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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23-WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1989-THE 'M' VOICE

Teddy White case to be reevaluated

By TIM HAMPTON News Edito

Chancellor Richard Eakin moved to reevaluate the Teddy White case after meeting with North Carolina National Association for the Advancement of Colored People officials and local black leaders Wednesday on the ECU campus.

In reevaluating the case, Eakin reverses an earlier decision "that the actions taken by the University should not be disturbed.

The case involves an incident April 3, 1988 in which five white students were assaulted in a Garrett Dorm room by Teddy White,

a black student. The incident oc- reevaluate the incident, but no Irons said. cured after the white students allegedly made racial remarks towards White as he worked on his car

After being sentenced by the SGA Honor Board, White was suspended for two years from ECU. White pleaded guilty to five counts of simple assault in Pitt County Court Jan. 23.

"A lot of things were put on the table, hopefully a closer look will be made into what happened on the night of April 3," Dennis Schatzman, executive director of the NAACP, said after the meeting with the Chancellor Wednesday

other decisions have been made at this time," Ben Irons, the ECU attorney, said.

The Chancellor agreed to look into the matter further to assure racial harassment will not happen again," Irons said. Eakin refused to comment on the latest developments after the meeting.

attendance at In Wednesday's meeting were Mayor Ed Carter, Pitt County Commissioner D.D. Garrett, and several other area black leaders in efforts to have "other voices" heard.

"Plans to develop a racial ". harassment policy include "He (Eakin) did agree to seeking input from all sides,"

Schatzman, Eakin said the administration is working on a harassment policy. "I want to assure an environment free of racial harassment," Eakin said.

Schatzman disutes Eakin's through study into the White case in Feb. 13 letter to the Chancellor. "It is obvious to me that you have no intentions of assuring an environment free of racial harassment. Actions speak louder than words," Schatzman says in the letter.

"The case seems to be hinging In a February 8 letter to. on John Bateman who allegedly made the racial slurs," Schatzman said. In allegations made against the university's handling of the White case, Schatzman says "despite evidence, the five white students were never punished."

Schatzman said Bateman should be suspended from ECU for making the alleged racial slurs. Bateman is "equally guilty" according to Schatzman in the letter.

According to Schatzman, Bateman said "We didn't know you monkeys were intelligent enough to open the hood. Why don't you niggers go back to Africa? We'll f-k you niggers up if you don't like it, come up here so we can f-k you motherf-kers up and we'll f-k your bitches up too."

But Bateman said Wednesday night "I admit I did say something outside the window, but it was not racial."

Kent Holcomb, who was also in the Garrett dorm room on the night of Feb. 3, 1988, said "there were no racial statements uttered outside that window."

"I'm in the Marine Reserves and I have more friends who are black in my unit than white," Bateman said.

"Verbal provocation, however, cannot excuse Mr. White's

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NAACP director says NC racist

By TIM HAMPTON News Editor

Racism is on the rise in North Carolina, Dennis Schatzman said in a speech on the ECU campus sponsored by Kappa Alpha Psi as part of Black History Month.

The self proclaimed "Prince of Darkness at ECU" for his recent involvement in the Teddy White case, Schatzman, the executive director of the North Carolina National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said "Racism and white society arrogance is on the rise in North Carolina."

"We got trouble right here in river city," Schatzman, who has been a Kappa Alpha Psi member 19 years as of Wednesday, said.

"It is time for the youth to get sick and tired of putting up with this bullshit," he said in encouraging young minorities to join the civil rights movement.

Elected the youngest judge in Pennsylvania at age 31 according to Schatzman, he said he has followed the racial inequality in law. Schatzman, who became a member of the NAACP at age 15 as a condition of his release from reform school, said people in power invent laws to justify what they do. "I hope I can instill this in you, don't take anything for truth," he added.

Citing laws centuries old which established legal inequality for minorities, Schatzman said he has misquoted on the word 'stare decisis' set precedence for injustice in the 20th century.

Addressing the audience, he said "Never be ashamed of what you are or where you come from." scripture, Quoting Schatzman said "Fight for what is right because the stone the builders refuse will become the head stone."

After his speech, Schatzman was asked about a Feb. 8 article in The Daily Reflector about racial problems at ECU.

When asked about a passage. in the article reading "a black stu-dent in ECU's Student Government Association recently was showered with black and brown jelly beans during a meeting, Schatzman said," Schatzman said 'showered'.

We've Come Long Way

By: James Vines

As I pulled myself up from the very dusty street and began to brush the dirt from my clothes, the other police officer walked over to me and said in a southern drawl, 'Now, boy, you let this be a lesson to you.' So my friend and I decided not to look for work anymore that day. It was very hot and walking in the sun was very uncomfortable.

The next day we decided we would look again because it was just about time for school to open, and we wanted to earn some money so that we could buy things that we needed for school.

