

Measure Up To Your Responsibilities.

Vibrations On The Sun Children: Local Black Art Showing

By JAMES VAUGHAN

Despite a predominance of whites, many blacks of Durham found themselves wandering about inside Durham's Allied Arts Center Sunday sipping sherry and coffee, glancing at paintings by one of Durham's most promising black artists and enjoying a setting removed from the usual "hangouts."

Willie Nash, a former NCCU art student, and a current instructor, unveiled a series of approximately forty paintings that spoke of the life and vibrance of black culture.

"We are children nurtured by the sun. And as the sun never ceases to rise and set, the complexities of our lives never end. We cry a little, laugh a lot, ache and hope and dream. And we hammer out spaces of existence in an air of irony that is our heritage," Nash explained.

Depicting that heritage, many works were a hit at the reception such as "The Three Stages of Love." Three paintings comprised this group moving from stage one of love subtitle, "Donations; to stage two called "Love Questioned;" and stage three called "Homage To Love."

The painting, "Donation", captured viewers attention by contrasting soft browns and violets with bold black areas and district pink designs. Explaining the picture Nash stated that: "I tried to convey the willingness of blacks to love all mankind, even whites in the face of racial and economic exploitation. Black have the capacity to donate love whether it is returned or not. And here-to-fore, whites have not been that anxious to return it," he said.

The middle stage, "Love Questioned" reportedly carried

a message of the phase in the black struggle when blacks began to question the validity of continuing to pour love into an undiscerning society.

"Non-violence and all that was fine, but blacks began to question the thing of turning the other cheek and loving any way Nash said.

The final stage, "Homage To Love," according to Nash, surrounds the stage when blacks realize that love is too much of a divine element to allow it to be perverted, used or destroyed. "Consequently, we must develop an undying love for our brothers and sisters, work on the firm establishment of love in the family, of our women and children. And not to worry that much, one way or another about white folks."

Fulfilling his creed of co-existence with whites, Nash will continue to share the exhibit with Jan Gregg through the month of November.

Mrs. Gregg, displayed pottery. She is one of the owners of Craft House of Durham, which specializes in work by Triangle area craftsmen.

Nash expressed gratitude at having seen the many blacks attending the reception. He stated, however, that, "we have to have more participation in cultural functions such as art exhibits. It offers blacks the chance to slow down and to reflect on the meaning of many common occurrences in our lives."

Nash welcomes criticism of his interpretations: "It's not important that a viewer agree or disagree with a work of art; it's more important that the work done serve as a stimulus." Exhibit hours will continue from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily at the center.

Black Arts Culture Center In Full Swing

By JAMES VAUGHAN

The nine months old Black Arts Cultural Center of Chapel Hill launched its fall program this week with expanded emphasis on the assertion of black cultural expressions in the areas of drama, music, photography and many others.

"We are here," stated Mrs. Carolyn Kennedy, "to provide a setting whereby we can have a common sharing of collective consciousness. We are defining culture as ingredients of a related group's life style."

Mrs. Kennedy is co-ordinator of the Center at 11 1/2 North Merritt Mills Rd. which first opened its doors January 1971. The Center received financial support from the North Carolina Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts, the Southern Education Foundations, and individual contributions.

According to Mrs. Kennedy, "because of the support from outside the community, we have been able to function with some success." She continued, "But there is still a handicap resulting from insufficient funds. We would like to be supported by the community, but, the fact is we serve a community which is very low on funds and the more affluent residents haven't seemed to realize the importance of the Center."

The Center has received

are the Honorable Judge Erieta Alexander of Greensboro and the Honorable Judge Clifton Johnson of Charlotte. Like Judge Sammie Chess, Judge Clifton Johnson is also a graduate of the NCCU School of Law. Before his appointment to the District Court in Charlotte, Judge Johnson served as an Associate in the Law Firm of Pearson, Malone, Johnson and DeJarnon.

Judge Chess is married to the former Miss Marlene Enoch of Alamance County and they are the parents of two daughters, Eva, age 11 and Janet, 5.

Violent crimes up 11 per cent in nation.

N.F.L. Players urge ban on artificial turf.

