



NEW FSU STUDENTS meet Dr. W. C. Brown, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at Fayetteville State University their first day on campus. The new students arrived Sunday, August 19 and a record enrollment is expected this year at FSU. The new students are (l-r) Sabrina Green, Fayetteville; Audrey Ardrey, Charlotte; and Jesse Davis, Raleigh.

NCBA Announces Second State Prisons Forum

On Saturday, August 25 the North Carolina Black Assembly (NCBA) will sponsor its second Forum On Prisons. The all day Forum is expected to get under way at 9:00 am at Durham College on Fayetteville Street in Durham.

The first forum on prisons was held in March of this year. Its purpose was to identify major problem areas in the prison system especially as they affect the Black prison population. It was decided at the first Forum that a second forum should be held designed to work out solutions to the most pressing problems for Black people in prison.

The NCBA feels that this Forum is necessary and timely. Although the Social Rehabilitation and Control Secretary has recently announced a major reorganization within the prison system, there is still a pressing need to continue work toward assisting the Black prison population. Attention will be focused on the classification process, health services, lack of uniformity in rules and regulations and the enterprise system.

Like the last forum, Black prison staff at all levels, inmates and ex-mates and interested people from the

community level from across the state have been asked to attend. High ranking Black prison personnel have committed themselves to participate in the August 25th meeting.

Black Mortgage Companies Are Complete Failure -- FNMA Head

LOS ANGELES — (NBNS)—Black-owned commercial banks and the black business community were sharply criticized by the president of the Federal National Mortgage Association for contributing to the almost complete failure of black mortgage banking companies.

Oakley Hunter, president of FNMA, told the predominately black National Association of Real Estate Brokers, that the three-year effort to help black mortgage companies was unsuccessful partly because black businesses failed to keep deposits in those banks.

"There is some evidence that until black people have confidence in themselves and each other to a greater extent than in the past there will be no permanent, lasting solution to the problem of black poverty in the United States," Hunter told the group.

In the 1970 annual report of the FNMA two pages are devoted to a new program undertaken by FNMA and the Ford Foundation to assist a limited number of minority businessmen wanting to get into the mortgage banking business.

"It was Fannie Mae's first venture in the sponsorship of a minority entrepreneurship program. Born of high hopes and lofty ideals, our program had both social and economic objectives geared to the correspondent (minority bankers) themselves and their communities.

"Today, the program is in disarray. Four of the original minority loan correspondents sponsored by Fannie Mae no longer have a business relationship with us, and all but one of the others are having a real struggle for survival."

One of the reasons for this, Hunter said, was because black mortgage bankers "overestimated their own abilities as businessmen and underestimated the amount of hard work and study it would take to make the program succeed.

"Some apparently believed that all that would be needed would be to order a telephone, open the front door and the money would come rolling in."

At the same time, Hunter pointed out that his agency "apparently underestimated that commitment that would be required to make these minority businessmen succeed— not necessarily in terms of dollars alone but in terms of the time and manpower that would be required."

The relatively small volume of deposits in black banks, Hunter emphasized, "must be laid to the failure of black people to support black banks and — regret to say — also to the failure of black banks in some instances to support black people.

"It is not common for a black businessman who has saved at a black bank during the early stages of his business to switch his money to a larger bank when he finds his

Decorating Tips

By Linda Forrest
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DECORATING A LA AMERICANA

Everybody likes getting ready for a birthday party and preparations for the upcoming bicentennial of the United States are already in view.

In decorating your home, the easiest way to add a touch of Americana is to use the eagle motif, in subtle touches like finials atop lamps and clocks, on bathroom towel racks and shower curtain hooks, as brass pulls and handles. Stencilled decorations on chair backs and drawer fronts is another road to instant-Americana. Or color schemes of red-white-and-blue; fabrics like calico and denim.

You can build a look of Americana around the renewed popularity of the mahogany slant-top desk, built along the masculine lines of the Gov. Winthrop style, or to a more lady-like scale in a Queen Anne version complete with intricate turnings and cabriole legs.

For the bedroom, you can get on the four-poster bandwagon; or go with the heftier ball-and-bell bed, with cannonball posts. In a large room, you can use the traditional double-dresser. Use a chest-on-chest or a tall highboy in smaller quarters.