I was not so lucky getting a job but my friend was. The job that he hadcalled for him to go to work at four o'clock in the Saturday. After he had been there for about a month he was on a ladder one day putting up stock when one of the clerks who was white and female came over to help him finish his job since there was no one in the store to wait on. While he was up on the ladder, the young lady came up on a second ladder next to the one my friend was on. While he was still working he didn't notice that she was about four or five inches from him when he had to reach around her to put up some things that he was holding in his hands. What he didn't see was a man peering through the win-dow from the outside. He was in a position that made it appear

mistake. The man looking in the window ran down the street yelling as loud as he could to see a nigger hugging a white woman. In about five minutes the streets were full of white men mulling around whispering, 'Let's get that nigger." By that time someone had called the police. After the police arrived they came in the store with their guns down shouting 'Where is the nigger that hugged the white woman?" and they all shouted at one time, 'There he is.'' So they pushed him to the door and put handcuffs on him and carried him off to jail. The next day the papers were

full of the incident and it was not the way it happened. They took him down to the police station and booked him for attempted rape and to be held without afternoon and eight o'clock on bond. On the tenth of the next month which was October, court was held. On Tuesday my friend was brought into court for trial handcuffed and shackled. The judge called my friend's case the very first and in about thirty minutes the case was over because the girl testified that he never touched her and the jury found him not guilty. So the judge put him on probation for five years and he was never to go into that store again. Time went by and my friend was doing good but he should have never tried to stay in this town. One evening a car drove up to his house, a man got out and went to his front door and knocked. He met this man at that my friend had put his arm the door and he began to talk. around the girl as if he was hug- I couldn't hear what they were ging her and that was a big saying but he soon left. The next

day my friend told me he had gotten another job working nights as a cook at the White Elk Club. He worked for the club several months and everybody thought everything was fine until one day he went to work and didn't come home that night. Two days passed, then three days, then two weeks, and he still didn't come home. His mother began to worry because he was not the kind of child to stay away from home. We began to go about the neighborhood asking about him. The next day there came a heavy rain and thunderstorm. After the storm had ceased, two men who were on their way home spotted what looked like a body floating near the bridge where they were walking. They stopped to see if they could make it out and it was exactly what they thought it was. They turned around and ran back toward the city and as they had gotten off the bridge they flagged a motorist down and asked him if he would call the police. So he brought them back to town and got the sheriff and a deputy who called the fire department. They came and fished him out of the river. After he was brought into view witnesses say that the body was bruised badly, his hands was wired behind his back, his mouth was full of rags, his feet were tied together and his face was badly beaten. The next morning the paper said he had committed suicide.

St. Gabriel's School announces their honor roll for this marking period

St. Gabriel's School has announced its honor roll for this marking period.

1st Honors Bobby Sellers, Taneca Ebron. Kia Burriteau, Rachel Griffin, Kevina Henry, Candice Ward, and Kevi Dixon.

2nd Honors

Sommer Daniels, Cornelia Anderson, Dawn Forrest, and Tiffany Moore.

As part of Black History Month a play entitled "Children, Our Greatest Resource'' will be presented at St. Gabriel's School, 1101 Ward St., Greenville, N.C., on Thurs-

day, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. The play will be directed by Elder Milton Sutton. Community members, St. Gabriel students, community ministers, gospel vocalists and musicians will be involved in the presentation. Tickets for the program can be obtained by calling the school in the morning at 752-7912. Ticket prices are: Adults—\$3.00, Children—\$1.50. The program is for the benefit

of St. Gabriel's School.

St. Gabriel's School, 1101 Ward Street, will hold registration for the 1989-1990 school year the week of February 20th. If you are interested in enrolling a child in pre-school (3 or 4 years old) or in grades K through 6 contact the school office at 752-7912.





The Regional Rehabilitation Center has begun offering an Industrial Injury Program to hep workers return to job

The Regional Rehabilitation Center in Greenville has begun offering an industrial injury program that will help injured workers get back on the job. The Regional Rehabilitation Center is located at Pitt County Memorial Hospital.

Kathy Wickizer, coordinator of the program, says injured workers will receive treatment from a multidisciplinary team consisting of professionals from occupational therapy, physical therapy, vocational services, and rehabilitation medicine. On occasion, a participant may be referred to a psychologist or other rehabilitation service.

Dr. Jozefa Debogorski, assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the East Carolina University School of Medicine, is medical director of the program. Dr. Jacinta McElligott, also an assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at the medical school, is assistant medical director.

'None of these services are new, but they have never been offered in this type of program," said Wickizer, who is a vocational evaluator. 'This is a short-term rehabilitation program for workers with an injury that limits

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NAACP **HOSTS BANQUET**

The Pitt County Branch of the NAACP celebrated "Eman-cipation Proclomation" during its annual New Horizons Banquet held February 11th and 12th at the Roxy Showcase Theatre on Albemarle Avenue. A dynamic message was delivered by the young and aggresive Real Estar Magnet, Melvin "Skip" Alston. The event also recognized Pitt County Commissioner D.D. Garrett for his years of relentless service and dedication. Newly elected branch president, Gaston Monk, was on hand to congratulate Commissioner Garrett and discuss NAACP strategy. Greenville, S.C. Ci-ty Parks Director, Ernest C. Adams, Jr. returned to his hometown to attend the an-nual affair. Here is pictured here with radio talk show host and community leader, the Rev. Michael Dixon during the reception which im-mediately followed the historical event.