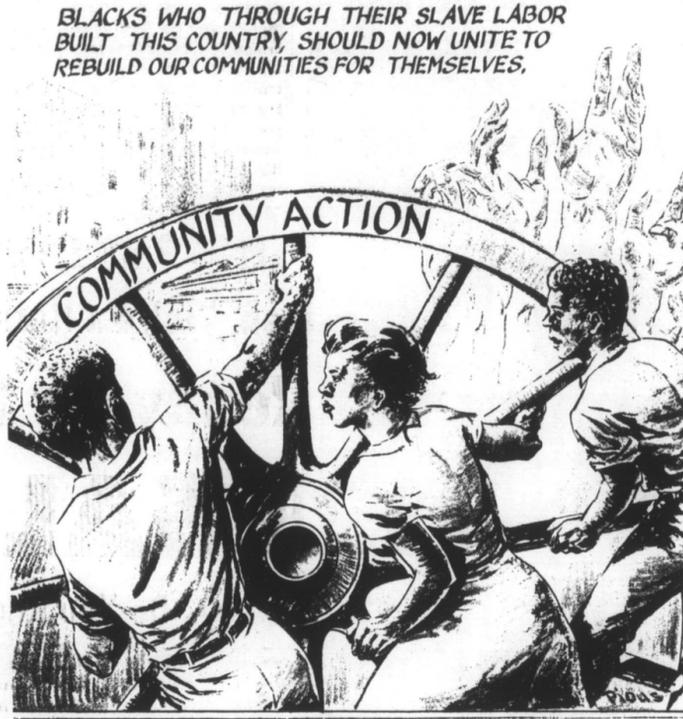
praises from participants, however, Spokesman for the center stated that "Of several hundred people previously associated, everyone seem to have really involved themselves."

The past success of the venture was attributed in part to dedicated volunteers. "People such as Mrs. Ann Patterson, an Educational Testing Services Coordinator have been wonderful. She organized a dance workshop and anything else needed."

Involved in the Fall program are two highly skilled artists, Winston Kennedy, who is presently teaching at NCCU and completing his graduate work at UNC in art will co-ordinate the art workshop. He will also teach photography. Willie Nash, who is also teaching at NCCU will instruct the drawing and painting workshop. The dance workshop will be co-ordinated by Mrs. Ann Patterson. Mrs. Linda Norlett of Durham will co-ordinate the drama workshop.

The Black History workshop is an educational experiment which utilizes the skills of four professional areas; history, political science, economics, and psychology. In this group effort, we hope to develop a viable curriculum for teaching Black History in the community. Emphasis will be on revealing the real history of Black People from the earliest civilization to the present and developing techniques for channeling this knowledge into constructive positive action. Co-ordinating this workshop is Mr. Hubert Sapp, who is a political science doctoral candidate at UNC. Working with him in a team effort are: Mr. Bennie Reeves, a doctoral candidate in history at UNC, Miss Karolyn Van Putten, a doctoral candidate in psychology, and Mrs. Portia Lasant, who is presently doing research in the area of Black economics.

The center plans to expand by adding more classes, an early education program, and more cultural programs in the near future. For information call 967-4812.



BLACKS WHO THROUGH THEIR SLAVE LABOR BUILT THIS COUNTRY, SHOULD NOW UNITE TO REBUILD OUR COMMUNITIES FOR THEMSELVES.

Selfish legislators waste your money

Last week the Free Press ran another one of those series which reveal what everyone certainly should know by now: Too many of our state legislators are nothing much more than thieves who steal the taxpayers' money to spend on their own selfish pleasures.

Oh, the Free Press didn't put it quite that bluntly. But we do, and without fear of contradiction. Our own Rep Roy Spencer is probably one of the most honest legislators in Lansing. But we would be happy to debate with him the basic honesty of his colleagues who are currently spending \$2.3 million to refurbish the present Capitol building while also spending \$3 million to plan a new Capitol. (Incidentally, we can't forget that Spencer was 1 of the legislators who voted in favor of taxpayers paying his dental bills. So his halo isn't all that shiny).

The Free Press revealed that legislators are paying outlandish prices (with your money) for office furniture. Much cheaper furniture, made by prisoners, is available - but not good enough for our elegant legislators.

And new offices are being constructed on a cost-plus basis rather than being let on bids as is usually required when taxpayers' money is spent. Why? For the most nauseous reason. By the admission of the senator in charge, too many legislators are prima donnas who want special features in their offices. As the construction work proceeds, they think of new luxuries they want added. Often, a legislator will see something in a colleague's office and say "Hey, I want that too." Under these outrageous circumstances, a building job could hardly be let on bids. The only

way is to contract to pay the total cost, whatever it is, plus a percentage of costs added on as profit. With your money, remember.

Also: The no bid policy made it possible for a legislator (Rep Kehres of Monroe) to award a juicy \$62,000 contract to a firm in his hometown.

