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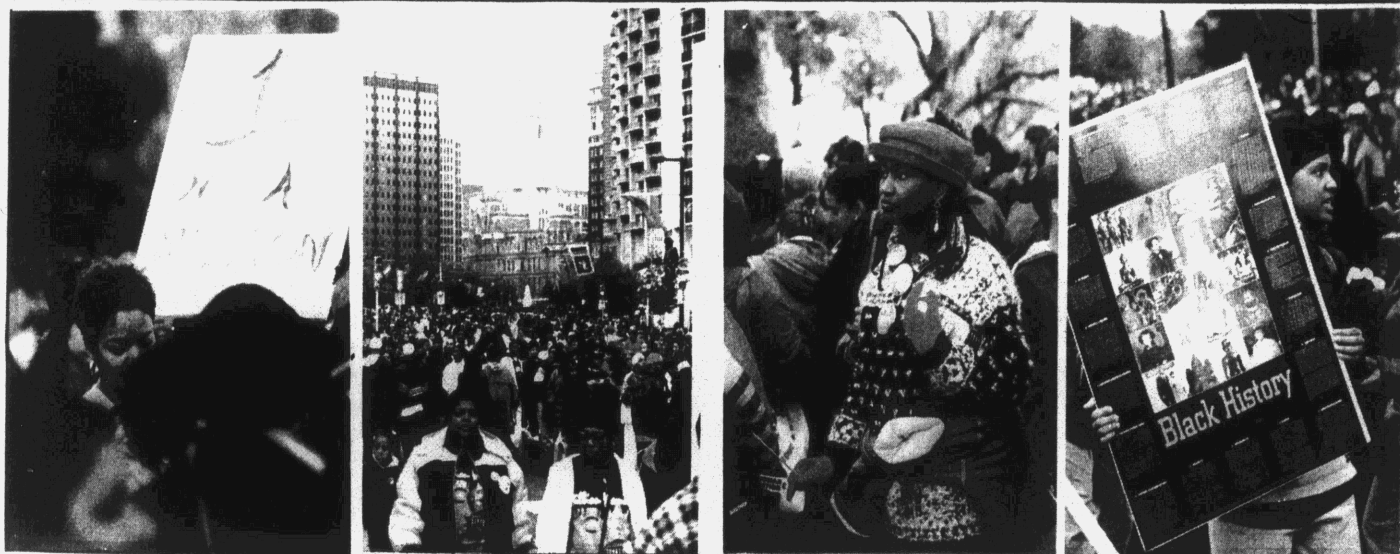
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Lightning strikes twice in black history, as over a million African-American women take Philadelphia by storm with love and unity.

Cash Michaels

Staff Writer

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—“I knew, I knew, I knew—a million and some,” declared a happy Dorothy Giarra Saturday. With her 11 year-old daughter Amber, the Wilmington, Del. mother marveled at the hundreds of thousands of African-



Keita Saad joyfully pattyckes with her adopted niece, Amber.

American women who came from all parts of the country to the Benjamin Franklin Parkway of Central Philadelphia as she did, to be part of the Million Woman March—possibly the largest women's demonstration in the history of America.

“And some, and some—because they're still coming,” Giarra, whose last name is West African for “warrior,” added. Amber was excited because she'd never been around so many people “who were the same like me.”

“Yes,” the young lady added, and she knew she was now part of history.

It was the event that compared to its 1995 predecessor, the Million Man March, was supposed to fail, according to many in the mainstream press.

Except for a web page on the Internet, black media, and word-of-mouth, there was very little publicity. There were rumors and reports of confusion and disorganization, and even black women themselves were heard to say out loud that the MWM should not happen.

But on Oct. 25, the City of Brotherly Love was peacefully taken over by an estimated 2.1 million African-American women, according to organizers (Philadelphia Police placed the number as high as 1.5 million), who answered the naysayers with open displays of love, atonement, dedication, and yes, unity.

Feeling the sense of empowerment, many also vowed to take those sentiments back to their respective communities to make a

positive difference.

“I'm taking a lot back to my community,” Sandra Harrell, a Wilmington, Del. grandmother who

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A LEGEND IN HIS OWN TIME—The Town of Ayden, Board Of Commissioners, and Recreation Commission dedicated the J.J. Brown Park on Sunday, Oct. 26.

Election New & Notes

Some local members and leaders of community organizations convened a public meeting on October 27, 1997 at Pitt Community College and agreed upon encouraging citizens to do the following:

1. Learn of the candidates seeking elected office;
2. Make plans to vote on November 4th 1997 (seats to be filled include Mayor, Town and City Council members from municipalities across Pitt County);
3. Call and encourage 20 or more people to vote, including family, friends, co-workers and others.

Remember, the 1998 elections are fast approaching but the local elections this November 4th are also equally crucial.

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State NAACP Convention Opens In Capitol City

By Cash Michaels

Staff Writer

Will delegates from the state's 116 NAACP branches representing 60,000 members give their appointed State Conference presi-

dent, Melvin “Skip” Alston, a vote of confidence and elect him to a two-year term, or is there really as much disenchantment with the direction of the state chapter as his opponents say there is—enough to get one of them elected in his place?

That question will be answered this Saturday during the three-day 54th Annual NAACP State Convention at the North Raleigh Hilton, which begins today in the Capital City.

Not only is the direction and philosophy of the State Conference for the next two years at stake, NAACP members say, but also its credibility. Can the state NAACP be an even more aggressive instrument for positive change in the African-American community than it has been in recent history?



ALSTON

Its current president, along with his three challengers—District 8 Director Min. Curtis Gatewood, Duplin County Branch President Jesse Smith, and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Branch Political Action Committee Chairman Terry Belk, all say yes, and are confident it will, they promise, if elected Nov. 1.

Alston, 40, says he wants to continue leading the state organization he's “helped to strengthen and expand,” and raise it to “a new level.”

Appointed last May after serving as interim president for several months, Alston's platform has two priorities for the African-American community—developing both economic and political muscle.

He wants the state conference to help elect more black elected officials, revitalize the civil rights agenda of the NAACP to aggressively address affirmative action rollbacks and welfare reform, and be more visible as a lobbying force for other issues concerning the black community.

On the economic front, the Durham native says he wants to make the state chapter more self-sufficient by improving its fund-raising efforts, fostering more mu-

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LOVING EMBRACE—Congresswoman Eva Clayton is pictured with one of the “Targets” of “Her Affection”, our youth. This young lady was one of several hundred students and other young and older people who attended Youth Summit '97. The event featured several local community leaders, including Mr. Farnley Moore. The program also included a wide variety of workshops and a huge talent show. Keep up the good work, Congresswoman Clayton! (George White Photo)

AKAs Celebrate Anniversary

Iota Kappa Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority celebrated its 25th anniversary the weekend of Oct. 10-12. The week of Oct. 6-12 was proclaimed Alpha Kappa Alpha Week in the city of Greenville.

