

President Assures Continued Aid To Minority Business

The President has directed that the federal government continue to give preference to small and minority-owned businesses when it busy supplies.

President Carter responded to the concerns of black business owners and of congressional leaders after hearing that the preference might be ended by tentative agreements reached between trade negotiators of the United States and foreign governments.

Congressman Parren Mitchell of Maryland praised the President's decision. "I'm delighted with the development," he said. "It shows a responsiveness by Mr. Strauss and will facilitate passage of the trade bill."

Ambassador Robert Strauss is the President's negotiator for trade matters. Mitchell is a member of the House Small Business Subcommittee and is a leader of the Congressional Black Caucus.

Mitchell was one of those who had expressed concern. Others were Congressmen Joseph Addabbo and John LaFalce, both of New York.

The federal government buys about \$18-billion of goods and services each year from minority-owned and small businesses. President Carter's action this past week safeguards several hundred million dollars that might have been reduced from that amount.

Strive For The Top, Says Prof. Frank Grier

Strive for the top and never be satisfied with mediocrity are values that former Tennessee State University music Professor Frank T. Grier taught his students. After a highly successful teaching career in which he became nationally known as a musical innovator, his students speak of the things he stood for more than the music he taught.

Grier recalled events during his teaching career between bands performing at the Second Annual Shaw University Collegiate Jazz Symposium, where he judged the talent.

Grier's marching band made him and Tennessee State University famous. He extended his brass choir upward so that it's tone would be brilliant and always kept a good woodwind section.

Those innovations, along with the moving block formation to other moving patterns, thrust the band into national prominence. Tennessee State was the first black band televised when it appeared at half time during a Chicago Bears game in 1955.

Then there was another first. The band became the first black marching band to perform in a Presidential Inaugural parade. It took the show in 1960 when President Kennedy was sworn into office.

Known as the dean of black college band directors, Grier has trained more band directors of black colleges than probably any other educator.

"All of my students knew that I demanded the best of them," said Grier as he proceeded to name many young people he had taught, some who enrolled at Tennessee State with mediocre talent, and later became great people.

Grier remembers "for me it had to be a good

tune, well arranged and played well by everybody. I demanded total dedication of everybody."

That included many non-music majors who played in the band, and those who could not give the dedication and time required were not allowed to play.

Grier's students in the Triangle area include Shaw University's Edward Graves, NCCU's Edward Graves, William Moon, and Jerry Head. The band directors of Alabama State, Texas Southern, Morris Brown, Kentucky State, and many other schools are Grier taught as well.

Graves recalled that he played clarinet in Tennessee State's band that appeared on nationwide television in 1961. Five other players who like himself are now college band directors were in that band.

William Moon, band director at North Carolina Central, recalled that he had performed in a "pretty good" band, at Tennessee State he learned many things that he previously didn't believe could be done with a band.

Like many of Grier's students, Moon and his brother Edward say what made the band great was that the players, instructors, and arrangers took great pride in their work.

The mark of Grier's success during his 22 years as band director at Tennessee State is measured in part through its many students who are now educators, but probably as important is the measure by which his innovations in music have been accepted by the big schools. Michigan State and many others reflect the band he started training way back in 1951.

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City Council To Enter Contract For Services

The Durham City Council is considering entering into a contract for services providing for rehabilitation of substandard houses and training of personnel for rehabilitation of substandard houses and training of personnel for rehabilitation construction work. Persons to be trained will be employed under the Public Services Employment Program of the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA). Funds for the housing rehabilitation portion of the contract will be provided by the City's Community Development Block Grant. Interested persons who wish to make comments or ask questions about this proposed contract may do so at the City Council meeting to be held on April 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber at City Hall, or by contacting Mr. Daniel R. Pearson, Assistant City Manager for Community Development, at 682-4160 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Legal Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of James Henry Barton, late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of James Henry Barton to exhibit them to the undersigned at 2321 W. Club Boulevard, Durham, North Carolina, 27705, on or before the 29th day of September, 1979, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
This 29th day of March, 1979.
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A Look

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en throw of 170'8" in the FAMU Relays; Tim Crosson, and runner Valdez Chavis, are surprising newcomers.

"Tim Crosson is a freshman from Richmond, Virginia, and did an excellent job for us in the half mile of the distance medley and also won his heat in the half mile run," said A&T head coach Joe Buggs.

He offered, "I feel that we have a real good crew and if the weather continues to hold up, we should continue to do well this year."

North Carolina Central will be trying to return the Eagle tracksters to greatness with the appointment of new head coach George Lipscomb. Their 49 points in last year's MEAC Championship was good enough for fifth, but they look for better results in 1979. The strength should come from the hurdlers and the shorter relay men.

Accredited veterans are Lewis Fields and Eddie Rome, who finished 1-2 in last year's 110-meter hurdles; and Garcia Chavis, winner in the 400 intermediate hurdles. Tony Shipman returns for the 200-meter dash.

Like NCCU, the University of Maryland E.S. has a new coach in Robert Brown. He has the task of building a young team, as he tries to avenge a last place finish in the 1978 MEAC finals. His relatively inexperienced squad will make the climb from the cellar an interesting one to watch.



ROBERT BRATCHER, Jr., celebrated his twelfth birthday anniversary on Sunday, April 8. He is the son of Evangelist Robert and Mrs. Ceatrice Bratcher of 1101-A Fayetteville Street. He is a student at E.K. Powe Elementary School.

Durham College Raffle To Give Away Chevy

A 1979 Chevrolet Malibu is being offered as the first prize in Durham College's spring fund raising drive. The ticket with the winning number will be drawn Saturday, April 28 on the steps of the school's administration building.

A contribution of \$2 per ticket is being asked of those entering the drawing. Funds will be used to enable the college to meet its obligations and advance its educational programs.

Second prize is a beautiful color TV set. Third prizes are 100 popular LP records. Tickets are being distributed by all employees

of the college. Anyone wishing enter the drawing may contact Don Ward at the college and ask for entry blanks to be sent by mail.

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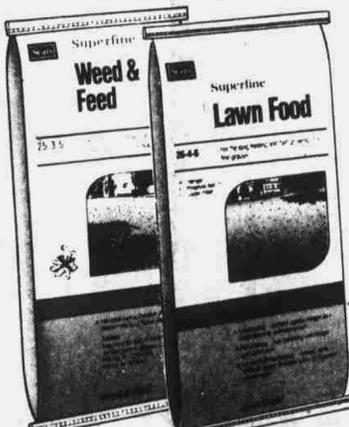
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