



FROM THE CENTER OUT

CHANGING OF THE GUARDS: With this newsletter, we say good-bye to Fred Harwell, executive director of the Center since October, 1979, and welcome the Center's new executive director, George Rankin (Ran) Coble. Fred leaves us to devote full-time to his new-borne son, Scott Robinson Harwell, and law practice in Winston-Salem. We thank Fred for his three years of work at the Center and wish him luck in his new ventures. (You'll have to check with Fred to the veracity of the rumor that Center members will receive a 90% discount on all legal fees from Davis and Harwell.).... Our new executive director earned a Masters in Public Policy Sciences from Duke University and a J.D. from the University of North Carolina Law School and, since 1977, has been an attorney in the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Human Resources. He's also worked as a Congressional intern, a research assistant for the North Carolina Fiscal Research Division, and in a variety of other research and governmental posts. Ran will remain with DHR until this session of the General Assembly adjourns (probably sometime in June) and will then come on board full time at the Center. Incidentally, Ran's been a longstanding member and supporter of the Center, so if any of you aspire to higher offices someday

INAUGURAL CONFERENCE: On April 24, the Center branched into new territory by sponsoring its first conference, "Public Policy and Native Americans in North Carolina: Issues for the '80s." About 100 Indians, policymakers, educators, members of the press, and other interested individuals listened to a number of presentations in the areas of education, health, recognition, and economic status and participated in discussions on these subjects. We are editing the proceedings of the conference so that we can publish and distribute them sometime this summer. By the way, the Center is looking to sponsor other conferences in the future, so if you have any suggestions as to possible conference topics or panelists, please let us know

COMING ATTRACTIONS: Although it's been awhile since N.C. Insight last hit your doorstep, two issues will be released in the next few months. The first issue of 1981 -- which should be out in a couple of weeks -- contains an assortment of articles analyzing the issues of chemical waste disposal, brown lung disease, care for emotionally disturbed children, annexation, migrant and seasonal farmworker policies, and day-care funding formulas used by the state. Also in this issue, we introduce the first N.C. Insight regular column, "Dateline Raleigh" by Ferrel Guillory, a long-time reporter and editor at the Raleigh News and Observer. We plan to add regular columnists in future issues Continuing our pattern for the last year of alternating general issues of N.C. Insight with thematic approaches, the next Insight will focus on the subject of tobacco. The issue, scheduled to be released in late June, is part of a two-year study of tobacco policies in North Carolina. Funded by the Ford Foundation, this project is the basis of not only a magazine issue but also a 540-page, 30 chapter anthology that will be published by Lexington Books in the fall. The tobacco issue of N.C. Insight previews some of the anthology material and includes additional data and interviews. The two tobacco publications examine the role of the major tobacco companies (with articles by the Chairmen and Chief Executive Officers of R.J. Reynolds and Philip Morris and by the chief tobacco analyst for the United Nations), the substance of federal and state tobacco policies (with interviews of former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Robert Bergland and N.C. Commissioner of Agriculture James Graham), the international tobacco trade situation, the smoking/health debate, and other issues. Through the marketing efforts of Lexington Books, the tobacco book should receive international publicity and distribution

This summer, the Center will also publish an anthology of previous Center work. This publication, which may serve as a textbook for courses in North Carolina state government, will include excerpts from previous Center reports and reprints of certain N.C. Insight articles

IDEAS, ANYONE?: Meanwhile, the Center staff is gearing up for a busy summer of research and work on a variety of other subjects. If you have topics you'd like us to study, let us know We'll be back in touch with another newsletter soon



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