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NAACP To Seek New Leadership At National Meet

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The nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization will be searching for a new leader to guide the group into the 21st century. Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, will officially represent the organization for the last time at its annual convention. Hooks will retire in the spring of 1993. As a result, the NAACP has named a search committee to begin the process of selecting a new executive director. Members selected for the NAACP search committee are from all regions on the country, and they encompass a wide variety of backgrounds and points of view, according to Dr. William F. Gibson, chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors. Hooks will attend the NAACP's 1992 annual convention in Nashville, Tenn. at the Nashville Convention Center July 12-16. The convention's theme is "Honoring Our Past, Fulfilling Our Present,

Preparing for Our Future." A three-day prelude to the convention will be held July 9-11. The pre-convention activity, the Health Summit, will examine critical issues facing the African-American community. The summit will produce policy statements for both the guidance of the NAACP's constituency and for action by policymakers. Dr. Louis L. Sullivan, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, will be the keynote speaker. The convention will include a number of plenary sessions featuring a series of speakers including Jack Kemp, secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development; William Gray, president of the United Negro College Fund and former whip in the House of Representatives; Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund; and Rev. Jesse Jackson. A special workshop, "The Changing Role of African-Americans in Film—The Making of *Malcolm X*" (See NAACP, P. 2)

Civil Unrest Rises As President & Congress Continue Debate

BY LARRY A. STILL
NAPA News Service
WASHINGTON, D.C.—While the Democratic Congress and Republican administration continue to debate billion-dollar proposals to aid all major, deteriorating ur-

ban areas following the Los Angeles "riots," the U.S. Department of Labor provided a meager \$2 million emergency grant to relieve "civil unrest" in California as black unemployment continues to rise nationally.

In announcing distribution of the limited funds to assist west coast communities and workers affected by the recent events, Secretary of Labor Lynn Martin declared, "The rebuilding process is a national priority. We are commit-

ted to assisting the communities... the healing process must begin immediately—individual by individual, neighborhood by neighborhood." She added, "There is a desire in (See CIVIL UNREST, P. 2)



LEADERSHIP SUMMIT—Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, center, President of the Rainbow Coalition, welcomes New York City Mayor David N. Dinkins, right, and Maurice Cox, Vice President, Corporate Development and Diversity, Pepsi Cola Company, to the recent "National Leadership Summit, Rebuild America, 1992 and Beyond." Pepsi-Cola was a sponsor of the summit at the Sheraton Washington Hotel in

Washington, D.C. The three-day session brought a multi-racial group together to work on what Rev. Jackson called "a program of hope, action and economic justice one month after Los Angeles and a month before the Democratic National Convention." Mayor Dinkins was one of several big city mayors concerned with problems of the inner cities.

Watts Activist Didn't Expect Riots In Los Angeles County

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP)—Ted Watkins once thought that his efforts to provide training programs, thousands of jobs and affordable homes to people in South Central Los Angeles would help prevent a repeat of the 1965 Watts riots. "Anybody who thinks about rioting is out of their mind in Los Angeles County," Watkins said in 1980. Now the 68-year-old head of the Watts Labor Community Action Committee surveys the ruins of his world. His headquarters and mini-mall were looted, then torched on April 30 during rioting that far surpassed 1965 in deaths and destruction. "Stereos, videos, stoves, refrigerators, couches, beds, you name it, everything was gone," he recalled earlier this month while sitting in a barren furniture shop, now his makeshift office. Watkins and his 45-year-old daughter, Tara Watkins, said they were not surprised that the WLCAC was targeted when so many other black-owned businesses were left standing. "We had the goodies," said Ms. Watkins, who has worked at the center most of her life. "The looters knew we had VCRs, stereos and first-rate toys. And they knew where to find them." Neither Watkins nor his daughter seemed to want to blame the looters and arsonists. Instead, Watkins said his \$3 million loss has more to do with what he said is a lack of attention paid to Watts, which is mostly black and Hispanic. (See L.A. AID SLOW, P. 2)