(Photo by Jim Rouse)

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The Mrs. Beatrice Maye Column

Mrs. Beatrice Maye

REVEREND CLARENCE GRAY, minister and pastor of the **Triumph Baptist** Church, is also principal of the newly built Wintergreen Elementary School in the Bell Fork Community. Shaw University bestowed upon him the honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree on November 13, 1981 and a testimonial banquet was held at the Casablanca in Greenville on February 20, 1982, honoring this distinction with Mayor Cox declaring that day 'Dr. Clarence Gray Day.'' He, along with John H. Taylor, was the first member of the Black race in Greenville elected to the city council.

MRS. MILDRED LEE, 92 years old, is perhaps the most dedicated and committed member of Sycamore Hill Baptist Church, for she never misses attending Sunday school and church religiously, regularly, every Sunday, sitting in her same seat, listenilng attentively, even though she hardly hears. She boasts of reading the Bible completely through several times in



her life. She's a devout Christian who is respected by the citizenry, while emphasizing, 'You must have the birth certificate."

J. J. BROWN, a business executive, licensed Real Estate salesman and educator, who lives at 222 W. Barwick Street, Ayden, has served as a town commissioner as well as mayor pro-tem. He's chairman of the deacon board of Mt. Olive Baptist Church and his fraternity, Kappa Alpha Psi 'roasted'' him with a testimonial banquet at the Phillipi Church of Christ recently. No deed is too great nor any time too dear for him to assist his fellowman.

Perhaps there is no other organist who served his church for fifty years other than AR-THUR LEE 'BUD'' NORCOTT at Sycamore Hll Baptist Church. He also worked for forty-eight years in downtown Greenville on Evans Street at W. L. Best Jewelry Company. He was a mentor for many musicians. Sycamore Hill's Senior Choir's repetoire was a unique one; the compositions rendered set an example for outstanding church music. His portrait hangs on the wall in the choir loft. He required discipline for his choir members.

L. FENTRESS DUPREE, the son of Mrs. Naomi Garrett Dupree and the late John Henry Dupree, is a Deputy Commissioner of Health for the city of New York. He also is an Adjutant professor at Bronx Community College and he helped to organize as well as he was the first president of the New York Chapter of Eppes Alumni Association.

JOHN H. TAYLOR, JR.'S many firsts include: Greenville City Councilman, Recreation chairperson for the City of Greenville, and Associate Superintendent of Pitt County Schools. Presently, he teaches science in the public school system in Miami, Florida. He is also an ordained minister. BERNADETTE GREGORY WATTS is extension specialist with North Carolina State University in Raleigh, a Greenville native.

MATTIE BARNES served six years as a school crossing patrol lady, and she is serving her 12th year as a traffic police officer for the city of Greenville. She is president of the Rose Bud Ushers in Sycamore Hil Baptist Church.

MARJORIE GATLIN, owner and operator of "Flowers by Marjorie" for six years, located at 1406 West 14th Street, worked seventeen years at John's Florist. JAMES EBRON, JR., chair-

man of Greenville's Utilities Commission, is an active member of his church and in community activities.

THOMAS M. FOREMAN, JR. is presently a 10-year North Carolina Sports Editor for Associated Press. Prior to this assignment, he was sports reporter at WCHL Radio Station, Chapel Hill, and he worked part time in the same capacity for the Daily Reflector.

JOHNNY WOOTEN, a retired educator as band director of Eppes High School and Greenville City Schools, is now owner and manager, teacher of Wooten's School of Music, located at 1002 West Fifth Street.

ESTHER RICH, a blind medical records transcriptionist, retired from Pitt Memorial Hospital in 1982. Though blind since six years old, she received her master's degree from Howard University and did an additional year's study at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The Daily Reflector did a feature study of her on March 30, 1980: "Blind Since Childhood, Still An Active Worker." She is most active in her church, Sycamore Hill.

The late GALLOWAY THOMP-SON was Simpson's first Black mayor.

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MRS. LUCILLE GORHAM was the first female Black member of the Greenville City Schools Board of Education. Other females include Lena B. Brown, Erma Carr, and Alfreida Parker.

RAY'S WASH TUB at 1211 North Green Street, owned and operated by RAYMOND WILLIAMS, Aycock's veteran counselor, is one of Greenville's first Blacks.

SHIVER'S BEAUTY SHOPPE at 614 Clark Street, owned and operated by LILLIE SHIVERS, is the oldest along these lines, established in 1947.

ALAN BAILEY from Washington, North Carolina, is George Washington Carver's third librarian, following Mrs. Willie Mae Gibbs.

RUTH BRASWELL JONES has received more than sixty awards and citations during her career, primarily for her leadership in human and civil rights causes. Today Mrs. Jones chairs the Rocky Mount Human Relations Commission and works in the soup kitchen for the homeless. She has lived in Greenville. In 1984 she received North Carolina's first distinguished Women's Award for leadership in education.

