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Strong Parent Opposition Causes

Wake School Board Stalls On Carnage AG Program

BY CASH MICHAELS

Staff Writer

With an impressive array of African-American leadership, supported by a strong parent and citizen turnout, the Wake County School Board on Monday sent plans for an academically gifted program at Carnage Middle School next fall back to its program committee for further consideration.

The program, better known as "AG Basics," is designed to give gifted and talented children special care and attention. Currently in place at Hunter and Fuller elementary schools and Ligon Middle School, the board had planned to expand it to Carnage next fall in order to meet the demand for it by some parents.

But African-American and some white parents at Carnage opposed having the AG program there, saying that it would create a "school within a school" with an academic, social and racial elitism benefitting mostly white children. Many of the parents also objected to a selection/testing process that ultimately locked qualified black children out,

and recommended that special efforts be made to improve educational opportunities for all children. District 4 board representative Harriet Webster echoed that cry.

Many observers, including members of the press, were surprised not only to see the school board room filled to capacity with African-American opposition to the AG plan,

but to see such a powerful display of community leadership.

For the most part, figures such as former Raleigh Mayor Clarence Lightner and former state Sen. John W. Winters, Jr. sat quietly but made their presence felt, while others like Wake County Commissioner Abraham Jones, Raleigh-Apex NAACP President Rev. H.B. Pickett, Wen-

dell NAACP President Mary Perry and others, went to the speakers' podium to implore, and at times even warn the board to reconsider.

"The attempt to create a superior race brought about chaos and other destruction to Germany. Let us not destroy ourselves from within," admonished parent Marilyn Dolby. (See SCHOOL BOARD, P. 2)

Wake County D.A. Responds Before Coming BB Gun Trial

BY CASH MICHAELS

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In an unprecedented attempt to stem the tide of public criticism over the Willie Barnes BB gun case, Wake District Attorney C. Colon Willoughby last weekend took the public relations offensive, and tried to offer his version of the controversy.

As first reported by The CAROLINIAN in February, Willie Barnes is a 16-year-old African-American teenager who was convicted of three counts of assault on three Enloe High School administrators, and two counts of verbal threats. Accord-

ing to the teen's parents, Mattie Barnes and Jim Scales, both testimony and evidence to the charges were weak, but District Court Judge Anne B. Salisbury, in announcing her decision, said that she was sentencing Willie to two years in the Youth Correctional Center to "make an example of him" for bringing a broken BB gun to school. That case has now been appealed to Wake Superior Court for this Monday, April 27.

D.A. Willoughby, in a letter published in a local newspaper last-

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Historic Marker Dedicated In Charles Hunter Memory

A slave who became a teacher, writer, reformer, school principal and founder of the North Carolina Industrial Association will be recognized by the Raleigh Bicentennial Foundation, Inc. and the state of North Carolina during a historic-marker dedication ceremony on New Bern Avenue and State Street at 4 p.m. April 26.

Charles Norfleet Hunter was born a slave in Raleigh in 1852 and consequently was the property of William Dallas Haywood.

At the close of the Civil War, Hunter enrolled in a freedman's school in Raleigh and later stated he had completed one year of course work at Shaw University and the University of South Carolina. His formal education was limited to occasional summer sessions at Hampton Institute in Virginia and Teachers' Institute in North Carolina.

Hunter began his long career in education as a teacher at Shoe Heel (Maxton) in Robeson County and in 1878 became principal of Garfield School in Raleigh. He is especially remembered for his efforts to provide better educational facilities for blacks in North Carolina and was instrumental in having several schools for black citizens constructed in the state.

In 1902 he became the principal of Oberlin School and transferred to the Chavis School in 1906. In 1909

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FAMILY AFFAIR—Family members of Ms. Gladys Hinton, 508 Chavis Way, are pictured with their Easter goodies after a family cookout. (Photo by James Giles)

Strengthening The Black Family Confab XII To St. Aug's Saturday

The 12th annual conference of Strengthening the Black Family will be held on Saturday in the Martin Luther King Student Union on the campus of St. Augustine's College. The conference will begin with registration from 8 to 8:30 a.m.

A plenary breakfast session starts off the activities, with Dr. Henrie Treadwell of the Kellogg Foundation as guest speaker. A second plenary session hosted by the Family Values Task Force focusing on "Values for a Strong Black Family" follows at 10:15 a.m. Workshops throughout the day will include "Lending Practices in Wake County"; "Families Networking to Find Solutions"; "Major Health Issues Facing the Black Family"; and "Youth Involvement: How You Can Be Involved." All programs are geared toward the family.

A highlight of the conference is the banquet honoring three families

as family of the year in their respective categories: Ms. Angela Ferrell as single parent of the year, Ms. Karen S. Garmon and Ms. Carolyn Spruill as the extended family of the year, and Mr. and Mrs. J.D. Rowe as the traditional family of the year.

Ms. Ferrell is a single parent who is currently providing sole provision for her six-year-old son, Travis. She is employed full-time with the Wake County Department of Health. Cited as an exemplary employee, she sets a fine example for her co-workers as well as for her clients. Her commitment to excellence for herself, her family, and others has earned her the recognition for being selected as the single family of the year recipient.

