

Unemployment Figure Estimated At 1800 In Durham

One hundred public service jobs are planned for the next fiscal year. That number is based on an unemployment rate of around three per cent. That figure estimates that around 1800 people are unemployed in Durham and are looking for work. This number represents only those workers who have not become discouraged and are still looking for work. Among 4,238 applicants that applied for jobs at Durham Office of the N.C. Employment Commission (SEC) in February, a very

large number were welfare recipients and poorly educated persons. The majority were black. They constitute the chronically unemployed in Durham. Welfare recipients below thirty years of age numbered 57 per cent of the 1979 welfare claimants that were seeking work in February. That means that during February, 1100 welfare recipients below thirty in Durham were looking for jobs. The chronically unemployed seeking jobs are poorly educated, a factor which makes their

plight nearly permanent. Even in good times, they are looking for work that they can't find. Forty-three per cent of 1,822 of the persons who registered with the Durham ESC office in February did not complete the eleventh grade in high school. In a market where college graduates and PhD's seek work, the uneducated and unskilled have little chance. The chronically unemployed are black, and they are young. Sixty-nine per cent of the February applicants at ESC were black. The estimated 1800 peo-

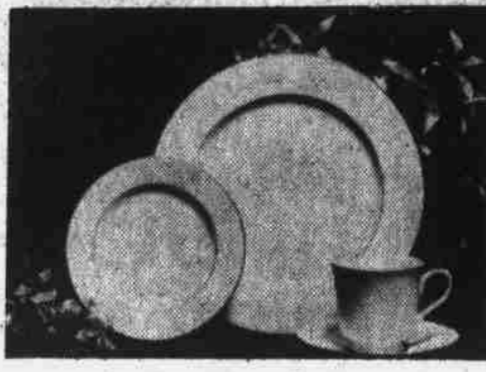
ple unemployed and seeking work in Durham is a very poor estimate, according to Jack Stone. That number is based on the unemployment rate nationally. Almost 200 welfare recipients alone were looking for work in February which strongly suggests that the number of people looking for work may be more than doubled the estimated rate of three per cent. When workers lose jobs, they frequently fall behind in their mortgage and rent payments. Houses are foreclosed by bankers, cars are

repossessed. Black organizations contacted this week indicated that widespread plans have not been formulated within the black community to head off or cushion the predicted economic slowdown, as described by the economists. Similar forecasts in 1973 proved a depression for the black community which always if faced with high unemployment. Jarvis Martin, Chairman of the Economic and Employment subcommittee of the Durham Committee on the Affairs

of Black People said that the most powerful black organization had not discussed how to protect blacks who may suffer from the economic woes

of the nation. Likewise George Frazier, president of the Durham Branch of the NAACP indicated that the civil rights organization

has not considered programs for aiding blacks caught in the throes of inflation and unemployment, but the organization may in the near future.



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Nurses Award \$10,000 In Scholarships At Boule

Sorors of Chi Eta Phi Sorority, Inc., a professional nursing organization which held its 34th Annual Boule in Indianapolis, Indiana last month, awarded eleven scholarships to students enrolled in schools of nursing.

Among those receiving scholarships was Earnest Joe Grant who attends Winston-Salem State University.

Chi Eta Phi was founded in 1932 at Freedmen's Hospital, Washington, D.C. There are presently 47 graduate chapters and nineteen undergraduate chapters located throughout the United States. The objectives of the Sorority are encouragement of continuing education among members of the nursing profession, maintaining a recruitment program for nursing, stimulating a close, friendly relationship among members, developing working relations with other professional groups for the improvement and

delivery of health care services and the continuous identification of nursing leaders within the membership who will function as agents of social change on local, regional and national levels.

The Sisterhood Breakfast was a salute to all Past Supreme Basilei who have served in the 47 years of the organization. Among them was Miss Helen S. Miller of Durham (1969-1973).

Mrs. Lydia Betts of Pi Chapter, Durham, was one of fourteen sorors who received Life Membership pins during the Life Membership Luncheon.