Activities began on Friday night with a public reception at The Du Bois Center. A banquet/dance was held at The Hilton Inn on Saturday night with Dr. Barbara Kinard Phillips as the speaker. Dr. Phillips, 20th International President of AKA Sorority, Inc., was Mid-Atlantic Regional Director when the chapter was chartered.

Former members of the graduate and undergraduate chapters, past Fashionista queens and participants and other guests attended the weekend activities. Past presidents of the chapter; 25 year members of the sorority; and charter members of the chapter were recognized. Ms. Martha Jones was recognized for her participation in the first Senior Citizens program sponsored by the sorority.

Chapter members, along with members from other Eastern Carolina chapters, participated in a Rededication Service on Sunday

morning conducted by Karen Brisson and Dr. Phillips.

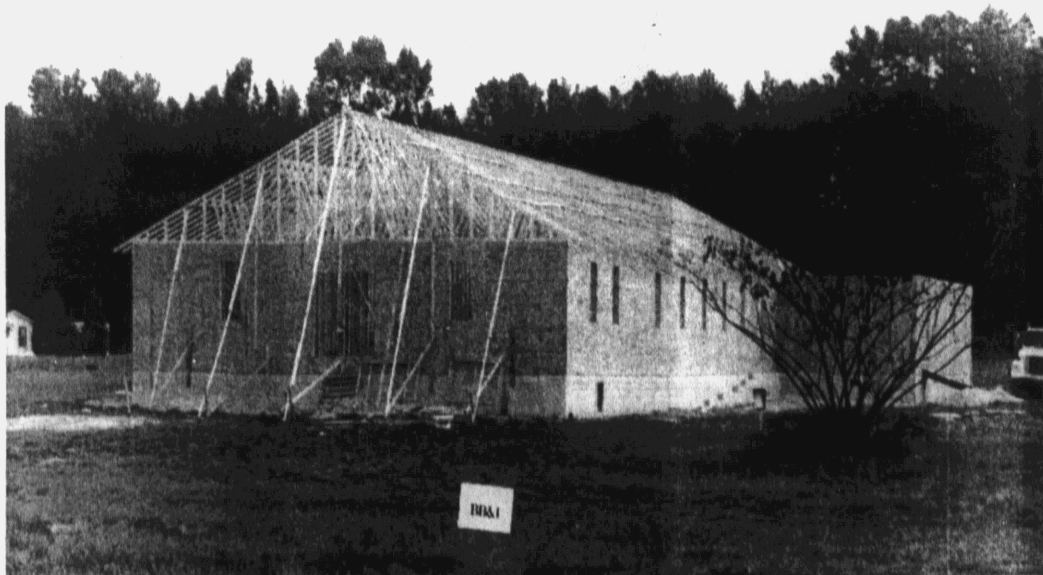
The chapter was chartered Oct. 28, 1972 in Pitt County with 16 members. The umbrella theme was “Communication Through Service.” The active charter members are Jean Carter, Ella Harris, Lucy Hemby and Charlotte Smith. Other charter members attending the weekend events were Shirley Coward-Cos, Willie Mae Gibbs, Addie Gore, Vivian Hawkins Grimes, Verna Mills, and Judy Williams.

Helen Harrell and Gloria Hines served as co-chairpersons for the celebration. Barbara Ormond, chairperson, Reception; Sondra Morris, chairperson, Hospitality/gifts/flowers; Tamaira Johnson, chairperson, Invitations; Barbara Johnson, chairperson, Decorations; Rhonda Dennard, chairperson, Anniversary Booklet; Ella Harris, History Coordinator; Jean Carter, Dance/Band Coordinator; and Gloria Hines, Music Coordinator.

Karen Ellis Brisson is president of the chapter.



BARBARA PHILLIPS



UPON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH—Pictured here is the structural beginnings of the Saint Mary's Missionary Baptist Church (located on Red Banks Road in Greenville). Real Progress in the making. (Jim Rouse Photo)

ISSUE OF RACE

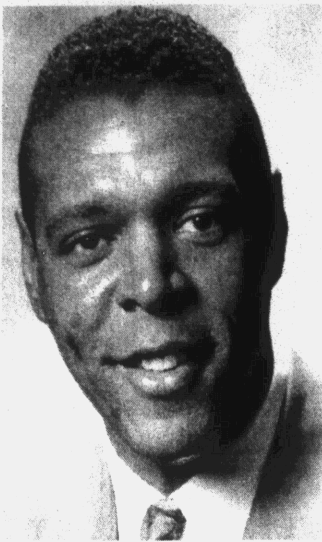
BY BRIAN L. HAYNES, Ph.D.

Writing at the turn of the century, in the classic book titled "The Souls of Black Folk," W.E.B. DuBois, noted black intellectual, identified that the major problem facing America was that of the color line. As we approach a new millennium, specifically the twenty-first century, the perplexing issues surrounding race relations in America continue to make front-page headlines throughout the United States. In the Oct. 15, 1997, issue of "The Race Relations Reporter," a newsletter that chronicles America's continuing struggle with racial hate, no fewer than thirty-three "major" incidents of hate crimes were reported during the time period spanning from June 1997 through August 1997. The number does not reflect the daily racial encounters endured by an unquantifiable number of African-Americans. No one knows how this country or its increasingly diverse populations will react to the increase in hate crimes.

Earlier this year, President Clinton called for a national debate on the issue of race and subsequently convened a blue ribbon panel to explore the problem. Led by Professor John Hope Franklin of Duke University, the panel hopes to educate the masses of Americans about the issues surrounding race. Given the complexities of the problem, the task of educating even a portion of the American population will require at minimum a Herculean effort of the panel.

This is not America's first (and probably not the last) attempt to come to grips with the issue of race. Similar initiatives were embarked upon in the years immediately following the Civil War with the establishment of the Freedman's Bureau to assist the transition of millions of newly freed slaves into society. During

the 1960s there were a number of government initiatives designed to examine the issue and impact of poor race relations in America. Unfortunately, the two previous governmental initiatives to explore race relations in America have failed miserably.



I am of the opinion that much of the reason for failure lay squarely with the fact that the majority of Americans have a truncated view of history. In other words, they are unwilling to accept the fact that the institution of slavery and the years of Jim Crow Laws and rigid segregation continue to negatively impact the fabric of American society. These individuals want no ties to the past when it comes to issues of race opting instead to propose solutions absent of America's troubled racial past. What is needed at this point in our history is honest dialogue about issues of race in America. That dialogue cannot occur if the majority of Americans remain oblivious to the negative impact that racism has had on our society.

NAACP RACE

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tual support of black businesses, and developing effective tools to level pressure on those businesses that don't offer equal opportunities to people of color.

