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## Charges Against Barnes Dropped

BY CASH MICHAELS  
Staff Writer

There is no gift more precious to a loving mother than the knowledge that her child is safe. This Mother's Day, Mattie Barnes has that gift.

Earlier this week, a six-month ordeal that encompassed two trials, three attorneys and a lot of controversy came to an end. Wake District

Attorney C. Colon Willoughby decided to drop all remaining charges pending against Mattie's son Willie, stemming from the now infamous BB gun case The CAROLINIAN first reported in February.

It was just a week ago when a Wake Superior Court jury acquitted the 16-year-old African-American of one assault charge but deadlocked

on two other assault charges and two counts of verbal threats. Willie was convicted in Wake District Court last February on all five charges when three Enloe High School administrators claimed that he shoved them while running, after being asked about allegedly bringing a weapon on campus. Willie admits that he had a broken BB gun

with him, but no one saw it, and said he did not intend to assault the administrators. When the case was appealed in Superior Court, most of the jury believed him.

But when the prosecutor, Assistant Wake D.A. Ricky Spoon immediately called for a retrial on the four remaining counts, the family and the community braced itself for yet a

third trial, one that many said would have been needless.

Many in the African-American community told The CAROLINIAN it would have been most unwise for Willoughby to pursue a conviction of Willie Barnes where there was no public mandate, the case was weak,

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REP. LOUIS STOKES

## Shaw U. To Graduate Largest Class

Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, president of Shaw University, announced recently that the university will bestow 300 bachelor of arts and science degrees to graduating seniors. This marks the largest graduating class in the university's history. This year's commencement ceremony will take place at Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium Saturday, May 9, at 11 a.m.

The commencement speaker is U.S. Rep. Louis Stokes of Ohio. Elected to this position in 1968, Stokes is currently serving his 11th term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Rep. Stokes was appointed to head the 1976 Select Committee on Assassinations. The committee's mandate was to conduct an investigation and study of the circumstances surrounding the deaths of President John F. Kennedy and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Stokes serves as chairman of the Official Conduct Committee (Ethics Committee), and as a member of the Committee on Appropriations. He has served on the Education, Labor and the House Internal Security committees. He is the former chairman of the Budget Committee and also served as chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Health Brain Trust.

Receiving an honorary award at this year's commencement activities is longtime friend of the university, the Hon. Robert B. Morgan.

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## Campbell Gets State Auditor Nod, Clayton Faces Runoff

Current District C Councilman Ralph Campbell came away from Tuesday's N.C. primary with the clear nod from the state's Democratic electorate to be the party's

standard-bearer in the November elections in the race for state auditor.

In the crowded First District race, Ms. Eva Clayton emerged among the minority candidates to face a possible runoff with Walter B. Jones, Jr. in a district drawn specifically to yield minority representation. Although Ms. Clayton finished a close second to Jones, she did give indications that she will seek a runoff.

Bruce Lightner, a strong Campbell supporter, said of the councilman's victory, "The apparent primary victory for Ralph is seen as a historic achievement. With limited resources, and a big state to cover, we're sure Mr. Campbell's nomination will give voters the opportunity to elect the first African-American to the N.C. Council of State. When it's all said and done, the people will determine the direction and intensity of how the state is governed. We're confident Ralph Campbell, Jr. will be a part of the new governing team."

Following his victory Tuesday night, Campbell told supporters and well-wishers, "This is indeed a happy moment for us. However, the recent occurrences in Los Angeles and other communities, as well as our own, leaves us all with reason for concern. After I am sworn in next January, and serving on the Council of State, social concerns and economic justice will continue to be a priority for me. We look forward to the fall campaign."

In other races around the state, Jim Hunt emerged as the clear victor in the race for governor with contender Lacy Thornburg a distant

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## Society's Role In Getting Black Youth On Right Track Viewed

What should society be doing to help African-American youth get on the right track to success and self-esteem? Young people themselves have very firm ideas about what their families, schools and communities should be doing.