Sure, it makes you angry. And get this: While they are wasting your dough on the present Capitol, many legislators have also said they want such things as a swimming pool, gym, sauna and private dining room in the new Capitol. A 1968 report made by a private management firm revealed all these goodies which your legislators desire. The report cost you \$46,000.

In trying to explain some of the incredible expenditures, Sen Pittenger of Lansing said: "I hate to say this about my colleagues, but some of them have become real prima donnas. And some of their secretaries get carried away. The gals just go ahead and order things, and then leave it up to the senators to pay for it afterwards."

"Leave it up to the senators." Big joke. He means leave it up to you. But the slip of the tongue is easy to understand. Obviously, many legislators have completely forgotten that they're spending your money, not theirs. And my, they are having a glorious time doing it.

Sure, it hurts to learn of the terrible waste, especially at a time when there are so many important needs going unfulfilled. But what hurts even worse is the unquestionable fact that we taxpayers elected those clowns. We could do better blindfolded, drawing names out of a hat.

--United

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maintain a fulltime office in Raleigh to disperse information to the communities ordinarily inaccessible. Others purposes of the Caucus are to unite a cross-section of the black community politically and to adopt platforms to present to elected officials.

Other speakers at the session included Rev. Phillip Cousins, chairman, political committee, Durham Committee on Black Affairs; and Attorney A. J. H. Clement, chairman, Black Solidarity Committee of Durham.

Rev. Cousins, same as Mayor Lee, called for "grassroots" political involvement. He challenged the law students to become involved in Durham politics.

that, "Following Reconstruction, Negroes in the city of Wilmington hired out for lower wages than the working whites thereby receiving preferential treatment in trade employment." As a result, whites were faced with an unemployment and under-employment situation.

A major difference in the incidents is the fact that, unlike the "Secret Nine," the ROWP has been made answerable to the law enforcement agencies of the city. During the past weekend more than 40 members of the ROWP were arrested for a breach of the city's dusk-to-dawn parks curfew. Following the arrests approximately 20 additional patrolmen were sent into the area to maintain peace.

Also this week, law enforcement officers reported that a raid on a house at Wilmington beach led to the arrest of a white resident for allegedly storing a cache of arms and dynamite. He was charged with storing weapons of mass destruction including two rifles, two hand guns, dynamite and other explosives.

Despite the fact that fewer people have been killed or injured in recent disturbances than there were in the riot of 1898, Blacks and whites of Wilmington are armed and facing an intense situation - as if reliving a page of history.

--Mills

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dent of Washington, known for her achievements in this country and abroad as a person-to-person "people helper" rather than as a bureaucratic administrator, has been singled out for the tax-free \$10,000 Rockefeller grant in recognition of her contributions over the past quarter-century in the area of "Human Resource Development and Protection."

This "magnificently human" black public health nurse, whose first 20 years of government service, 1946-1966 were with the Agency of International Development, is described in these words by her current chief Elliot L. Richardson, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare:

"Miss Mills' accomplishments are exceeded in value to the Public Health Service only by her potential for future service. At a time in history when poverty in spirit as well as poverty in fact must be eliminated to promote our Nation's health and welfare, Miss Mills will serve as a guide to others who would explore the path of individual courage and respect for the integrity of fellow human beings."

--Downtown

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of urban areas, is presently doing work in 103 cities in the United States and Canada, including Oklahoma City, Charlotte, Cincinnati, Montreal and Rochester.

Hammer's visit was the result of an invitation from the Chamber of Commerce to have him outline the preliminary steps necessary to begin a meaningful "action program" intended to regenerate the economy of the downtown area.

The overall purpose of the meeting was to focus the group's attention on downtown Durham's problems and potential, and to consider some means by which this potential can be reached.

Chamber of Commerce leaders have been increasingly aware in recent months of the need for a united effort of the redevelopment of the downtown area. It has been noted that development is occurring, but in an uncoordinated manner, and that for this development to achieve maximum benefit to the community, an overall direction needs to be arrived at. This special meeting was called to focus attention on the downtown situation and to chart a new direction which will take full advantage of the public and private resources available, and developing, in the area.

--Judge

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Court of Appeals and the Supreme Court. No blacks presently serve in these capacities. Two other black judges now serve as District Judges. They

Protecting Freedom Of Conscience

Freedom of conscience has been preserved in the United States by the House defeat of the proposed "school prayer" amendment to the Constitution. What is shocking and disturbing, however, is the fact that a majority of the representatives voted for the amendment, though thankfully that majority fell short of the two-thirds vote required for approval of proposed amendments.