By increasing the amount of NAACP scholarships, youth and tutorial programs, capped off with a successful one-day, 10,000-member radiothon drive, Alston says he's laid the foundation "for

launching a more active N.C. NAACP" and feels he deserves a chance to build on that foundation.

His opponents don't agree.

Charlotte's Terry Belk's campaign theme is "A new vision for the North Carolina State Conference," and while he was careful not to say anything directly negative about Alston's leadership, he left no doubt that he felt it was time for a change.

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SISTERLY LOVE

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shared the experience with three generations of her family, told a local TV station. When the reporter asked her what was she going to do with it, Harrell replied, "Oh, I did a lot with it before I came here."

"I could not resist the opportunity to have the healing power of all this womanly vibration," said Keita Saad of Kent, Ohio, who said she's been faced with several recent hardships.

Seeing the overflowing but diverse crowd, and feeling "the spirit inside," brought a visible joy to her heart, and reinforced her belief in the need for unity among "all African people living in America."

From Philadelphia's Indepen-

dence Hall to the steps of that city's Museum of Art at least a mile away, there was no shortage of inspiration. Elderly women, some in wheelchairs, some with canes, came out to be part of the throng.

Young children, amazed by what took on all the trappings of a monstrous block party, were watching all of the different shapes, sizes and colors of black womanhood parading before them.

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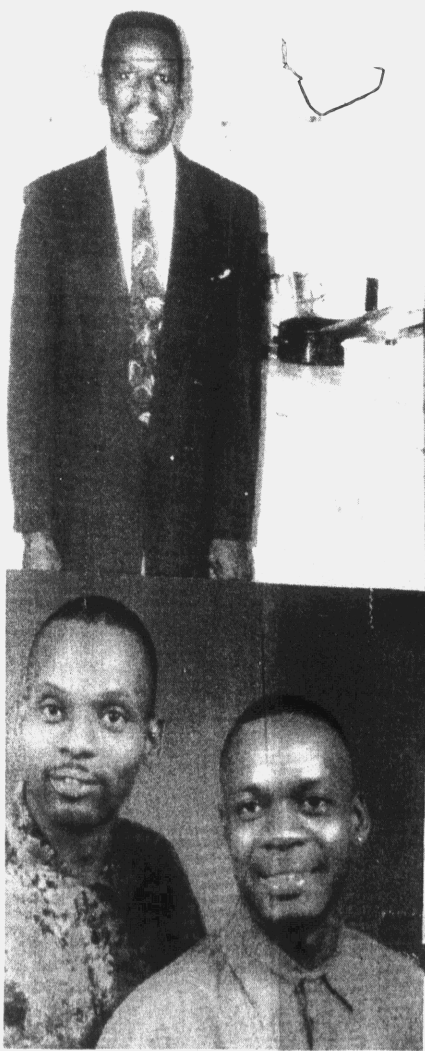
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PERSONAL

Calvin C. Henderson was born July 31, 1937 in Winterville NC. (Pitt). Class of 1956, Robinson Union. US Army Reserve-1955-1956. US Air Force 1956-1960. Pitt Community College-1967-1969. A & T State Univ. Small Business Course 1985. NC Institute of Governors Classes For Newly Elected Officials. License by NC State Board of Examiners for Contracting (Plumbing) 1976.

EXPERIENCES

First Afro-American elected to Winterville Board of Aldermen. 1972. Selected to serve on one of Eastern NC first Metropolitan Sewer Treatment project with a cost \$6.5 Million. Charter member. Former member Winterville Board of Adjustment. Presently serving as a member of Winterville Recreation commission.

ACTIVITIES/MEMBERSHIP

Active member Community Christian Church. VP /Executive Board member Pitt County Branch Board member Pitt County Branch NAACP. (15 yrs). Former Chairman Winterville Central Democratic precinct. Active volunteer/member American Cancer Society. Man to Man Prostate cancer support group. Active volunteer...certified caregiver with Hospice of Tarheel (8 yrs) Active volunteer with Robinson Elementary School as a "Key communicator" (8 yrs). Active member Pitt Co. Senior Games. (Local-state participant) Executive Director Winterville Concerned Citizens & Develop Inc. Former committee member Pitt Co. United Way.

EMPLOYMENT

1995-Pitt Co. Council on Aging. Manager Winterville site. 1982- Maint Mech. Burrough Welcome. 1976-1989- Owner..Henderson Plumbing & Heating Co. (State wide)

HONORS

1995-Pitt Co. Branch NAACP Outstanding Community Service Achievement Award. 1989-1990-Special Award by Pitt Co. Community School for contributions and support of Adopt a School Program. 1972-State of NC Distinguished Service Award. Presented by Prince Hall Grand Lodge F & A.M. of N.C. for unusually dedicated service in area of Religious, Social, Civic, and Political Action.

FAMILY

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Church Briefs

BY FAYE WHITE
Associate Editor

Editor's Note: If you would like to have your church's special event included in this column, please submit it to Faye White, 'M' Voice Church Calendar, at least two weeks prior to the event.

Holy Mission Holy Church, 1811 South Pitt Street in Greenville, would like to remind everyone that their Outreach Center is open daily, Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. "If we can be of help to you, please give us a call" at 756-6944.

"Life Star Ministries"—Producing lives that shine as stars because of the cross—presents the drama "God Remembers" at 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9, at the W.H. Robinson Elementary School (449 North Railroad Street in Winterville), sponsored by Bishop W.H. Mitchell and the Good Hope Free Will Baptist Church Youth Department. Life Star Ministries is a nonprofit organization affiliate with the St. Rest Holy Church. Our mission is to reach the lost, restore

lives, and build strong solid families for God.

Brother Alton "P-Jack" Spruill will deliver his initial sermon at 6 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 2, at the Salvation and Praise Full Gospel Church in Farmville. Friends and family are invited to come and witness this great occasion.

The St. Mary's New Horizon Mass Choir will celebrate their

Ninth Anniversary at 3 p.m., Sunday, Nov. 9. Witness for Christ will be presented in concert.

York Memorial AME Zion Church will hold appreciation services to honor their pastor, Rev. Charlie O. Caldwell, Nov. 9-16. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly and 6 p.m. on Sunday. Scheduled to participate in this celebration: Monday - Rev. Blake Phillips and English Chapel; Tuesday - Bishop T. L. Davis and Progressive; Wednesday - Rev. Sidney Locke and Cornerstone; Thursday - Bishop Ralph Love and Holy Trin-

ity; Friday - Rev. Howard Parker and Sycamore Hill; and, Sunday - Rev. Rosie O'Neal and Koinonia. An Appreciation Benefit Dinner will be held in the Luther Brown Fellowship Hall of York Memorial at 6 p.m. Saturday. The public is invited to share in this celebration for this great manservant of God. For more information, contact chairperson Johnny Wooten at 757-1135 or York Memorial at 758-6077.