They speak out eloquently in "African-American Youth: Unleashing the Potential," part of the "Black Issues Forum" series, which aired Wednesday at 8 p.m. The five panelists, ranging in age from 15 to 22, sparked lively conversation on topics such as families, peers, crime, education and the future.

Panelists included Waleed Bilal, 18, a senior at Pine Forest Senior High School; Wayne Hodges, 18, a freshman at Fayetteville State University; Jimonique Simpson, 22, a senior at Fayetteville State University; Nichole Strayhorn, 17, a junior at E.E. Smith Senior High School; and Jamal Waites, 15, a student at Lewis Chapel Junior High School. Moderating the panel are Lloyd V. Hackley, chancellor of Fayetteville State University; and Valeria Lee, host and moderator of the program.

Family issues began the discussion. Panel members voiced serious concern about the disintegration of the family resulting in young people without an identity. To instill in young people a sense of history and identity, Jimonique Simpson advises adults to "share the struggles" they themselves went through. When asked if parents really understand the world facing today's youth, the panelists responded with

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RALPH CAMPBELL, JR.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### ATHENS DRIVE TEACHER HONORED

Parents are essential partners with teachers in helping students learn, says Elizabeth Johnson, an Athens Drive High School social studies teacher and winner of the 1992 National PTA Phoebe Apperson Hearst Outstanding Educator Award. She was selected for the award by the national PTA selection committee from more than 300 entries submitted by PTAs across the nation.

Johnson was nominated for the award by the school's faculty at the request of the Athens Drive High PTSA.

### FSU STUDENTS PLACE THIRD

Two Fayetteville State University MBA students were named as third-place team winners in the fifth annual Graduate Business Student Competition recently in Raleigh. The competition was sponsored by the University of North Carolina's Small Business and Technology Development Center and KPMG Peat Marwick, a national accounting firm in Raleigh. Jesse C. Smith and Ron Milton, second-year students in the master of business administration program at FSU, were awarded \$1,000 for their consulting work with Parnell Pool Spa and Fireplace Centers of Fayetteville.

### STUDENTS SHARE KNOWLEDGE

Students from 11 magnet elementary schools will demonstrate their vast knowledge when they participate in the 1992 Scholastic Pursuit tournament. The quiz bowl-type event will be held on Friday, May 15, at 10 a.m. in Poe Hall auditorium at North Carolina State University.

Teams of students will answer questions from several categories: math, science, social studies/geography, health/physical education, language arts (literature, grammar, and spelling), music, current events, computer science, and North Carolina history.

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MOTHERS SPEAK OUT—With an impressive array of African-American leadership, supported by a strong parent and citizen turnout, the Wake County School Board recently sent plans for an academically gifted program at

Carnegie Middle School next fall back to its program committee for further consideration. Shown are concerned mothers who are on their way to the meeting. (Photo by James Giles)

## Community Business Expo '92 Set To Go At 'Y' Here

BY CASH MICHAELS  
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The first African-American "Your Community Business Expo '92" is set and ready to go for this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Garner Road YMCA.

Sponsored by the Raleigh Ministerial Alliance and the Business Building Society, in association with the Crabtree II Task Force, the expo will not only be a fun, savings-packed day for the whole family, but will also give much-needed exposure to dozens of African-American vendors who have a wide variety of goods and services to offer.

According to Ms. Margaret Rose Murray, chairperson of the BBS, families who come out to the Garner Road Y on Saturday should expect everything from art, beauty and hair styling, books, clothing, crafts, home furnishings, designer fashions, records and tapes, to the whole gamut of merchandise from black merchants who can offer them at great savings.

"The community needs to come out and see what these African-American businesspeople have to offer," she said. "By supporting

them, we support ourselves. We help them to grow, and that creates jobs and opportunities for us, especially our young people."

