

Headstart Gets More Money Needs More Students

By Josephine Scarlett

While federal administration budget cuts continue to reduce or eliminate money for most social programs, one Durham program has received a funding increase for next year. According to director Ms. Hazel Lipscomb, Operation Breakthrough's Head Start program has received a 6.5% cost of living increase for next year. The program, which according to a program spokesman, has a \$609,605 annual budget, will increase by an estimated \$93,785. Head Start receives its funding from the Department of Health and Human Services. The 1983 budget will be about \$703,000.

Cost of living increases are allotted to programs according to increases in the consumer price index (CPI). A rise in the CPI means that goods and services cost more and the dollar is less valuable. The government increases its funding to programs because the programs require more money to provide the same services.

Since 1965, Head Start has provided a kindergarten program for three to five year olds whose family income meets the income poverty guideline set by the federal government. There are 32,735 families with related children under age 6 in North Carolina at or below the poverty threshold of \$8414 annual income for a family of four according to the 1980 Census figures. Figures for the number of families with children under 6 in Durham who meet the income poverty level were not available.

Ms. Lipscomb told *The Carolina Times* that Head Start can take more children and more classes because of the extra money. "We can start two additional classes which means two more teachers and 40 more children," she said. Head Start must enroll at least 328

children in order to receive federal support. The program enrolled 348 children during the 1981-82 school year.

The directors of the program will focus on the enrollment of 4 year olds for the coming year because, according to Ms. Lipscomb, there are presently fewer four year olds enrolled. "We need four year olds," she said. "That may be because some (eligible) persons have not registered their

Head Start's enrollment has been affected by public kindergarten which recruits children 5

years old and those who have birthdays on or before October 16. Ms. Lipscomb explained that, in the past few years, the program has seen a decrease in the number of five year olds.

"In September we will focus on recruiting three and four year olds and four year olds who have birthdays after October 16," she said.

The program coordinators are also required to fill 10 per cent of the enrollment with children diagnosed as handicapped by medical professionals.

Even though the program itself is not in

financial danger, Ms. Lipscomb sees one problem for children in the program that may result from cuts in the Medicaid program. "Because some of the children are covered by Medicaid, when the program is cut, we may have to pick up the tab (medical expenses)," she said.

Children who receive Medicaid are eligible for in-patient hospitalization, a maximum of 24 clinic visits yearly, 6 drug prescriptions monthly, unlimited visits to mental health and dental clinics and nursing home care.

One goal of the pro-

gram is the involvement of parents in the education of their children in the initial stages. "We encourage parents to participate in their child's education hoping that this will carry over," said Ms. Lipscomb. Twenty-seven of the staff persons are former Head Start parents. The program offers training assistance to parents who wish to volunteer their services.

Ms. Lipscomb contends that the program is growing. "We look forward to refunding as long as we satisfy the qualifications," she said. Applications for Head

Start are accepted year round. The 1982-83 school year for Head Start children begins September 7. Transportation, breakfast and lunch are provided by the program.

Henry Frye

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could run for Congress or a statewide office." Frank Ballance, a Warrenton lawyer and one of 16 blacks from across the state nominated to state legislative seats, said: "We're going to need him, and I think his expertise will be available, but we're going to carry on."

Commenting on the fact that 16 blacks have been nominated for legislative seats and that most political observers believe at least ten have excellent chances to win, Frye noted that their presence in the General Assembly should help North Carolina be more progressive in making laws that are fair and just to all citizens.

Another longtime political mover, William A. Clement, said: "If I had to pick the most outstanding minority official in the state, it would be Henry Frye. We're going to miss Senator Frye."

Frye, an A&T State University graduate, who also holds a law degree from UNC, is married to the former Miss Edith Shirley Taylor. They have two sons, Henry, Jr., and Harland. The Fryes live in Greensboro.

Phillip Morris V.P. Elected To VUU Board Of Trustees



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F. Harrison Poole, vice president-treasurer of Phillip Morris Incorporated, has been elected to the Board of Trustees of Virginia Union University, it was recently announced by David T. Shannon, president of the 117-year-old institution of higher learning.

A native of Massachusetts, Poole was graduated from Harvard University in 1943 and also attended New York University's Graduate School of Business. He served with the United States Army from 1943 to 1946 as a captain in the 17th Airborne Division.

Poole joined Philip Morris in 1957 as assistant to the vice president-diversification, and four years later he became manager, Corporate Analysis. He served as director, Corporate Planning, from 1965 to his election as treasurer in 1976.

Active in professional and civic organizations, Poole is a member of the executive committee and on the board of directors of Christiania General Insurance Corporation of New York and of Switzerland General Insurance Corporation. He has been a member of the Corporate Advisory Group of the National Bankers Association (NBA), the trade association of the nation's minority-owned banks, since June 1980 and was elected chairman in December 1980. In January 1981, he was elected to the board of directors of the United National Bank of Washington, D.C.