New Deliverance Holy Church (South Lee Street in Ayden) will host an Appreciation Service in honor of Pastor Mattie Ann Smith's Pastoral Anniversary at 3

p.m. on Sunday, November 2. Minister Hill (of the Providence United Holy Church in Jacksonville) will be the guest speaker.

Progressive FWB Church Deacon Board will celebrate their Anniversary at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, November 2. Special guests will be Elder Melvin Payton and Dildy's Chapel.

Joe's Branch FWB Church will hold Quarterly Meeting Service on Sunday, Nov. 2. Dr. Allan Smith will deliver the morning message. Dinner will be served at 2:00 p.m. Pastor Scottie Rodgers and the Pleasant Plain United Holy Church will be guests for the

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Space is limited, so reserve your place on the dance floor now!



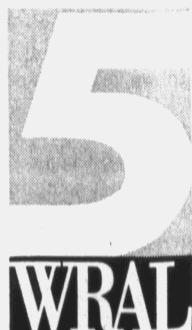
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The Black Press believes that America can best lead the world away from racial and natural antagonisms when it accords to every person, regardless of race, color or creed, full human rights. Hating no person, fearing no person in the firm belief that all are hurt as long as anyone is held back.

The Next Election

Many of our readers may have thought that they were finished with elections after the "victory" (sort of) the first week this month in municipal elections.

That would be understandable. After all, the people whose races meant the most to African-Americans—our own District C, and the at-large races—were taken care of.

The balance between those who generally favored our interests and those who generally did not was a more equitable one, without our having to expend all that much effort.

The remaining local race of interest to blacks to be decided in the runoff, that of Kieran Shanahan vs. Keith Karlsson in District A, was pretty much out of our territory.

There just aren't that many black folks in District A, not enough to get worked up about, and so the council will either be deadlocked or go to a 5-4 moderate/progressive lead, depending on what District A decides.

So the election was pretty much over for the African-American community.

Not quite. There is another election that will potentially have great interest and consequence for the black community besides the Nov. 4 general election.

That contest is the one for the presidency of the North Carolina Conference of Branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

We hear the amusement out there. A lot of you are saying, "Yeah, right. The NAACP has a lot to do with me in the '90s."

Well, actually, maybe so. Aside from the fact that a lot of the folks talking like that are the same ones who were ridiculing the idea of voting in the October municipal elections, there have been some valid complaints about the way the NAACP has performed—or failed to perform—in recent years.

And yes, the organization has had

its share of scandals and hard times recently, with resignations, spicy revelations and allegations of misappropriation.

Current NAACP President "Skip" Alston got his job after State President Kelly M. Alexander, Jr. was removed by the national board for certain alleged improprieties, which he continues to deny.

So there is a lot of baggage coming with the NAACP, it is true.

But consider this: The organization was responsible, probably more than any other, for the eventual defeat of Jim Crow in the South in the '40s, '50s and '60s.

True, there were others, many others. But the NAACP was undeniably at the point—before Martin Luther King, before Malcolm X.

There was a time when mere membership in the NAACP was enough to get a person fired from a teaching position.

And that wasn't a back-door, smoke-filled room type of deal, it was an out-in-the-open requirement, written into county regulations across the South.

That more than anything tells what the NAACP meant to the opponents of black progress at the time.

There has been a move to make the NAACP more relevant, to reclaim the might it once wielded.

In this time when the rights and aspirations of African-Americans are under attack from their enemies on all sides, we need a champion.

In fact, we need all the champions we can get.

That's why this election, in which four distinct personalities are vying to control this important state chapter of the NAACP, should be of burning interest to black people.

Read Thursday's CAROLINIAN and get in tune with an election whose outcome could affect the way we all live in the coming years.

Sistas Took Charge

In between railing about the state of affairs for black folks in the United States and North Carolina, and issuing clarion calls to action for African-Americans, we thought we would take time out to pay a simple tribute.

Last week, in Philadelphia, Pa. "hundreds of thousands" of women (to quote the so-often-used understatement of the mainstream media) gathered for their own statement of solidarity.

The Million Woman March on Saturday was, by all accounts, a blazing success. The smoke is still clearing as estimates come in of exactly how many women came. And the questions will probably stay for some time.

But one thing was clear: the sisters were about business and about making their own statements to an America that had grudgingly turned its spotlight, albeit briefly, on them.

For the most part, they were black. Some were angry; some were excited; some forgiving, some defiant.

But all were proud, strong and vocal as they let the country and the world know that there were some

things that they wanted to talk to them about.

Those who had suggested that the women's side of the march would be a national version of a Saturday soiree, a chance to show off finery and socialize with a day off from housework, were probably surprised.

They found that they didn't know women quite as well as they thought they did.

In fact, as speaker after speaker eloquently laid out demands for justice, respect, and fair play, they may have come to the conclusion that they didn't really know women at all.

Which was exactly the point. The event was a political, social, spiritual and emotional event-of-a-lifetime for those who made the trek. They didn't waste it.

It established, for those who may have had any doubt and forgotten women's power in so many movements of the past, that they were a force to be respected and reckoned with.

How much of that unity and purpose will be transformed into action on the local level will remain to be seen.

But the sisters got our attention.



Keep Pressing Toward Your Dreams

BY TREY BANKHEAD



Have you ever wanted something so badly that you might kill for it? Ever wanted something so badly you would die for it?

People that I've asked that question of usually give me this look that says "Okay, he's crazy." Still, there have been a few that actually considered the question for a few moments, and gave me an answer. They tell me what they would kill for, and what they would die for. But, strangely enough, none of those people can tell me what they're **LIVING** for!

The thing about it is this: What you're living for, what you would die for, and what you would kill for, are **ALL THE SAME THING**.

Let me put it this way: A few years ago, my wife asked me to write an obituary. What made the request strange was that she wanted me to write the notice of my **OWN** death! Eyeing her carefully, wondering if she had decided to try some new violent form of divorce, I wrote the obituary, placing within it all the goals that I'd wanted, acting as if the "me" that had died had attained all those goals. After I finished, she asked me if I was doing anything to attain the goals my "dead self" had reached. The question really made me think. If I died tomorrow, would I be satisfied with the life I was leaving behind? Had I made any effort to do what I wanted to do with my life?

The scary thing is, at that moment, I could not think of a single thing that I had done to accomplish my goals! Somehow, I had kept putting everything off "until there's enough money" or "until I'm ready." If I had died, I would have died without ever finding out what my potential was.

Fine...no one knows exactly when or how they will die. I can accept that. Frankly, I don't **WANT** to know how or when I'll die. It's out of my hands. But I will definitely have some say in how I am going to **LIVE**!

