

# OPEN SECRETS

BY LAURA PARKS

In addition to the Queen of England the U.S. Secretary of Defense, Mr. Harold Brown, the entire region of the Middle East and the Persian Gulf region is being inundated with panic strikers plenipotentiaries from the Occidental hinterland who are anxious to protect what yet can be protected from the Muslim infidels.

The Queen of England, for example, will discard her Imperial regalia for Arab costume and thus curry favor with the brown and black skinned potentates of Araby. She will be travelling under orders from her strike be-deviled Prime Minister "Smiling Jim" Callaghan, who always smiles when British Petroleum or Burma oil order him to.

Pity the Queen, who prances on the stage of history to base born "Smiling Jim's" every command. Pity too citizen Harold Brown, reputed scientific wizard and administrator, commanded by President Carter, to search for belated clues to the Iranian disaster and why all the eyes and ears of the James Bond intelligence fraternity failed to hear, see and report anything of a disturbing nature to the secret precincts of the much vaunted "intelligence community."

The brutal fact of the matter is that nations cannot live by guns alone. The oil supplies to the world can no longer be protected by 120 ton tanks or the ethereal laser weapons being developed by Harold Brown's scientific colleagues. Neither can the peace and tranquility of the United States be protected by a massive arms budget while the cities perish and our youth wanders in the desert-like wasteland of one proud metropolitan regions.

The awesome fact of our time is that the poor of the world have suddenly discovered that the pageantry and power of Sheik and Shah, President and Royal Majesty cannot tap the earth's riches for the nations while so much is being wasted on humanity killing gadgetry.

And yet, the folly continues. In addition there are many influential Americans like the aging tycoons Cyrus Eaton and Averill Hatiman who believe that the continues. The policy didasters

accelerate. At the moment our own national security staff is not questioning the wisdom of its past advice to the President. It is now deeply involved in trying to fathom, for each strategically located spot on the globe, the correct mixture of military power and economic well being for the people that might prevent other Iran's from happening. But at all times the question of military power dominates all other considerations; and it is upon this issue of military power that the fates will render their verdict.

The economic costs to the people of the U.S. have been enormous. In Viet Nam, for example, we spent over \$300 billion on a war that most military experts said could never be won. When the war ended, we abandoned \$5 billion worth of military hardware to the victorious Viet Cong.

At an earlier time, in 1949, Mao-Tse-Tung's armies captured another \$5 billion worth of American equipment consigned to the defeated Chiang-Kai-Chek. When France fought the Algerian liberation forces it almost brought bankruptcy for the French until the United States bailed the French out to the tune of \$3 billion.

The irony in all of this is that while the countries mentioned above may not be to our liking they are turning out to be reliable trading partners. With Algeria the U.S. conducts a flourishing business in an atmosphere of mutual trust. Fact is that the U.S. is Algeria's biggest trading partner. And as for the Chinese it is common knowledge that the international business community has finally found salvation, peace and tranquility form its many troubles, that threaten a deep world wide recession, within the Chinese economic bosom.

It is time for the world to come to love us once again as it did in the days of President Roosevelt. It is time for us to heal our own historic wrongs and to come to the world in Peace, Brotherhood and cooperation.

The recognition of these facts as our most important national secrets is the first step towards a truly open society.

# Black Press Institute Series Encourages Newspaper Readership

CHAPEL HILL — The Southeastern Black Press Institute of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill has designed a 12-part educational series to encourage black youth to read black newspapers.

A pilot version of the series will appear in the Charlotte Post, a Charlotte weekly newspaper, beginning Thursday, March 15.

The institute, a demonstration project of the African and Afro-American studies curriculum at UNC-CH, developed the series as part of its three R's (reading, readability and readership) project. The three R's aims to increase the readership for black newspapers by young readers, said project coordinator Trelle L. Jeffers, a former reading teacher.

"That portion of the series that relates to the competency test has been developed from the test



The first umbrella in the U.S. is believed to have been used in Windsor Conn. in 1740. It produced a riot of merriment and derision.

objectives and handbook that were issued by the state testing committee," she said.

The series also will feature general information that pertains to student rights, municipal government, Afro-American facts and fallacies and a comic strip that deals with survival skills.

(Ms.) Jeffers said she collaborated with other reading teachers and students to insure that the reading series will appeal to student interest as well as improve reading skills.

Vivian Harding, reading remediation consultant of the Southeastern Regional Education Center of Jacksonville, N.C. and Martha Johnson, director of pupil personnel of the Durham City Schools, supplied the test objectives and sample material that were used in developing the competency test exercises. The general information on the Charlotte municipal government was developed by Charlotte attorney, Sadie Jordan and the student rights information by Durham attorney Judith Washington.

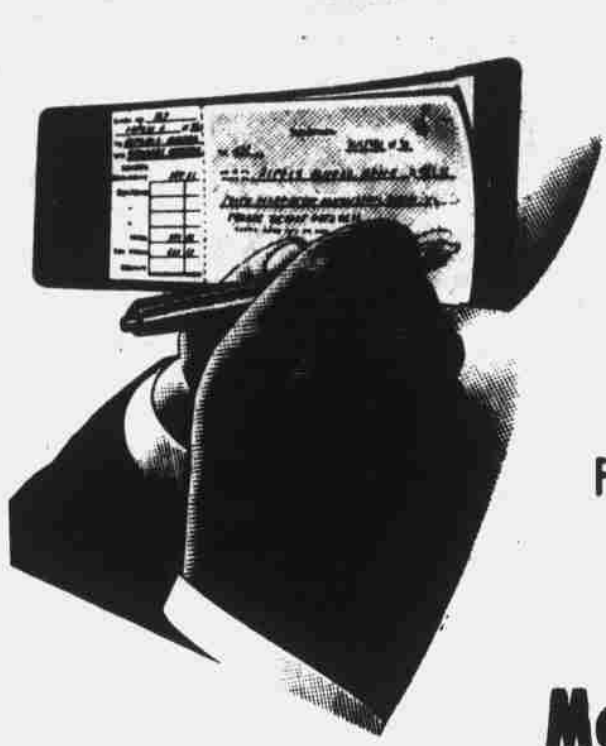
"Afro-American Facts and Fallacies"

was produced by students in the Afro-American and African studies program at UNC-Charlotte and