Virginia Union's president Shannon said that Poole will work with the Finance and Investments Committee of the board. Located in Richmond, the university has a student body of some 1,200, of which about 99 per cent are black. It offers degrees of bachelor of science and degrees in engineering, mathematics and chemistry in conjunction with Howard University and the University of Michigan.

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Public Television Begins New Education Program

CHAPEL HILL — A new television program, sponsored jointly by The Center for Public Television and the State's Department of Community Colleges, aims at helping North Carolina confront its growing problem of adult illiteracy and high school dropouts.

It is estimated that 30% of all students who enter North Carolina public schools will not graduate. North Carolinians without a high school diploma number approximately two million.

For years the Department of Community Colleges has provided basic education services for these adults at its 58 member institutions across the state. Yet these programs reach only 36,000 adults annually — a small portion of those who need help. What has hampered these efforts is a "distribution deficiency," says Paul Vandergrift, director of the Center's Educative Services.

"Although most of the programs' potential students live within 30 miles of a learning center," he explained, "many of them have

neither the time nor the means of transportation necessary to attend the classes."

Most of these potential students, however, do have access to a television set. Thus the statewide broadcast system of The Center promises to offer a hopefully efficient solution to the distribution problem for adult education.

As with The Center's college telecourse program, adult learners visit a nearby institution only to enroll, consult with teachers, and take tests. The actual "classroom" is anywhere students and their television sets get together.

Beginning Monday, September 6, the courses will be broadcast from 8-8:30 a.m. weekdays and re-runs weekdays afternoons from 3:30-4 p.m., and from 7-8 a.m. on Saturdays (only GED repeated).

Discussions early this year between Vandergrift and Larry Blake, president of the Department of Community Colleges, confirmed that the colleges would be receptive to such a collaborative venture. The next challenge was finding a series of telecourses that fulfilled North Carolina's needs.

After examining the various courses available, Vandergrift, Blake, and The Center's director Jake Dunlop decided on a three-tiered program series produced by the Kentucky Educational Television network which has proved highly successful in other states. "We have several studies by other state networks attesting to its

quality and to the benefits it has produced," said Vandergrift.

Each of the program's three series offers instruction on a different educational level. Adult Basic Education (ABE) provides lessons in elementary school level reading, mathematics, and other subjects; Pre-General Education Development Testing (Pre-GED) teaches courses at the junior high school level; and General Education Development Testing (GED) offers preparatory instruction for the high school equivalency examination. Because adult illiteracy is such a pressing concern in North Carolina, The Center has decided to run all three courses concurrently. "This is the first instance we know of," Vandergrift said, "where a state has used all three programs at one time."

How will the programs' success be determined? "Enrollment is naturally one measure of success," said Vandergrift. "If the community colleges report increases, that means we're succeeding in getting the message across."

Vandergrift adds that a more meaningful measurement of success will be an increase in the number of North Carolinians who pass the high school equivalency examinations, he said, and obtain diplomas. "That statistic is still six months to a year away."

Jake Dunlop strongly encourages Center viewers to relay the news about the adult education project to friends or

neighbors who might benefit. "These programs have been extremely successful where people have cared enough to spread the word. We're relying on this type of good-news network," he said. At the same time, Dunlop suggests that even people who don't need the series might nonetheless find it interesting and informative. "I've watched the entire GED series several times. It's attractively and interestingly done. I think everyone would find it valuable as a refresher."

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NAB Official To Speak To The Black Caucus

WASHINGTON — Vincent T. Wasilewski, president, National Association of Broadcasters, will discuss the status of minority participation in broadcasting at a meeting of the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) on September 17. The Communications Braintrust meeting of the Legislative Weekend activities of the CBC will be held in Room 2154 of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, D.C.

Representatives Cardiss Collins (D-Ill.), a member of the House Communications Subcommittee and William Clay (D-Mo.), co-chairs of the CBC Communications Braintrust, will pose questions to Wasilewski and other members of the Industry Perspectives panel. Other participants will be Thomas Wheeler, president, National Cable Television Association, and Jack Valenti, president, Motion Picture Association of America.

There also will be panels on Strategies for

Advancing Minority Ownership, How to Lobby and Participate in FCC Rulemakings, The Future of Black Print Media in the Age of New Technologies, Survival and Progress of Black Music in America, and a special video presentation of WHMM-TV, the nation's first black-controlled and operated public TV station.

Panelists in these sessions will include FCC Commissioner Henry Rivera; Clarence Smith, president, Essence Communications (Essence Magazine); Dr. William Lee, publisher, Observer Newspapers; LeBaron Taylor, vice president and general manager, Group Affairs, CBS Records; Topper Carew,

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