Karen Garmon and Carolyn Spruill, a mother-daughter team, will be receiving the extended family of the year award. Together, they are ensuring the successful rearing

of Kariss, age 7, and Christopher, age 6. Their team interests lie for the good of the children as well as for the welfare of other children. Ms. Spruill, who runs a day care center, watches over Karissa and Christopher while Karen, who works full-time, can also attend law school. This close-knit relationship is the reason this family was chosen to receive the award in the extended family category.

J.D. and Mary Rowe, affectionately known as "Fitzgerald Dad" and "Ma Rowe," have reared five college-educated children: Jeanette, Kaye, Audrey, Kirby, and Atron. Their five offspring have each made their contribution to society by being productive citizens in their respective areas. The Rowes have set a fine example for others to follow, whether in their neighborhood or on the job. Their concern for the well-being and success of their family, their neighborhood, their jobs, and their community is the reason this well-deserving family was selected as the traditional family of the year.

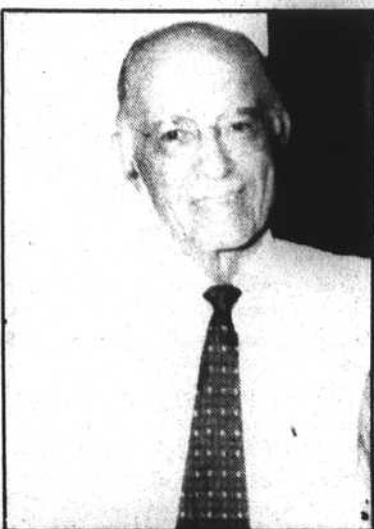
The banquet honoring the families will also be held on the campus of St. Augustine's College in the Martin Luther King Student Union. Tickets for the banquet can be purchased at the door.

Democrats To Gubernatorial Hopefuls To Face Off Sat. On TV

Democratic gubernatorial candidates Lacy Thornburg, Jim Hunt and Marcus Williams will face off in a televised town hall meeting debate on Saturday at 7 p.m. on WTVD-TV 11.

Produced by WTVD, the candidates' meeting comes only 10 days before North Carolina's May primary. (See FACE OFF, P. 2)

Publisher Retires



PUBLISHER RETIRES—P.R. Jervay, Sr., left publisher of The CAROLINIAN for over 50 years, recently retired and has named his daughter, Mrs. Prudence Jervay Monroe, right, as his successor. Paul Jervay, Jr., associate publisher, is in charge of production, sales and distribution.



CHARLES NORFLEET HUNTER

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.

ARRESTED FOR FIGHT

Johnnie Charles Chavis, III, 22, of 327 Dacian Road, and Lemuel Arthur Banks, Jr., 23, of 720 S. Bloodworth St., were both arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Police say the two were allegedly fighting on the 300 block of South East Street on April 15.

NABBED FOR ASSAULT

Twenty-six-year-old Pamela Yvonne Harris of 600-B Sherry Brook Road was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Police say Ms. Harris allegedly cut 17-year-old Patricia Shavon Grady on the head during an altercation at the address on April 15.

CONCEALED WEAPON

Twenty-five-year-old James Mack Woods was arrested for carrying a concealed Colt .45 automatic pistol, with a magazine containing six .45-caliber bullets. Police list Woods' address as "Anywhere in Raleigh."

BREAKS DRUG LAW

Twenty-four-year-old Derek Deondrea Trusdale of 1505-8 Kirkland road was charged with possession of two grams of crack cocaine, a homemade crack pipe and a razor blade. Police say the cocaine is worth \$200.

ASSAULT WITH STRAIGHT RAZOR

Sixty-one-year-old Gophus Evans was charged with assault with a straight razor and begging on the Fayetteville Street Mall. Police say Evans, a homeless man, attacked a 30-year-old white female with the razor.

CAUGHT WITH STEREO, HEADPHONES

Consander McLean, 24, of 5401 Apt. 17 Footree Place, was charged with stealing a GE Communications Center valued at \$19.97 and a pair of Sony headphones valued at \$21.97 from a business at 4500 Western Blvd.

NEWS BRIEFS

LEADERSHIP ROLE

State Sen. Frank Ballance of Warrenton has been named campaign manager for Eva M. Clayton, candidate for Congress in the first Congressional District. Sen. Ballance serves in the North Carolina General Assembly representing the state's Second Senatorial District. In addition, he served two terms in the House of Representatives representing the Seventh District.

OUTDOOR GRILLS

The Raleigh Fire Department reminds citizens that it is against the state fire code to use gas or charcoal grills on decks, balconies or patios of many Raleigh buildings. The fire code prohibits the use of grills within 10 feet of combustible materials, such as wood-framed buildings. Single-family dwellings, duplexes, condominiums and townhomes are exempted from the ordinance.

BOOK SIGNING

Books at Quail Corners, 5011-B Falls of the Neuse Road, will host a book-signing for Ayodele Carroo, a student at Enloe High School, on April 26 at 4 p.m. She will give a dance and oral interpretation of her new book, *Ancestral Rhythms*.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE FRAUD

Ann Q. Duncan, Employment Security Commission of North Carolina chairman, announced recently that the commission's fraud unit recovered more than \$500,000

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