Prof Alleges Discrimination In St. Augustine's College Suit

BY CASH MICHAELS
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A lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court last Friday alleges that St. Augustine's College President Prezell R. Robinson and his vice chairman for academic affairs, Dwight Fennel "conspired" to deny a resident white college professor tenure at the school because of his race. That allegation and more is contained in the 19-page document filed by the attorney for Dr. Allan Cooper, the plaintiff in the suit. Dr. Cooper, an associate professor of history and political science, has taught at the historically black institution since 1981. Dr. Cooper is also a member of the City of Raleigh's Human Resources/Human Relations Advisory Commission.

The CAROLINIAN obtained a copy of the suit last Monday. The defendants, Dr. Robinson and Dr. Fennel were reportedly officially served with the suit that same day.

Dr. Cooper alleges that during his 11 years of teaching at St. Augustine's, he has met every academic and administrative requirement for tenure. Tenure is when an academic institution grants professional employment security to a qualifying faculty member. A recognized political science scholar, Dr. Cooper has authored three books and a wide-ranging series of published articles and reviews internationally. He has also lectured throughout the United States, Canada and the Caribbean.

In 1987, Dr. Cooper was promoted to chairperson of the Division of Social Sciences and the Department of History and Political Science. He has also served on several college committees, and is well respected by his fellow faculty members and his students. So, in 1990, when Dr. Cooper requested to be considered for salary increase and tenure, he was pleased to receive a supportive evaluation from his superior, then vice chair for academic affairs, Dr. Thelma Roundtree. Dr. Roundtree gave Dr. Cooper an "excellent" rating, the highest possible, and recommended both the salary in-

crease and tenure. The procedure, as outlined in the faculty handbook, called for that recommendation to be forwarded on to Dr. Robinson for his review and approval, and then to the Board of Trustees for the final decision. Having not only met, but exceeded set requirements and standards for tenure, Dr. Cooper told THE CAROLINIAN that he was "shocked" when it was not forthcoming. In March of 1991, when he finally wrote to Dr. Robinson to inquire why he was not tenured, Dr. Cooper alleges that Dr. Robinson wrote back saying, "...You have demonstrated beyond any reason-

able doubt sound scholarship, a spirit of true professionalism... As we approach the end of the academic year, your status will be re-evaluated as it relates to tenure." Dr. Cooper has not received tenure since that letter. In his suit, Dr. Cooper alleges that Dr. Robinson "conspired with defendant Fennel [who had succeeded Dr. Roundtree in 1991] to disregard the recommendation for tenure, and in furtherance of that conspiracy, defendant Robinson ultimately refused to recommend to St. Augustine's College's Board of Trustees that tenure be conferred upon [Dr. Cooper]. The act-

Radiothon Set By WLE For July 4th To Assist In Incubator Funding

BY CASH MICHAELS
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In a presidential election year where African-Americans seemingly have no place politically to go, this holiday weekend, July 2-5, will be an "economic call to arms." In short, if black people plan to truly make it in this country, community leaders say they must get their economic act together. On Saturday, July 4, this serious effort to build black businesses continues. From 9 a.m. to noon, the Business Building Society of Wake County will sponsor its first radiothon to raise funds for the development of a small-business incubator in Southeast Raleigh. The radiothon will be heard on WLE-AM 570, and it will be hosted by Ms. Margaret Rose Murray, president of BBS; Frank Roberts, host of "Let's Talk" on WLE; and this writer.

"The purpose of the BBS Radiothon is to raise seed money for African-American commerce in the community," said Ms. Murray. She marveled that despite all of the accomplishments African-Americans can lay claim to here in Raleigh, having their own black business incubator is not one of them.

"We must have a place where small businesses can go and grow, and get all of the help and support an incubator can provide so that they may grow and become successful," Ms. Murray said. She pointed to similar incubators in Charlotte and other cities, where small businesses for people of color and women share secretarial, janitorial, and warehousing support services in their infancy. Once the businesses grow to a certain level, they're able to be "hatched" from the incubator, allowing for a new small business to move in. This continuous cycle helps to provide jobs in the community, for the community.