Which brings me to the next part...choosing how I'm going to live. For me, it was a difficult decision. I had to figure out what I wanted out of life. I took a good hard look at what I was good at, and what I enjoyed doing. After that, I did some research into what fields my interests would work best in. Interestingly, the choices that came up were law enforcement (my dad's former occupation), health and medicine (my mom's occupation), being a lawyer (my mom-in-law's occupation), teaching, and writing. I then made my choices after looking into each field. I dismissed law and law enforcement because, in either job, I'd never get to see my wife. I ignored medical for the same reason.

That left writing and teaching. I took a job as an editorial assistant with a publisher to learn about the editorial side of writing, but that job bored me to death. I started writing poetry and short stories again, which I had done back in high school and college. I left the publisher and started thinking about teaching. (I am a firm believer in the idea that God has a definite sense of humor...I remember swearing, back in college, that I would **NEVER** become a teacher...and that's just where I ended up.)

I set up a plan of action. If I wanted to figure out whether I wanted to teach, the best way to do that was to actually teach! I registered as a substitute teacher. Three months later, I was hooked! Now, over a year later, I love teaching!

The other plan I set up was to improve my writing. I started submitting articles to papers to get feedback on my writing style. I got rejected a lot, but my interest continued. That led to my having this column.

So, what is it that you have always wanted to do? Are you doing anything to get there, or are you just wasting time? Look at kids...when they're little, their job is to have fun, and having fun is their life. When you become an adult, it's expected that your job is your job, and **THAT** becomes your life. I can accept that, as much as I don't like it. But, I'm

making sure **MY LIFE** is my job...I'm going to do what I love, and let that lead me to the life I want.

So many people are unhappy with the lives they have, and they never realize that it's their own fault that they're unhappy. Me? I've chosen to be the captain of my own destiny. Using the skills I've been given, I'll chart my own life's course, and accomplish those goals which will better me and other people.

Life isn't always about following directions, going from A to B to C. But, as I found out, if you don't have a plan on how you intend to reach your goals, then those goals will always be of the type that you'll "get around to someday." If you keep thinking like that, that "someday" will turn into "never," and you'll look back later and ask "what if?"

SUCCESS

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

NNPA Feature Column

"Anytime you see someone more successful than you are, they are doing something that you aren't." Malcolm X

Do you ever look around and see others achieving their goals and attaining success while you are stuck on a dime unable to do, be or have your heart's desires? Perhaps it is because as Malcolm said, "they are doing something you aren't." Perhaps they are working longer, harder and smarter. Perhaps they have self-confidence and believe in their goals and you don't. Maybe you are not taking full advantage of all your assets.

Sit down and take an assessment of your goals and aspirations and the things you have done to bring them into reality. It's gut-check time, a time to be honest with yourself. By being honest I don't mean being self-deprecating or putting yourself down. I mean examining what you've done or haven't done, how you did it and determining whether or not you have it your best. Look at your actions or inactions and in hindsight determine if there was anything you could have done better.

Life is what you make it! It's like baking a cake or pie. If you want the best results you have to put in the best ingredients. What are the ingredients of success? Success is defined as *the attainment of a worthy goal*. Hopefully your goals are your own and what you define them to be. To be truly happy you must live your own life and be who you were created to be! Goals can be as varied as the number of people on this planet. For a toddler, success may be tying his or her shoes. For a six-year-old it may be walking to school all by him or herself. For you it may mean opening your own business or weathering the storms, working things out and remaining in a fulfilling relationship.

To be successful you first need a goal or an objective, something you want to accomplish. You have to envision it (see it clearly in your mind's eye) and charge this vision with enthusiasm, optimism and commitment. It must be more than an idle wish or a daydream. You must invest yourself into it!

Next you must formulate a working plan. How are you going to accomplish what you desire to do? Who will you need to assist you? What skills, training or resources will you need? No one makes it alone. No one does anything entirely for him or herself. We all benefit from the attainment of worthwhile goals. That being the case, we must work with others to accomplish our goals. We need *support* as well as *resistance* to attain our objectives. Both support and resistance are crucial to every endeavor. Support gives us the added push and encouragement we need. Resistance and obstacles test our mettle, they force us to dig deep within ourselves and tap into our inner core of talent, strength and diversity. The life/success process demands we interact with others and persevere to overcome adversity.

Visions, dreams, enthusiasm, support and resistance mean nothing unless we are willing to commit to *action*. Our rewards (outcome) are always directly proportionate to our output (the energy, time and commitment we invest in ourselves and our goals). We all have 1,440 minutes in a day, no more, no less. In that regard we are all equal. What we accomplish is directly proportionate to how efficiently we use our time, energy and resources. How do you use your time? Do you waste valuable time procrastinating? Are you paralyzed by fears which prevent you from doing the things you know you need to do? Are you unwilling to ask for help or advice? Do you make the same errors over and over again without learning the inherent lessons within each situation? Do you effectively leverage your resources? Do you get the most out of yourself and your assets? Do you know how blessed and wealthy you really are?

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SEVEN MINDS

1. Mind your tongue. Don't let it speak hasty, cruel, unkind or wicked words.
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3. Mind your ears. Don't let them listen to evil songs or words.
4. Mind your lips. Don't let strong drink enter your mouth.
5. Mind your hands. Don't let them do evil to others.
6. Mind your feet. Don't let them follow in the footsteps of evil.
7. Mind your heart. Don't let the love of sin dwell in it. Ask Jesus Christ to make it his throne.

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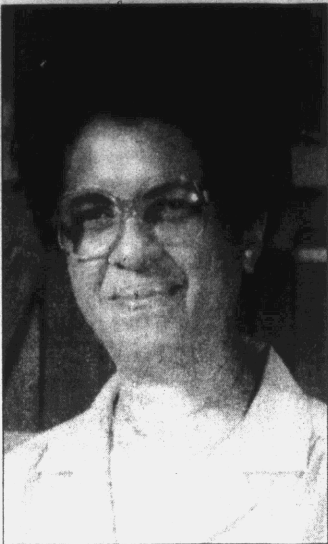
Not money received, but service rendered.

Not large membership, but God's presence.

Not what it has done in the past, but what it is doing for Christ now and in the future.

SOME SOURCES OF SATISFACTION

1. Be alone and silent for half an hour each day.
2. Smile at someone.
3. Pray for someone.
4. Make love to someone.
5. Read a book or newspaper in your favorite chair.
6. Buy something wildly extravagant for yourself and for your spouse or friend.
7. Do a job well.
8. Complete one task that has been burdening you for a long time.
9. Run your first mile.
10. Take off excess weight and keep it off.



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11. Get rid of a bad habit and keep it through iron discipline.
 12. Take up a good habit and keep it through iron discipline.
 13. Help someone with a problem.
 14. In the company of others, praise a fellow worker for a job well done.
 15. Write a thank-you letter to a person who changed your life.
 16. Give some of your time to your church and do not expect thanks in return.
 17. Give flowers to someone whom you admire and respect.
 18. Take a course that improves your skill.
 19. Praise someone's moral strength, understanding, personality, work or appearance.
- JESUS' PRAYER PATTERNS**
- "He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed" Luke 5:16
- Communication is vital to any relationship: parent and child, husband and wife, employer and employee, coach and athlete. And most important--God and those who love Him.