Rev. David Dolby, president of the Raleigh Ministerial Alliance, re-emphasized how important it is for the African-American community to discover the real power of their dollars and what they should expect when they go shopping.

"Your dollar entitles you to the best of everything. It is your leverage. As long as that dollar is in your hand or in your pocket, you have power. That means if someone wants that dollar, they must recognize that power, respect that power, and cater to that power. That translates into better service, better quality, and better variety. In other words, if you don't like something, tell that merchant why you don't like it, and why you're not going to buy it. I bet you'll see a change you'll like in short order," said Rev. Dolby.

He says that by turning the Garner Road Y into a mall on Saturday, the African-American community will see evidence that they do have choices. They can take their money

elsewhere from the traditional shopping centers, and they can help their community grow.

"We must help one another. We must work hard to improve what we have, so we can have real choices. The African-American community must grow, it must succeed, but only if we support one another."

Late vendors can call 834-1025 if they would like to apply for space at the expo.

## NC AIDS Activists Ask More Black Involvement

DURHAM (AP)—Blacks have made up the majority of North Carolinians with AIDS since 1988, but activists say they'd like to see more blacks fighting the deadly disease.

"We would love to see more black involvement," said Jacquelyn Clynore at the AIDS Service Agency in Wake County. "but so far we haven't had much luck."

Of the 200 volunteers at the AIDS Service Agency in Wake County, 209 are black. Of 48 AIDS buddies—people who comfort and care for AIDS victims—two are black. In Durham, most of the 120 volunteers working with the Lesbian and Gay Health Project are white.

Blacks have made up the majority of North Carolinians with AIDS since 1988. As of this month, 55 percent of AIDS victims in the state are black (1,338 in all), almost twice

the national average.

There are several explanations. "AIDS is perceived as a gay and white problem," John Mickle of the Durham Community Health Coalition Project, which recruits black volunteers, said.

"The black community has been overwhelmed and bombarded with other problems" said Christina Davis-McCoy of the Coalition for Action on AIDS in the Black Community in Durham. Those problems include teen violence, poverty and discrimination.

"It's not as easy for the black community to organize as for the gay community," said Gibbie Harris, prevention program manager for the Department of Environment, Health, and Human Resources.

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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.

### ASSAULT WITH A GUN

Twenty-nine-year-old Kelvin L. Howard of 521 Illegnes St. was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Police say the alleged assault occurred against a 31-year-old female at his address Monday night.

### STOLEN CAR

Police say 32-year-old Ruby Ramser Washington of 2520 Garner Road was arrested and charged with possession of a stolen vehicle. The car, a 1984 Nissan Sentra, was found at 100 Tryon Road. It belonged to R. Joshua Awe of 901 Glenwood Avenue.

### COCAINE POSSESSION

Warren Covington, 21, of 524 Solar Drive, was arrested Tuesday and charged with possessing approximately eight grams of crack cocaine valued at \$60. Police picked up Covington at 100 Carver St.

### KNIFE ASSAULT

Sharon Sherell Taylor, 27, of 3039 E. Lake Woodward, was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon and damage to property. Police say Ms. Taylor allegedly assaulted 26-year-old Baya Ono Mayinga of 4701-A3 New Hope Road with a knife. Mr. Mayinga suffered a cut, and a queen-size mattress was damaged.

### STRANGE THEFT

Police say 36-year-old Dwight Kenneth Jones of 421 Match St. in Burlington was arrested Monday and charged with stealing \$398 worth of vaginal products, and \$80 worth of razor blades from a store on Western Boulevard. Jones was also charged with assault and parole violation.

### DEALING CRACK

Eighteen-year-old Michael Justin Kelly of 208 N. State St., and 20-year-old Jacques Dewayne Meekins of 2231 North Hills Drive, were arrested and charged last Friday with cocaine possession. Both were allegedly caught with several rocks of crack cocaine. Kelly was additionally charged with possession with intent to sell.