DR. A. A. BEST, a veteran physician, who instituted courses in the high schools on human sexuality jin the 50's and 60's [North Carolina Joint Council on Health and Education] for the main purpose of decreasing pregnancies, is to be commended for the giving of his time and energy in this endeavor. He has been a member of his alma mater's Board of Trustees, North Carolina A & T University and of East Carolina University.

NORCOTT'S FUNERAL HOMES in Ayden and Greenville are owned and operated by an efficient staff. GRATZ NORCOTT is owner and manager. Other establishments are Flanagan and Phillips Brothers Mortuaries. Mitchell's Funeral Home in Winterville, fairly new, is worthy of note, under the ownership of REVEREND W. H. MITCHELL.

CHERIE EVANS is a charming and attractive young journalism major from UNC-Chapel Hill, who is one of the Daily Reflector's news editors, a positive role model for our youngsters.

When I think of police officers, CAPTAIN NELSON STATON stands out preeminently with his professionalism and gentlemanly qualities. He is a role model to be emulated and respected and admired.

WILLIAM BARNHILL, who transports senior citizens daily to the Pitt County Council on Aging site is a young man to be admired for he states that "I've been there. Trusting in God is the only way out of your problems." Now he is being active in Sycamore Hill Baptist Church and its activities--ushering, driving the bus, attending Sunday school, and singing in the men's choir. Listen to his soul stirring prayers and exalting singing and you'll know that God has touched him.

JESSE EBRON, a state certified, Level 3, building inspector for the city of Greenville since 1975, is a Pitt County native who was Holyoke, Massachusett's first Black policeman. LESTER BROWN AND LESTER ED-WARDS are two other Black building inspectors for the city.

JOHN W. OUTTERBRIDGE, a Greenville man who now lives in Altadena, California, a sculptor and educator, has worked as director of the Watts Towers, developing meaningful arts programs for all ages, and ethnicities. Many group exhibitions and examples of his work may be seen and read of in museums and books, particularly in the Los Angeles area. Currently, he is lecturing on Afro-American history at California State College [Dominiquez Hills].

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FRANK WILSON, JR. of Neptune, New Jersey, a Greenvillian, who is an electronic engineer for the U.S. Army Communication Electronic Command, received the 1983 outstanding scientific achievement award in meteorology system. The Delta Sigma Theta Sorority honored him January 21, 1989 for receiving an award in overall scientific achievemnet for the Neptune, New Jersey Community and Momouth County.

February is Black History Month, a time set aside when our country recognizes the history and culture of our Black Americans and the many contributions they have made and continue to make in our society. Right here in Pitt County their significant leadership roles in government, politics, journalism/newspapers, music, and our community in general are evident.

lst Black graduate- Natalear R. Collins, Franklinton, NC, 1981-Ob-Gyn.

1st Black professor- Ronald Johnson- Biochemistry.

Head of Rheumatology- Dr. Edward Treadwell.

lst Black Administrator-Associate Dean and Director for Student Opportunities- Dr. Zubie Metcalf.

Lead Member of Transplant Surgery Team, a Black, Dr. Paul R. Cunningham.

Dr. Julius Mallett, Ob-Gyn, one of the first medical schol graduates, who returned after graduating.

Simpson, Black mayor, Galloway Thompson.

Ayden, Mr. J. J. Brown, first Black mayor pro-tem.

Farmville, Mayor-pro-tem, Mr. Leroy Redding.

Greenville, Ed Carter, 1st Black mayor, elected November 1987. He was the first Black to chair the Greenville city Board of Education, February, 1979-June 16, 1980.

1971- First two Blacks on City Council: Reverend Gray and Mr. John H. Taylor, Jr.

Bethel, Richard Johnson, 1st Black city councilman. January 23, 1989

Mrs. Beatrice Maye 1225 Davenport Street Greenvillle, NC 27834

Dear Mrs. Maye:

It was a pleasure speaking with you, over the telephone Friday afternoon and this morning. You seem to be an extremely busy and energetic woman and I'm pleased that I could be of help to you.

I am including a written list of black citizens who appear to have been the first to hold various jobs in city government. You asked for documentation to support this, but, unfortunately, I could

worthwhile to say. JOHN MAYE both listened and talked to some of the most powerful educational forces in our country and state.

His father, a powerful and articulate Baptist minister, whose sermons could "set any church on fire", was ahead of his time in that he spoke out against racial injustice when it was not popular to do so.

MAYE was a tall, brilliantminded youth at Fleming Street School. He played football and worked at unskilled jobs to assist his brothers and sisters financially since his parents died early.

He graduated from A & T College in 1938, where he starred in football and track, attending four years on a football work-aid scholarship. In 1972 the A & T Alumni Association inducted him into the Sports Hall of Fame, posthumously, being nominated by his friend, colleague and fraternity brother, Howard C. Barnhill.