During His time on earth, Jesus showed us the importance of communication. The Gospels tell us of nearly 20 occasions when He prayed to His heavenly Father. He prayed in different circumstances: at His baptism (Luke 3:21), during brief rests from ministry (Luke 6:12), before raising Lazarus (John 11:41). And He prayed for different things: for guidance (Luke 6:12-13), to express His desire to do His Father's will (Matthew 26:39), to give thanks for food (John 6:11).

Jesus was a prayer warrior. Here was God himself in the person of the Son, the One in whom all the power of the universe dwelt, yet He turned to God the Father in prayer. As hard as that may be to understand, its lesson for us is easy to grasp: If Jesus needed to communicate with God to accomplish His mission, how much more do we need to pray?

Think of what you have to face today. If it is your habit to ask, "What would Jesus do?" You can be sure from His example that He would pray first. Let's make that our pattern.

As we attempt to live like Christ, in action, word, and deed, we'll follow His design for life, and pray for every need.

Thought: PRAY FIRST! QUOTES ON PRAYER

1. Prayer provides power, poise, peace, and purpose.
2. To grow tall spiritually, a man must first learn to kneel.
3. God honors no drafts where there are no deposits.
4. Prayer is more than asking God to run errands for us.
5. Keep your chin up and your knees down.
6. God is never more than a prayer away.

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7. A Christian is like ripening corn: the riper he grows, the lower he bows his head.

8. Most of us would be in more trouble than we are if all our prayers had been answered.

9. You can't possibly stumble if you're on your knees.



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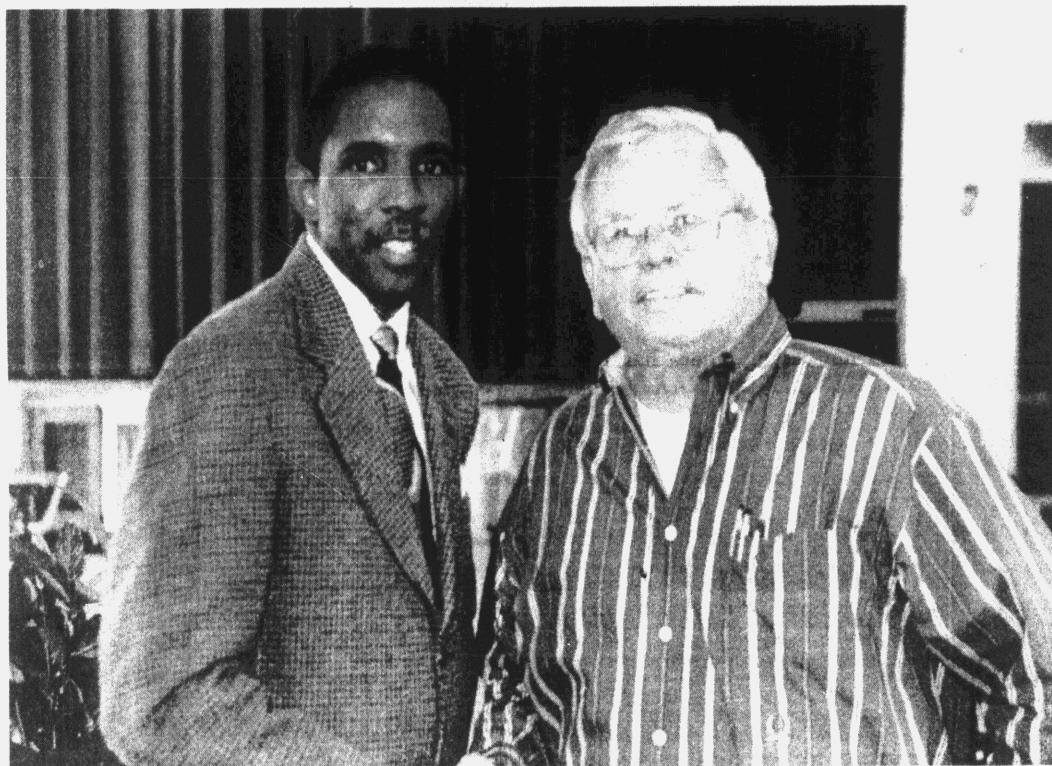
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VOTE Chuck Autry, City Councilman-At-Large

- CHUCK AUTRY has been a businessman in Greenville for many years
- CHUCK AUTRY believes in fairness when hiring the RIGHT person for the job
- CHUCK AUTRY and his wife, Jessie, and their children believe in FAMILY and they believe in GREENVILLE
- CHUCK AUTRY spearheaded the South Greenville Fund-Raiser.
- CHUCK AUTRY headed the effort for more lights in the community
- A vote for CHUCK AUTRY is a vote for fairness
- A vote for CHUCK AUTRY will mean a strong voice for the Citizens of Greenville and all City employees
- A vote for CHUCK AUTRY will mean a better Greenville

VOTE FOR CHUCK AUTRY --GREENVILLE CITY COUNCIL AT-LARGE FOR CITY COUNCIL At-Large

(You may vote for ONE (1))

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There is one fault that I must find with the twentieth century, and I'll put it in a couple of words:
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—Ogden Nash.

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Social Security Number Required Before Driver's License Issued

A new law requires that drivers provide their social security number to the Division of Motor Vehicles before obtaining or renewing their North Carolina driver's license.

The law, enacted recently by the General Assembly, is intended to make it easier for state authorities to collect child support payments.

"According to GS 20-7(b1), DMV shall not issue a license to an applicant who fails to provide the applicant's social security number," said Wayne Hurder, director of drivers license. "Your social security number may only be released to the Department of Human Resources and the Child Support Enforcement Program for the purpose of establishing child support or paternity."

Proof of social security number must be provided, as well. Documents accepted as proof include a Social Security card, a computer-generated W-2 tax form, payroll stub, any financial statement containing the social security number, government-issued documents containing the social security number or a letter from the Social Security Administration.

The law does not apply to the issuance of special identification cards or to those individuals without a social security number. However, if the driver has a social security number, proof must be provided to the division before a license will be issued.

Social security numbers are confidential and the department says that they will not be printed on the driver's license.

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Registered voters within municipalities of Ayden, Bethel, Farmville, Greenville, Grifton and Grimesland may vote by absentee ballot if they are unable to vote in person on election day for one of the following reasons:

- (1) will be out of Pitt County during voting hours,
- (2) are sick, disabled or incarcerated as a misdemeanor,
- (3) are observing a religious holiday on election day,
- (4) are an elections employee assigned to certain duties.

