# N. C. College Sued For $400,000

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — A dismissed instructor and 13 students at the Charlotte Business College have filed suit against the school charging racial discrimination, fraudulent and deceptive advertising, and fraud.

The suit, filed last week in the U.S. District Court by NAACP Legal Defense Fund, asks for $400,000 in damages.

The suit charges the school with failure to hire representative faculty, activities and programs, discouraging enrollment by Black students, and refusing to enroll students in a nine-week course of month course in a business college because of their race, the suit said.

Named as defendants are the college, its director and faculty manager, Mrs. Louise C. Parks, and two students, Larry Newsome and Bert Wash.

The suit accuses the college of providing an inadequate, unequal housing for the students and says that the students were told that they would have their own dormitory, but instead were housed in a modern apartment complex two to three miles from the school. The students are given inferior recreational equipment, dim lightbulbs and no desks, the suit said.

The suit said the school uses false and misleading advertising in its catalog.

The suit said the catalog advertised that the school is a national institution that was founded in 1866, that Dr. Parks is a Harvard graduate, that the freshman program for community youngsters and was a "great success," that the school has a "fine" faculty, that Dr. Parks is a "dynamic" administrator, and that the school has "well-equipped" classrooms, "well-equipped" dormitory quarters, which exist for white students only; computers, which are not used; and "elaborate" graduation ceremonies, which do not exist.

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Cost of tuition at the school, according to the suit, varies from $900 to $1,800 for a nine-month course and $1,200 to $1,700 for a 12-month course, not including living expenses, books, supplies and transportation.

In addition to the $400,000 damages, the suit asks an injunction against future advertising "discrimination and fraud" against Black students and against fraudulent advertising.

CHARGED WITH MURDER and tentatively set in stand trial in connection with the alleged Aly Lal massacre are Pvt. Gerald Smith, left, in 1970 photo, of Fort Bragg, and a Vietnamese woman, and Sgt. Ebenezer Torres of Brownsville, Texas, charged with premeditated murder of three Vietnamese civilians. The women are the third and fourth to be formally charged in the shootings.

# Dr. Pitts quits Miles post to become 'first' Paine head

DR. LUCIUS H. PITTS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Dr. Lucius H. Pitts is returning to his alma mater to become the first Paine College president of Paine College in Augusta, Ga.

He resigned as president of Miles College with a letter to the board of trustees last week.

"The years have been the wonderful years at Miles," he said. "But I feel it my answer the call of my alma mater at a time of crisis in black education.

"It's a very painful decision, almost like choosing between your mother and your wife."

Miles College specializes in teacher education. It has undergone a decade of trouble. Pitts' departure adds.

Since 1961, it has almost doubled its enrollment to 1,100 students and graduates 114 students a year, up from 2 to 20.

In 1966, it received accreditation after 15 years of denial. Only 40 per cent of its black public school teachers are from Alabama, the Birmingham area and Jefferson County, which contains 45 million dollars worth of buildings and equipment.

As a community educational institution that was founded by the Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church, it has a freshman program for community youngsters and was a "great success," Pitts said.

Music, like Dr. Jazz, is University area.

It has increased its operating budget from $900,000 to $2.2 million in 10 years. And plans to double "regular" expansion program this month.

Miles has had some hard years," Dr. Pitts said, referring to the mass rewriting in his life.

"In the early sixties, when black students were working for their rights, we were saved in part by the black community. We were saved in part by the black community. We were saved in part by the black community. We