His first teaching experience began at the Pitt County Training School in Grimesland, North Carolina as math and social studies teacher. In 1943, he became principal of the Winterville Colored High School with the railroad track dividing the elementary and high school grades. During his principalship the school's name was changed to W. H. Robinson Union School, from a retired educator who lived and taught in Winterville. The faculty grew from eight teachers to fifty-nine and from less than three hundred students to over twelve hundred students to over twelve hundred with an almost completely vamped physical structure and from six graduates in 1944 to one hundred in 1965, one of his major goals that he realized before complete integration of the schools in Pitt County.

In 1976, the Pitt County Board of Education named the new facility, the library/media center at Robinson Primary School in his honor and Robinson Heights, a subdivision behind the school in Winterville, you'll find Maye Drive, a street named in his honor.

He also appears in the 1967 edition of PERSONALITIES OF THE SOUTH and the Southeastern Division of the A & T Alumni Association in 1969 named him "The Alumnus of the Year."

During his lifetime he was widely recognized as one of Pitt County's more competent high school principals who happened to be Black. He died in Greenville in 1970, leaving behind him a rich

THE 'M' VOICE-THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23-WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1993 Department of Community Colleges to recognize contributions to NC System

On Friday, January 27 at 7:30 p.m., the Department of Community Colleges will recognize years of service contributed by blacks to the NC Community College System.

The banquet will be a black-tie affair coordinated by the DCC Silver Anniversary Committee, and will be held at the Marriot Crabtree in Raleigh in conjunction with the 13th Annual Conference of the Southern Regional Council on Black American Affairs (an affiliate of AACJC).

The names of all blacks (professional and/or trustees) with one or more years of service will be included in a special publication to be distributed at the banquet. Persons identified will receive invitations to be in attendance for the recognition. For further information contact the PCC Personnel Office.

Don't Miss Your Issue of The M Voice

Why Is It? . . .

legacy and memories of outstan-

ding service as an administrator,

a leader in political, social and

fraternal circles as well as in his

church, Sycamore Baptist, where

he was a deacon, church

treasurer, and the first director

of the Board of Christian Educa-

tion, as well as superintendent of

On his marker or tombstone

are inscribed the words: "Here

the Sunday School.

lies a man.

A man wakes up in the morning after sleeping on an advertised bed, in advertised pajamas, he will brush with advertised toothpaste, wash with advertised soap, shave with an advertised razor, have a breakfast of advertised orange juice, cereal and toast, sip his advertised coffee, put on advertised clothes and glance at his advertised watch.

He will ride to work in an advertised car, sit at an advertised desk, and write with an advertised pen. Yet this man hesitates to advertise saying that advertising does not pay. Finally when his unadvertised business goes under, he will advertise it for sale.



find none. Legal restrictions prevent our personnel office from releasing information which may affect employees' privacy However, I was able to glean the information provided below by conferring with Mr. Jesse Harris, Greenville's Human Relations Officer. This list represents what he could recall on the spur of the moment and could have been more extensive if we had more time for research. I hope this is of value to you as you prepare your radio programs and newspaper articles for Black History Month.

First Black police officer (about 30 years ago): Cecil Corbett.

First Black woman council member: Ms. Mildred Council.

First Black department head (1972): Jesse Harris.

First Black woman department head (Finance, 1988): Bernita Demery.

First Black recreation supervisor (about 30 years ago): Luke Hemby.

First Black fireman: Lieutenant Green (retired on disability about 1969 or 1970). Also the first Black fire officer was Captain Walter Jarrell.

First Black Woman fire rescue officer: Angela Gray.

First Black assistant chief of fire/rescue: Raymond Carney.

First Black city planner (between 1978 and 1980, she since has moved to Texas): Farice Goode.

Best wishes on this project. I'd like to meet you when you get a little more time.

Sincerely,

Greg Brown Public Information Officer JOHN MAYE'S DESIGNA-

JOHN MAYE'S DESIGNA-TION as a "Negro leader", in the most, meaningful sense of that abused label, was unchallenged among those who knew leadership. He was highly intelligent, articulate, and balanced. He didn't shout, indulge in namecalling, or pound tables with his ample fist. He didn't have, for he was quite sure of his ground.

Those who dealt with him soon learned that he listened well, and when he spoke, he had something

Teachers make strong point in Raleigh

Irate North Carolina teachers estimated at more than 5,000 strong, converged on the capitol and legislative buildings in Raleigh Tuesday and held a protest rally to emphasize their concern for an immediate across the board 10% pay raise for members of their profession.

While they did not hear Governor James Martin address the group, various leaders of teacher organizations from various sections of the state did meet with the governor to present the teachers's side of the controversial issue.

Reportedly, Governor Martin listened at**tentively and said** in a statement that he **understands a little better the problems that** the teachers face, while saying that he thought that the teachers now better **understand the problems** that he faces with a legislature controlled by Democrats.

All of that notwithstanding the Iredell **County News goes on record** as being in full support of the teachers's cause.

feel that the job entrusted to our teachers is **most important in shaping** the minds of our

youth. Further, we take the position that an increase in the pay rate will attract superior type teachers who will dedicate themselves to the job at hand over the long haul, rather than staying in the classroom until a better paying job comes along, as has too often been the case.