Chi Chi Chapter of Winston-Salem won the chapter award for the Best Scrapbook Implementing the Sorority Theme.

New officers elected for 1979-81 were: Peola H. McCaskill, Supreme Basileus; Dorothy B. Middleton, Second Supreme Anti-Basileus; Clara

Love, Dean of Pledges; Daisy Borel, Dean of Sponsors and Willa B. Miller, Editor-in-Chief.

Boule 1980 will be held in New York City, June 22-29, 1980 with Omicron Chapter as Host Chapter. The theme will be "New Directions, Accountability and Responsibility".



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NCCU Recognizes Staff Of 5, 10, 15, 20, And 25 Years Service

North Carolina Central University presented awards for service to 55 of its non-teaching employees Friday, July 6, in the Alfonso Elder Student Union Lounge.

The employees are those who have in the past year completed five, ten, fifteen, twenty or 25 years of state employment.

Receiving 25-year Service Awards were Mrs. Lillie B. Fike of the Academic Skills Center, Mrs. Helen Garner of the Graduate Office, and Leon Snipes of the Heating Plant.

Daniel McArthur of the Heating plant received a twenty-year Service Award.

The university presented fifteen-year Service Awards to Levester Cogdell of the Housekeeping Department, Mrs. Marian Covington of the Office of the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs, Mrs. Cottis L. Dickens of the James E. Shepard Memorial Library, Mrs. Doris C. Fitzgerald of the Student Bookstore, Mrs. Edna L. Harrington of the Student Bookstore, Mrs. Effie Hughes of the Housekeeping Department, Mrs. Cornelia Leathers of the Housekeeping Department, Mrs. Ruby Herbin of the Accounting Office, John Hines of the Physical Plant Department, and Moses W. McIver of the Food Services Department.

Ten-year Service Awards went to Mrs. Margaret Adams of the Housekeeping Department, Ms. Joyce F. Belton of the Chemistry Department, Mrs. Gertrude F. Bland of the Housekeeping Department, Thomas R. Burkett of the Housekeeping Department, Mrs. Carrie Davis of the Learning Resources Center, Mrs. Evelyn C. Deck of the Undergraduate Office, Mrs. Ella L. Duncan of the Food Services Depart-

ment, Mrs. Sarah S. Faulkner of the Data Processing Center, Mrs. Beatrice Hamm of the Education Department, and Robert Hopson of the Duplicating Center.

Also receiving Ten-year Service Awards were Mrs. Donnie Jones of the Food Services Department, Mrs. Barbara J. Lassiter of the Career Counseling and Placement Bureau, Mrs. Martina S. McKibbins of the Physical Plant Department, Mrs. Annie M. Reed of the Data Processing Center, R.T. Robinson of the Physical Plant Department, Mrs. Janie Shaw of the Food Service Department, Mrs. Phyllis F. Shumate of Residence Operations, Mrs. Leah S. Smith of the Chancellor's Residence, Mrs. Elma White of the Food Service Department, and Mrs. Julia Williams of Residence Operations.

Five-year Service Awards went to Mrs. Edna B. Becton of the Office of the Assistant Comptroller, James Brim of the Housekeeping Department, S. Wayne Cunningham of Central Stores, Ms. Stella D. Cutts of the AIDP-FMS Office, Mrs. Louis C. Davis of the Housekeeping Department, Edward Cummings of the Physical Plant Department, Charles Gamble of the Housekeeping Department, William A. Gilmer of the Duplicating Center, Ms. Sharon M. Hadden of the Physics Department and the Registrar's Office, Roy Helms of the Physical Plant Department, Junious Ingram of the Housekeeping Department, Mrs. Rosalind W. Manley of the Biology Department, William E. McDonald of the Physical Plant Department, Mrs. Barbara J. McMorris of the Food Services Department, Mrs. Dorothy B. Okeke of Residence Operations, Mrs. Lessie Privette of the

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