Even more shocking, alarming, even, is that 10 of North Carolina's representatives lacked the perspicacity to see through the implications of this proposal which would allow governmental agencies to dictate the content of prayer and exercise control over worship in public buildings. Or, if they understood the implications of this had amendment, paraded under the mask of religion, then it is disturbing that they lacked the backbone to vote against breaching the wall of separation of church and state, yielding obsequiously to the thoughtless demands of the saccharinely sentimentally pious.

When it is remembered that North Carolina refused to ratify the Constitution of the United States until a Bill of Rights, including guarantees of religious liberty and separation of church and state had

been proposed and was almost certain to be added, the vote of 10 Tar Heel representatives to amend these specific guarantees shows a lamentable disregard of the state's proud heritage of freedom.

So we must applaud, then, Rep. L. Richardson Preyer of the Sixth District for his vote against this proposed amendment which in effect was a vote to protect and preserve religious liberty and separation of church and state.

The Supreme Court's decision, which the amendment sought to override, does not prohibit voluntary prayer in public schools, but rather required prayer. Specifically, the decision held unconstitutional the offering of a prayer prescribed by officials for use in New York public schools. The amendment would have opened the door to the requirement of prayer in public schools, a prayer which would be drafted by or have to get the approval of public officials to meet the nondenominational qualification.

Fortunately for the nation and particularly for the truly religious people of every faith and sect, this effort to break down separation of church and state and allow the state to interfere with the exercise of religion was stopped on the first battleground.

Admitted

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Georgia in 1968. Sampson was enrolled in School of Law at North Carolina Central University, during 1968-69 and was graduated from the School of Law, University of North Carolina in June 1971.

Attorney Sampson is married and is the father of one child.

--Service

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ment, and self reliance, the key underlying concepts moving the NCNW in new directions in the determination to be increasingly relevant in the decade of the seventies.

--Wilmington

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The more recent disturbances brought to light an organization called the Rights of White People (ROWP). Both organizations have been referred to as militant. Both organizations aroused fear among the local whites that blacks were threatening the security of whites, it has been noted.

Another similarity is the job situation. The current economic state of the country grips Wilmington, as other cities in the country with a high rate of unemployment, including the laboring class of whites. In the years preceding the earlier riot it was stated

--Teacher

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school which has been labeled "fully integrated."

Rogers' selection was made by the Learning Institute of North Carolina. The institute sponsors a yearly statewide competition for the selection.

Rogers is a graduate of Hillside High School and North Carolina Central University. He received his Master's degree from Appalachian State University in Boone. He has taught at Durham High for the past two years.

Selection of Rogers was made following evaluation in the classroom by Institute members. A report of his performances was forwarded to the State Department of Public Instruction. Rogers was among 14 other candidates from throughout the state.

Equally impressive as the Institute's selection is the fact that Rogers was also selected by senior students of the school as one of their favorite teachers.

--Santa

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patients on the Durham unit at the present time. Other patients on the 180 bed capacity unit stay from two weeks to six months. We never know exactly how many patients will be there at a precise time, therefore, we need a minimum of 180 gifts. We are asking that the gifts be new, wrapped, and contain a card on the outside describing the gift by name, size, and if it is for a male or a female.

"Should there be any extra gifts, they will be kept and distributed by the unit staff to the patients as they are needed."

"We desperately need help for this project. These people need outside encouragement and this is one of the ways we can give it to them. We are asking that gifts be deposited at one of three points in the city: At our Day Treatment Center on Holloway Street, McManis United Methodist Church

on Neal Road, and at Hardees Restaurant on University Drive."

"The gifts must be in no later than Dec. 20 for delivery to the hospital."

--Center

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places on design and aesthetics, so that the new facility will not only be highly functional, but will be a source of community pride as well.

The Civic Convention Center Authority should be appointed at the earliest possible date to proceed with the detailed planning of the facility and to oversee the implementation of the plans.

Dr. Leroy Walker backed by Tom Hunt recommended that consideration of a center with a flexibility of conversion for sports facilities be given attention by the committee.

The Finance Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee were given the re-

sponsibility of appointing the members of the Center Planning Board.

Bryant estimated the time for completion of the Center at two to three years.

--Rehnquist

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nee's current disavowal of anti-Negro actions and positions with which his record is blemished.

Commenting on Rehnquist's testimony on his change of heart, Rauh said that the nominee had been "evasive" repeatedly. He charged him with being "opposed to the goal of desegregation, not just the means," and called him a "laundered McCarthyite," who tried to smear the Warren Court because of what Rehnquist calls its "extreme solicitude for claims of Communists and other criminal defendants."

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