We frown on the merit approach because no suitable objective means of judging the fruits of a teacher's impact on his or her students as they meet life situations has been devised. We have seen on too many occasions, and in other fields as well, promotions supposedly made on merit take the "buddy, buddy" route with African Americans invariably losing ground.

African American teachers over the years in North Carolina and in other states as well have been the most dedicated and have accumulated far more tenure. Yet, they continue to be the last promoted. It is time for a change.

On a final note, we are happy to report We back the need for a raise because we that the presence of African American teachers at the rally was both vocal and visible.

24 Hours: Republican Party pulls a turnaround move

Tony

Brown

What a difference a day makes.

Only 24 hours after taking office, Jack Kemp. the new Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, pledged himself and the Bush Administration to a war against "the intractable problems of the inner

cities." Since over 50 percent of the U.S. Comments black population lives in the top 20 urban markets. Kemp's

pledge amounts to a commitment to black America. Moreover, it is coming from the officials of a party that is largely perceived by blacks as bigoted.

President Bush understands. Jack Kemp, who identified himself and his subalterns as "the cutting edge" of the Republican Party's appeal to Americanized Africans, obviously recognizes that overt demonstrations to blacks must accompany the new rhetoric.

So, true to form, as many whites do when approaching the Black Unknown, the GOP leadership is playing it safe. In this GOP equation, being black replaces the traditional values, so often referred to by President Bush.

The Republican Party chairman, guitar-playing Lee Atwater, joined the GOP chorus when he courted the memory of Martin Luther King via the already over-solicited Coretta King in a speech on King's birthday.

In his campaign to get 50 percent of the black vote within the next 10 years, "The Dream" was hailed. "The Man" was adored. "The Family" was worshipped. No mention was made that King's work is dead.

Most of all, there was no mention of what today's earth-bound blacks have to do to continue King's work or to resurrect themselves. Ironically, Atwater's speech contained less self-help advice than Jesse Jackson's stump speech - and Jackson is a Social Democrat, to the left of Hubert Hum. phrey

Of course, I'm being unfairly critical of Atwater's speech. In today's environment no white can tell blacks the truth. At least he made it through the day without being labeled a racist

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Secretary

So if white Republicans are not going to (or cannot) tell black people to help themselves, how are they going to convert them to the party of Fredrick Douglass and "opportunity"?

The obvious strategy is to meet with the "established" black leaders and win the black masses over with press releases and photo opportunities showing important GOP officials with Jesse Jackson and Coretta King, among others.

At best, it's a superficial approach; at worst, it's patronizing and racist. Racist because it assumes that all blacks want more welfare, more Democratic Party lies and are incapable of comprehending and implementing their own liberation

This is what I believe Robert Woodson, a fiercely independent black man (not a conservative, as the white press identifies him), was trying to tell Jack Kemp when he turned down the number two job at HUD and the distinction of becoming one of the highest-ranking blacks in the administration.

Under Woodson's leadership the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise has created, funded, and supervised the only innovative selfhelp projects in inner cities among underclass blacks. The blacks being courted by Messrs. Bush, Atwater, and Kemp have created solicitation programs only.



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You have to pay price if you want to be boss

Mark Twain wrote before the turn of the century that "there are two times in a man's lifetime when he should not speculate - when he can't afford it and when he can."

And, to reinforce Twain's view on speculation, thought appeared in Ideas for Better Living, stating that: "There are



people who don't say much - those who are quiet and those who talk a lot."

Those two revelations bring us to a modern day slang quote that many of us have seen displayed in places referring to the fact that, "one has to pay the cost to be the boss."

Most will agree that there is a bit of homespun philosophy in each of those statements, but try as one may, Tony Brown can't, and certainly we here can't convince enough African Americans to take seriously those homespun words.

There seems to be a narcissistic approach among too many African Americans that makes it expedient for them to stay cozy in the carryover from their childhood days; that is: "I can make a reasonable

excuse and no one will ever be the wiser. In short they remain in that childhood state that makes them vulnerable to reality. They go on and on fooling themselves.

True, most of those type African Americans want recognition from their neighbors, but fooling one's self is no way to get it.

If one is hungry, simply telling his neighbor that he has just dined on a gourmet meal does not relieve his hunger pangs

So it is with life itself. So it is with the struggle of the race to overcome. What we need is for African Americans to start paying the cost. Sure it is high, the cost that is, but by the same token it is well worth

African Americans sorely need to be honest with themselves; they need to support African American causes, patronize African American businesses, donate to worthy civic causes, look before they leap, and most of all they need to keep the faith and know for certain that the race does not always go to the swift, but to those who endureth to the end.

Then, of course, they should always be mindful of their great heritage, and be willing to carry the torch for those yet unborn.

With that approach in mind, we feel definitely sure that African Americans will obtain recognition and future generations will be ever grateful for the man-like stand that they took in the face of adversity

The candlelight wedding of Jewel Faye Taft of Greenville and William Arthur Knight of Alexandria, Va., took place Saturday at 6 p.m.