For authenticity, make all your hardware solid brass and the furniture itself of oak, maple, cherry and birch, the handsome native hardwoods which gave the originals their charm and

beauty. Oak's varied grain pattern gives it a rustic quality reminiscent of the country's youth. It is marvelously in tune with patch-work quilts and hand-embroidered samplers on the walls. It has a masculine quality.

Maple and cherry both have even grain patterns and an inherent refinement that make them ideal in the home. Maple is actually heavier than cherry, giving it a more solid heft than woods.

Birch, a gentle buff color with an occasional hint of red in it, is used especially where strength and hardness are needed, such as in cabinets, hutches and break-fronts.

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Appointed New Consumer Contact

Bobbie Jean Hill has joined U.S. Borax as manager, Home Economics, 20 Mule Team Department. It was announced by Jack Kerr, marketing manager of Household Products for the Los Angeles-based mining and manufacturing company.

Mrs. Hill had been an instructor in Home Economics at Texas Southern University, Houston, for the past two years. Previously she served as staff home economist, at U.S. Borax Research Corporation, Anaheim, California, working with 20 Mule Team Household Products. Her prior assignment was with Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati, Ohio, as a home economist and assistant brand manager.

Mrs. Hill will be her firm's direct link to consumers. The products she will represent are Borateem Plus, 20 Mule Team Borax, the Boraxo hand cleaners, powdered and creme, and 20 Mule Power Industrial Strength Shower, Tub and Tile Cleaner.

Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she attended Booker T. Washington High School, Mrs. Hill received her Bache-



Bobbie Jean Hill, holder of Science degree from Texas Southern University, graduating Magna Cum Laude. She obtained her Master of Science degree from Kansas State University.

Mrs. Hill is active in several professional Home Economics associations, including the American Home Economics Association, Home Economists in Business, the Electrical Women's Round Table, the Texas Association of College Teachers, and the Association of College Professors of Textiles and Clothing. She resides in Los Angeles with her husband, Charles E. Hill.

FROM BLACK

By JOHN HUDGINS



HUDGINS

Like any other growing urban area, Durham with good reasons should have a Black Mayor. In fact, it is a matter of time before the correct amount of political savor and organizational ability will certainly produce a Black mayor in Durham.

However, the present most potential candidate leaves much to be desired. If we look at the failure of this endeavor in the last Mayoral election, some credence can be given to my statement. In the first place a non-white surface who had nothing to disagree on with the white and winning candidate. In fact, in a debate they would up congratulating and praising each other. The second, and most serious factor was the fact that the candidate ran an Ego-Centered campaign. At no point did he talk about we the Black community or how we can work together to solve problems that we have. The candidate chose to run on his own Ego and to virtually ignore the major sector of the Black community, the working class, the low income, welfare mothers, young people. This man ran solely on the I-Me kind of politics. Elect me because of who I am, because of what I do and did in the business world. Because I am me I can do this and I can do this. Let me be your mayor so that I can add another position to my list of accomplishments that bear my name, which has some kind of value of its own. Because of this mistake in understanding this character lost by about 1500 votes. The tragedy of this situation is that there were enough uninterested Black people who went fishing or stayed away from the polls to have elected a Black mayor. This is even more shocking when we look at the poor competition that came from the white candidate.

What is interesting today is that this same near-sighted nonwhite individual is considering running again. As a Black writer, I can only hope that he has learned a lesson. If he is still unwilling or unable (because of his busy schedule) to walk in Cornwallis and talk in Hoover Road, or kiss a baby in McDougald terrace or eat some supper in Edgemont. Unless Durham's potential Black mayor is willing to speak to the reality of the Black masses then forget it. Durham does not need a nonwhite (or maybe Black) man who is just like Jim Hawkins, we don't need somebody who can't find anything about Jim Hawkins to disagree on. We don't need anybody who is so much like Jim Hawkins that the only difference is skin color. There is more to being Black than just a difference in appearance. If there is to be a Black mayor then certainly he must bring part of the difference in being Black in America. For this will be the challenge of the latter 70's and the 80's in the cities and the urban areas of this country. If anybody can solve the problems of the cities then Black mayors can or at least provide the spark to get somebody else to do so.

For this a Black mayor must be more than an egocentric nonwhite who has nothing to disagree with or no bones to pick, no battle no difference of approach and everything in common with Jim Hawkins but skin, or so he leads us to believe.



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