Margo Crawford, reading specialist at Roosevelt University, Chicago, Ill. The comic strip is the

work of Teresa Burns, a senior journalism major and institute intern at UNC-CH. The illustrations

were drawn by Daryl E. Shackelford, a senior at Hillside High School, Durham.



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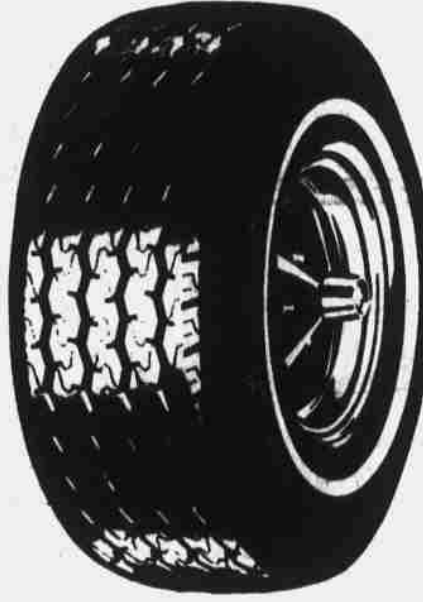
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Chuck was born in Durham and has lived here all of his life. He attended the Durham City schools, Durham Technical Institute, and Louisburg College. He is married to the former Mary Lou Cheek of Durham and they have 1 child, Jana. He attends Homestead Heights Baptist Church and is a member of The Durham Management Club.

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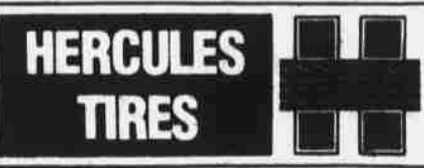
## MEET JACK PERRY

### ASSISTANT MANAGER — BETHESDA STORE

Jack was born in Durham County and has lived all his life in the Triangle area. He is a graduate of Lowes Grove High School and is married to Gladys Efrid of Whiteville, N.C. They have three daughters and make their home in the Carpenter Community. They attend Good Hope Baptist Church.

Jack holds many degrees in the automotive field and is a graduate of T. & W. Vehicle Maintenance School of Louisville, Ky. He recently graduated from the F.M.E. alignment School of Kent, Ohio.

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## Rams End

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Rams were rated No. 4 in District 26, trailing nationally ranked High Point, Pfeiffer and Gardner-Webb Colleges by only 2 and 4 points.

The Rams had split games with N.C.'s A&T, Fayetteville St., and Johnson C. Smith, lost to Division I Howard in the finals of the Holiday Festival Tournament and dropped solo games to Northern Division teams Norfolk and Hampton for the only losses of the season. Meanwhile, the 25 point per game scoring of 6-7 forward Reggie Gaines and the 12.5 per game rebound average of 6-5 center Mike Robinson had put WSSU at the top of those team categories in the CIAA and District 26. Both Gaines and Robinson are juniors.

Reggie Gaines was voted to both the All-CIAA and All-District 26 teams. David Harold, senior 6-3 point guard, joined Gaines on the All-CIAA team.

In the CIAA Tournament at Norfolk's Scope, the Rams beat Virginia St. 84-76 in the opening round but were crushed 85-65 by Norfolk St. in the semi-finals and 111-86 by Hampton Institute in the consolation game. Even with those losses, Reggie Gaines was the top vote-getter on the All Tournament Tea, and the only Ram to make the team.

The CIAA Tournament losses dropped WSSU to 5th place in District 26, and the Rams traveled to Belmont Abbey College for the opening round of the District Championship. A thrilling last second 81-79 victory revived the team's spirits as they headed to the Tournament at the

familiar Winston-Salem Memorial Coliseum.

WSSU lead top-seeded High Point College all of the first half until a last second jumper knotted the score at 24 apiece. The Panthers came out of the locker room on fire and smoked until the buzzer ended the Rams' season with a 71-49 loss.

"We really got beat bad," said Coach Gaines about the post-season games. WSSU had lost 3 of those 5 games, and each loss had been by 20 points or more. "We just got killed on our inside game," observed Gaines. "I've got to get busy and start recruiting or it'll be like this every night next year."

Next year's team will be without reserve forward Billy Diggs (6-3), reserve center Torin McKenzie (6-6) and point guard David Harold, this year's captain. Reggie Gaines, who was voted to the Little All-America second team, will return to the wing, as will sophomore Mark Clark (6-3), Mike Robinson and Raymond Jones (6-6-5) will be back at the two corners. "Robinson and Jones need help underneath," said Gaines. "I've got two good little guards in Tyrone Grandberry (6-3 Fr.) and Ricky Wright (6-2 Fr.) to take over at the point. My first priority is to find some big men who can play right away."

Looking back at the season Gaines remarked, "I was afraid we would just be able to break even this year, but we got lucky — maybe too lucky too long. When our luck ran out, it was really gone. I don't want to run on luck next year."