Bishop T.L. Davis performed the double-ring ceremony in Progressive Free Will Baptist Church. Organist Barry Dixon and vocalist Marshall V. Taylor presented wedding music.

Daughter of Bernice Taft of Baltimore, Md., and Evelyn Taft of Greenville, the bride was given in marriage by her parents. The bridegroom is the son of the late Georgianna Knight and Columbus Boyd

Bridal attendants were Kathryn Maye of Greenville, maid of honor; Belinda Council of Greenville, matron of honor; and bridesmaids, Agnes Luster of Baltimore, sister of the bride; Theresa Walker of Washington, D.C., daughter of the bridegroom; Mary Baker and Delores Tyson, both of Greenville.

¹ Christin Hemby of Greenville was flower girl and Ryan Luster of Baltimore, nephew of the bride, was ring bearer

Robert Atkinson of Clinton, Md. was best man. Groomsmen included Maurice Knight of Alexandria, son of the bridegroom, ...elvin Taft of



Baltimore, brother of the bride, Willie E. Gaskins of White Plains, N.Y., nephew of the bridegroom, Leon Luster Jr. of Baltimore, brother-in-law of the bride, and Herman Whitley of Washington, D.C., cousin of the bridegroom.

Couple wed by candlelight

The bride wore a formal gown of white satin. The bodice, accented with jeweled alencon lace, featured a sweetheart neckline and long fitted sleeves with alencon lace inserts. The basque waistline fell to a circular skirt and chapel train bordered with lace. She wore a chapel-length veil shaped in a V, laced

with pearls and attached to a beaded tiara of pearls and sequins. The bride carried a silk cascade bouquet of white roses, baby's breath, stephanotis and daisies tied with matching streamers.

The attendants wore red satin gowns with chantilly lace overlays. The necklines were scoop and the sleeves were Renaissance design. The bodices were blouson and had fitted cummerbunds. The hemlines were high-low. Each wore a spray of baby's breath in their hair and carried a white long-stemmed silk mum with matching streamers. The flower girl carried a white wicker basket tied with matching streamers

The mother of the bride wore a red chiffon dress with a dropped waistline. Gladys Gaskins of Stanford, Conn., sister of the bridegroom, sat in honor of their mother.

Shirley Williams of Greenville directed the ceremony

The bride's family and friends entertained at the Bachelor Benedict Club for a reception and cake cutting after the ceremony

An after-rehearsal dinner was given by the bride's family at the: home. The bride was also honor at a miscellaneous shower.

The couple will live in Alexandria after a wedding trip to Barbados. The bridegroom is self-employed.

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Black History Month honors contemporary as well as past

Black History Month is the time when we focus on the rich past of African Americans and on the continuing contributions we make to America. And it's a time when, despite the many problems facing African Americans, we concentrate on the positives and honor those who have given so



ing the picture of the great labor and civil rights leader, A. Philip Randolph.

I suppose there are many people who do not know of Mr. Randolph, or of the extraordinary role he played in bringing blacks into the labor movement, removing barriers to black employment and helping to guide the civil rights movement, including organizing the great March on Washington in 1963.

During his long lifetime, Mr. Randolph went head-to-head with union bosses, employers, and even U.S. presidents. In 1941, he virtually forced President Roosevelt to issue an executive order barring discrimination in defense jobs by threatening a mass march on the nation's capital.

Black History Month also honors the many black scientists, legal experts, writers, statesmen and others who should be given greater recognition for their accomplishments.

Just to cite one contemporary example, General Colin Powell stepped in to head the National Security Council after that agency was severely damaged by the Iran-Contra scandal and the sleazy adventures of those who defied the law and their responsibilities.

General Powell not only cleaned up the mess,

but presided over foreign policy initiatives that have led to a safer world and the prospects of a new, healthier relationship with the Soviets that ends the Cold War.

Now he will get his fourth star and take command of all U.S.-based troops, with responsibility for defense of the continental United States. And he's been widely talked of as the next U.S. Chief of Staff.

Thus, General Powell exemplifies the point that the accomplishments of African Americans are broad and widespread. Black History Month should be a time for schools and other institutions to honor those accomplishments, whether in the activism of civil rights or whether in such mainstream institutions as the Army or the National Security Council:

Black History Month is also a time for African Americans to renew their commitment to their community institutions, such as the church, the black colleges, and the community-based social welfare and civil rights advocacy agencies that have spearheaded our progress.

That's why one of the most important events of 1988 was the Bill Cosby family's gift of \$20 million to Spelman College. It reflected so many important things - the black commitment to philanthropy, the crucial nature of black institutions of higher learning to our past and our future, and the social responsibility of blacks who have made it.

The panoply of black contributions to America and the extraordinary progress we have made despite tremendous odds is certainly reflected in the three men I've mentioned in this column - a labor leader who organized the sleeping car porters into the first effective black union and blazed a trail of leadership in labor and in civil rights for half-a-century, a military leader and presidential foreign policy advisor, and an actor, producer, and philanthropist.



