's suits from a business located at 4325 Glenwood Avenue. The reported theft occurred Tuesday at 7:45 p.m.

CAUGHT WITH STOLEN PROPERTY
Tyrone Anthony Quiller, 32, was arrested and charged with possession of stolen property Sunday. Quiller allegedly took a 1991 Chevy four-door Suburban, valued at \$24,000, from 400 Woodburn Road.

Wilson Temple Women To Have Woman's Day

The United Methodist Women of Wilson Temple will observe their annual Woman's Day on Sunday during the 10:55 a.m. worship service.

The theme for the program is "Serving Our Lord." Rev. Edith L. Cleaves, a member of the North Carolina Conference Staff, will be the guest speaker. She works with the Council on Ministries for the United Methodist Churches in the Raleigh and Rockingham districts. She is working in the capacity of ethnic minority local church ministries. She is a member of Wilson Temple.

Ms. Mildred High is president of the women and Ms. Gloria A. Hunter is vice president and program chairperson.

The pastor is Rev. Jesse Brunson. The public is invited to attend.

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