Qualified voters may request an absentee ballot from the Elections Office in person 201 East Second Street, Greenville or by signed request to PO Box 56, Greenville, NC 27835.

Municipal Absentee voting is available in municipalities named as follows:

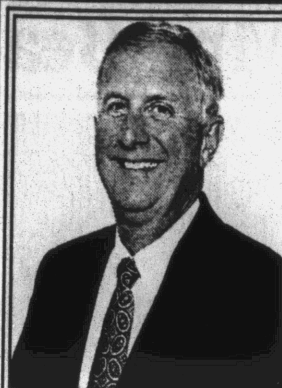
By mail: Send a request postmarked on or before October 28 signed by each voter stating a reason.
Official absentee application and ballot(s) will be mailed to voter.

Near Relative: A near relative (husband, wife, parent, child, brother, sister, grandparent, grandchild or legal guardian) may appear at Elections Office by 5 pm Tuesday prior to election day and complete application for eligible voter.

In Person: Eligible voter may appear at Elections Office between 8 am and 5 pm until 5 pm Friday before election, complete application, receive ballot(s) and vote.

Sick/Disabled: Eligible voter in this category may apply or have near relative apply until 5 pm day before election.

Absentee voting questions should be directed to Elections Office, 201 East Second Street, Greenville, or call 830-4121. Office hours are 8 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday.



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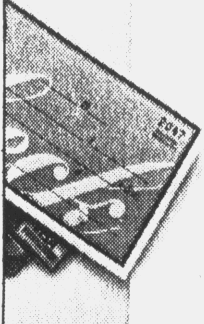


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Courses	Cost	Dates	Day(s)	Time	Location
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Computer: Introduction to the Internet*	\$120.00 (AP)	11/12-12/3	W	6-9	L-123
Computer: PC Concepts Win. 3.11*	\$150.00 (AP)	11/18-12/9	TTh	5:30-8:30 pm	H-236A
Computer: Powerpoint 7.0 Win. '95*	\$120.00 (AP)	11/3-11/24	M	12 noon-3 pm	L-123
Computer: Powerpoint for Win. 3.11*	\$120.00 (AP)	11/3-11/8	Sat	9 am-4 pm	H-236A
Computer: Purchasing a Computer*	FREE	11/1	Sat	10 am-12 noon	L-143
Computer: Purchasing a Computer*	FREE	11/5	W	6-8 pm	L-143
Computer: Windows '95*	\$120.00 (AP)	11/10-11/19	MW	4-7 pm	Farmville
Computer: Windows 3.11*	\$120.00 (AP)	11/5-12/3	W	4-7 pm	H-236A
Community First Aid & Safety*	\$48.50 (AP)	11/15	Sat	8 am-6 pm	L-132
Concealed Carry Handgun Training*	\$85.00 (AP)	11/18-11/22	TThSat	6:30-10:30 pm	Campus
Nurse Assistant I	\$35.00	1/12-5/11/98	MW	6-9:30 pm	Campus
Nurse Assistant II	\$35.00	1/20-5/15/98	TTh	6-10 pm	Campus
Auto Safety Inspection*	\$35.00 (AP)	11/13	Th	1-9:30 pm	VW-47
Debt-Free and Prosperous Living*	\$30.00 (AP)	11/13	Th	6:30-9:30 pm	Campus
SBC: Breakfast & Learn: How to Merchandise Successfully*	\$10.00 (AP)	11/19	W	7:45-9 am	Barnes & Noble
SBC: Small Business Basics*	\$35.00 (AP)	11/3-11/17	M	6:30-9:30 pm	L-146
SBC: Small Business Basics*	\$35.00 (AP)	12/1-12/15	M	6:30-9:30 pm	L-146
SBC: Telephone Customer Service*	TBA	11/24	M	9 am-12 noon	L-146
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Gov. Tackles Work First Transportation Woes

Gov. Jim Hunt is bringing together more than 500 community leaders from across the state this week to help solve transportation

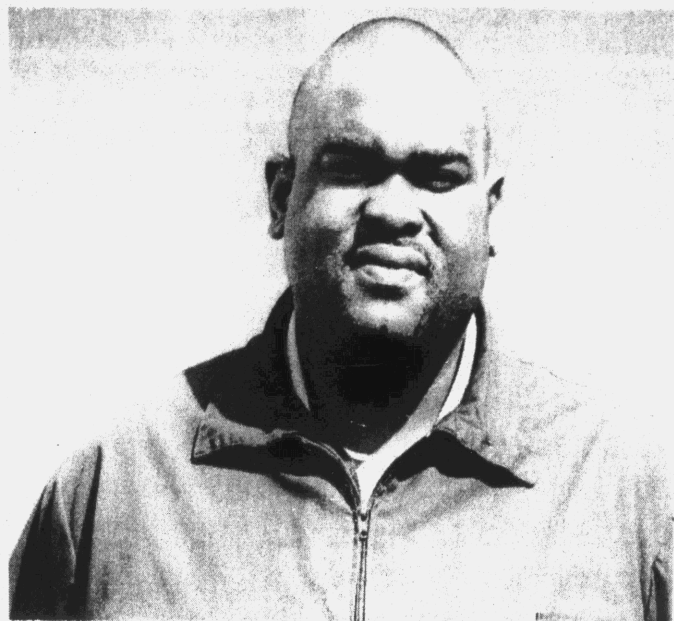


ATTEND ANNUAL YOUTH SUMMIT '97—Bro. George "Buck" White, Martin County Civil Rights Activist, is seen here with Congresswoman Eva Clayton at the Annual Youth Summit '97 held at the Ayden-Griffo High School, an even hosted by Ms. Clayton. Youth and their parents from surrounding counties attended. (George White Photo)

problems for Work First participants who are trying to move off welfare onto jobs.

"We want to have every able-bodied welfare recipient in North Carolina working or in job training by the year 2000," said Hunt. "One of the greatest obstacles facing Work First participants is getting reliable and affordable transportation. We want county officials to develop partnerships with other community leaders to solve this problem."

Work First, North Carolina's welfare reform initiative, requires welfare recipients to get a job—paid or unpaid—or be in short-term job training within 12 weeks. From July 1995 to September, the program has put more than 44,900 welfare recipients into the work-



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force, the administration said. Officials also say the state's welfare rolls have declined 27 percent.

Since 80 percent of Work First participants don't have reliable transportation to get to work, Hunt has directed the N.C. Department of Transportation and the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services to use every available state resource to meet transportation needs and forge local partnerships.

The Work First Transportation Forum on Tuesday is intended as a call to local governments, schools, community groups and churches to think and act creatively to address the transportation needs of welfare recipients, organizers say.

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Who Will Be Next State NAACP President?