"The facility we're talking about constructing will be multi-level, providing for shops, offices, a mini-convention center and a place where young people can go to recreate. Why should our youth go out to the shopping malls when we will have our own 'mall' right here in our community?" asks Ms. Murray. The goal is to raise \$25,000 on Saturday to add to funds already raised during the B.B. King concert four years ago. Guests on the radiothon will (See WLE RADIOTHON, P. 2)

Local Deltas Join In Effort To Preserve Estey Hall

BY ALLIE M. PEEBLES
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The national headquarters of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. has initiated a new project, the preservation, beautification and cherishing of African-American landmarks, monuments and historic places. In short, it is referred to as Project Cherish. The Raleigh Alumnae Chapter is one of the 12 Delta chapters located in places where significant African-American history is visibly represented. Here in Raleigh, such a landmark is Estey Hall, which is located on the campus of Shaw University. The Raleigh chapter will carry out various activities to cherish and preserve Estey Hall. On Sunday, June 7, the Raleigh Alumnae Chapter held its ceremony in the Shaw University Learning Center at 4:30 p.m. President Annette Watson gave the greetings on behalf of the chapter. Soror Lucille Webb, co-chairman of the committee, gave the background of the sorority's project and indicated that the local chapter was pleased to work with the Estey Hall project and school officials. Soror Wilmoth Carter, co-chairman of the committee and former (See ESTEY HALL, P. 2)

NEWS BRIEFS

HOMELESS PANEL

A group studying how to help homeless people has been put on hold while a proposed mission for the needy is being challenged in court. The Cary Town Council voted recently to suspend the committee's meetings temporarily. Last month, the council rejected a proposal to turn a downtown hotel and restaurant into housing for the homeless, and a church group appealed in court. Christian Community in Action had asked Cary for permission to convert the Chatham Street property into a ministry called The Caring Place.

BOND PLANS

House leaders Friday proposed a \$500 million bond referendum for education projects. But they did not say how the state would spend the money or repay the debt. The proposal called for \$300 million in bonds for the University of North Carolina system, \$100 million for community colleges, and \$100 million for public schools.

WAKE MEDICAL GETS FACELIFT

In a bid to hold its own in an escalating competition for patients, Wake Medical Center wants to spend \$40 million to renovate older patient rooms and add an extra floor. The Wake County commissioners and state regulators must endorse the plan before construction begins. (See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)

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.

STRUGGLE WITH OFFICER

Nineteen-year-old Derrick Cortez Torain of 7130 Vardiman Gardens was charged with two counts of assaulting a law enforcement officer and one count of resisting arrest and obstruction. Police say Torain got into a struggle with Raleigh Police Officer Bradford Marshall at police headquarters on the fourth floor. A door was damaged during the incident.

POINTING GUN

Thomas Person Ward III, 22, of 817 Peace Terrace, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon. Police say Ward allegedly pointed a gun at 21-year-old Patricia Bell Jones at the same address.

CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON

Robert Boss, 18, of 528 Grantland Drive, was charged with carrying a concealed weapon. Police say Boss was arrested at 4000 Poole Road by Officer G.K. Takano with a .32-caliber Jaguar starter pistol.

POSSESSION OF COCAINE

Thirty-seven-year-old Alton Marvin Chavis of 306 Hill St. was charged with possession of cocaine. Police say Chavis was arrested at the corner of Fisher and Pender streets with a ziplock plastic bag containing two rocks of crack cocaine.

AND MORE COCAINE POSSESSION

Forty-year-old Larry Donnell Simmons of 1516 Joe Lewis Avenue was charged with possession of cocaine, drug paraphernalia, and carrying a concealed weapon. Police say Simmons was arrested on the 100 block of Fisher St. with a plastic marijuana pipe, a razor blade, a small baggie with cocaine residue and a small rock object.