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NAACP director says he will go higher if justice not found

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violent reaction. Tolerance of his behavior would make it more difficult to maintain a safe campus," Eakin said. "One of the victims assaulted suffered a broken nose and another suffered serious head lacerations," Eakin said.

Schatzman said White's reaction can't be condoned, he said both sides involved in the issue should have equal penalty. "But both sides should be given a fair penalty or it should be nullified,"

In the Chancellor's Feb. 8 letter, he states "My review of the matter indicates that Mr. White was charged and disciplined in accordance with applicable university procedures. I found no material procedural irregularities."

But Schatzman disagrees. Schatzman said Teddy White identified John Bateman as the instigator of the incident to Ronald Speier, assistant dean of student life, but wasn't part of the Chancellor's record.

He also said Speier insisted

John Eagan, the SGA public defender in 1988, defend White. Speier and Eagan misled White, according to Schatzman.

Schatzman said both Speier and Eagan "assured Mr. White that the situation would be taken care of and there would be no need to bring Mr. White's witnesses, who heard and saw Mr. Bateman's and his friends' provoking verbal assaults, to the Honor Board hearing."

White's witness to the incident, who appeared in Pitt County Court, named all but Bateman as the students making the racial slurs, according to Bateman.

In Schatzman's letter to Eakin, the NAACP director said he has asked Max Joyner, Jr., the chairman of ECU's Board of Trustees, to conduct an investigation after the Chancellor closed the White case last week.

"If Mr. Joyner goes no further than the "records" that your adminstration believes are complete, then we must go higher to seek justice," Schatzman said.

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Our key to progress? — It's economics

By ROBERT WOODSON

that black leaders have never been compelled to take. The question they should be made to answer is this: Why have the civil rights gains of the past 20 years bypassed poor blacks, even in those cities that blacks control and dominate?

The national civil rights leaders rarely challenge themselves with that question. Instead they continue to look to white America for the key to black progress

Several of these black leaders met during the campaign with the presidential candidates, George Bush and Michael Dukakis, still trying to appeal to white political leaders' sense of fairness toward black America. Their agenda was a familiar one: defense cuts, increased government spending on social programs for the poor, affirmative action, job training, etc.

Black leaders took the same approach more than a decade ago, meeting with President Carter early in his term to discuss the concerns of black Americans. When asked by reporters what came out of the meeting, the leaders said the president had been "responsive."

The cycle continues — disappointment with presumed white friends, disdain for alleged white SUBSCRIBE TO "THE M VOICE"

The real test of black leadership is the very one enemies. Year after year, a vague agenda of jobs, peace and freedom is advanced with few, if any specific remedies for the real problem faced by black America: the need to build strong black, economic institutions, not simply to redistribute income from whites to blacks.

Continued emphasis on political empowerment as the salvation for black America is misleading. This posture leads to the erroneous assumption that when blacks are in charge (hold significant offices), then all blacks will benefit. Not so.

Seven of the 12 largest American cities have black mayors, some of whom have been in office for as long as 15 years. When these mayors boast of progress made in their respective cities, they invariably point to booming downtown development. But what of the neighborhoods where the poor blacks live? Are the circumstances of their lives included in these lusty statements about "boomtowns?" Sadly, the answer is no. Poor blacks are no better off in cities controlled by blacks than in those dominated by whites.

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No one is perfect, our brother Jesse would attest to that. There is an old saying 'that charity begins at home and spreads

tions of our brother Jesse L. Daniels. Throughout his life Jesse has worked very diligently. As a youth Jesse matured early, faced with the responsibility of helping his mother support his

brothers and sisters. As an adult, he married the late Emma Daniels and raised 5 children.

Jesse has been active in the business community for a number of years. Throughout his life he has paved the way for other blacks. Not only by his actions but also by his achievements. Jesse was one of the first black licensed tobacco byuyers in the United States.

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their ability to return to work immediately. We expect to be seeing workers with back sprains, strained muscles, fractures and some hand injuries."

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Not one to rest on his laurels, through his altruism and innovative ideas, he is still working to bring about changes in this racist and unjust society.

He is a firm believer in 'If something is not worth dying for, it is not worth living for.'' and he truly lives his life this way. Jesse L. Daniels epitomizes the spirit and determination of such great men as the immortal Dr. King and Reverend Jesse Jackson.

Submitted by Ann Tyson and Ida Daniels Hicks.



ANN BROWN MY MOTHER

This person may not be famous but in my eyes she's a star. She has contributed more to society than anyone I know. I'm talking about my mother, Ann Brown. She's a beautiful, caring, emotional, dedicated, and overall intelligent woman. Over seven years ago she had the incentive and wisdom to realize she wanted more out of life than what she had. So with consideration and prayer she entered a business not realizing what she would get out of it. Her life changed completely after making that commitment. Her motto was and still is God first, Family second, and Business third. With her priorities set in this order she made it to the top in no time. She's won four cars and numerous other prizes.

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