When the NAACP State Conference of Branches holds its 54th annual convention at the North Raleigh Hilton Oct. 30-Nov. 1, while the theme may be "NAACP: And Still We Rise," the question on everyone's lips will be "Who's next president, and where will he take us?"

Melvin "Skip" Alston, the current state conference president ap-

pointed last May after several months as interim, hopes that convention delegates will give him a vote of confidence beyond his three opponents—District 8 Director Min. Curtis Gatewood of Durham, Charlotte Branch PAC chair Terry Belk, and Duplin County Branch President Jesse Smith.

That election is slated for the last day of the conference, and ob-

servers say it's shaping up to be a tough contest, with Alston's opponents pushing the notion that membership statewide "wants a change."

Alston maintains that he hasn't been in office long enough to fully develop his vision for the state conference, and should be given that chance.

The state convention will open

Thursday, "Religious Emphasis Day" at Raleigh's Wake Chapel Baptist Church, with registration, an opening ceremony, memorial service, luncheon, and workshops dealing with strengthening ties between the NAACP and the black church, and countering racial hatred.

The first legislative session will be held for adult and youth del-

egates starting at 6 p.m., followed by a public mass meeting at 7 p.m.

On Saturday, Nov. 1, NAACP youth continue their programs with a youth advisor breakfast.

Adult NAACP delegates and

members that day will hold an NAACP women's power breakfast at 7:30 a.m., followed by a business meeting at 9 a.m., and then at 11 a.m., the state conference elections will commence.

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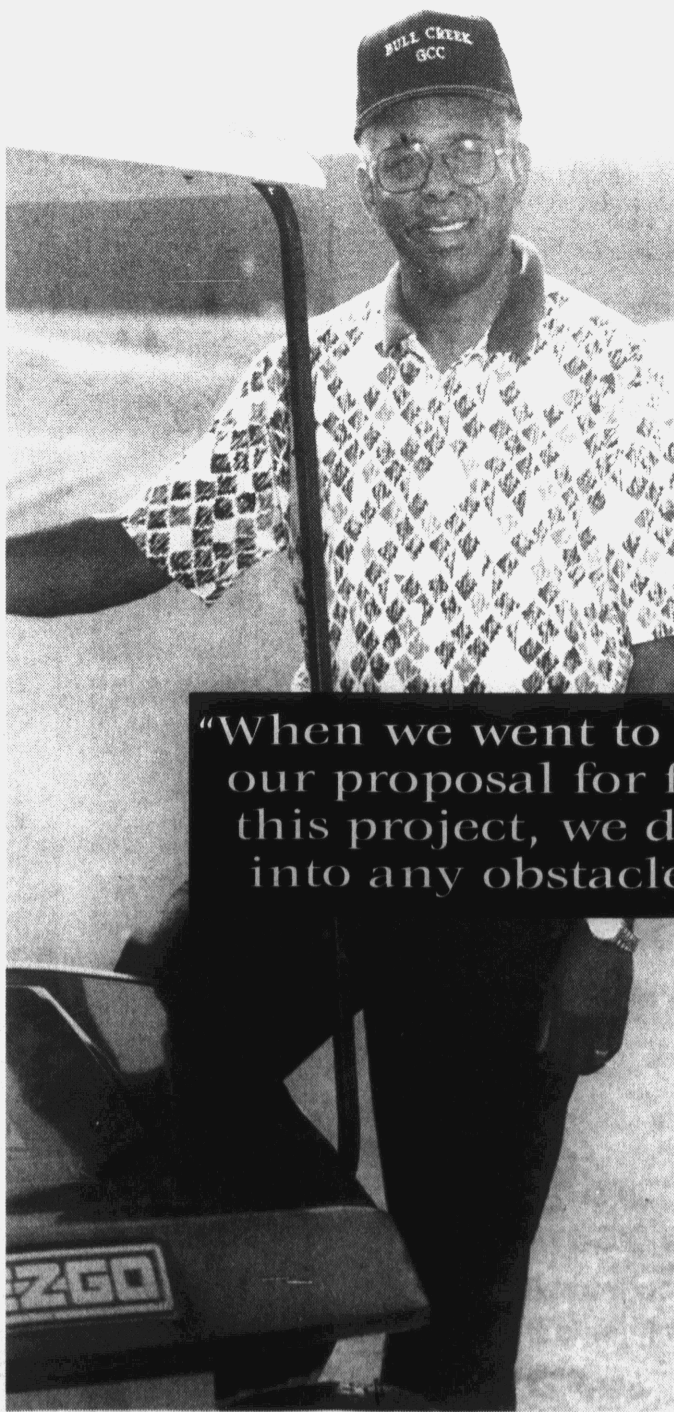
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Novel Details Black Pioneer

Ellyn Bache is the white novelist. Karen Parker is the black pioneer whose story Bache touches on in her novel, *The Activist's Daughter* about a white girl from D.C. who gets a firsthand look at the early civil rights movement when she enrolls at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1963.

That was the year Karen Parker became the university's first black woman undergraduate. That was the year Karen realized the idea of college life she'd gleaned from the movies—"that it was about serenades beneath the windows of the dorm and ivy on the columns"—wasn't precisely accurate.

Instead, Parker arrived in Chapel Hill and was lodged, alone, on the top floor of her dorm. She

waited and waited for her roommate to show up, but no one did. Finally she realized that no white girl was going to be assigned to live with her. And when, later, a white friend finally did move in to keep Parker company, the girl was punished for the "infraction."

As today's crop of college students settles in for a new year, both Bache and Parker are glad that they're able to tell the story of a "bygone" era that passed only a generation ago.

"When I first started working on the book," said Bache, a UNC grad whose first novel, *Safe Passage*, was made into a 1995 feature film starring Susan Sarandon, "I didn't know Karen had been there. I put a black girl in the dorm because I was sure there must have been

some on campus around that time."

Then the UNC alumni office told her about Parker, who was a copy editor at the Los Angeles Times. Bache phoned for advice and Parker sent her the journals she'd kept in 1963.

In the finished version of *The Activist's Daughter*, Bache tells parts of Parker's story through the character of Emily Moses, the fictional "first" black undergraduate, who's also assigned a room alone in the crowded dorm.

"The main character in *The*

Activist's Daughter is a white girl named Beryl Rosinsky who goes to school in the South because she knows it will annoy her mother, who's a civil rights activist," said Bache.

"At 17, all Beryl understands is that her mother goes to jail and gets her picture in the paper and is generally an embarrassment. But in Chapel Hill she experiences firsthand how people like Emily are treated—and she realizes she's "different" herself because she's Jewish and dark-complected and from out of state.

"Pretty soon she begins to realize what her family has been talking

about all this time. She comes of age about civil rights and other individual rights just as the country was beginning to come of age about those issues."

Said Parker, "My parents would say, 'Can't you just stay out of jail?' I understood where they were coming from. At the same time, I had to do what I had to do.



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