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1974 Marked 'Year Of Recession'

Commissioner Killed In Crash

The first black woman ever elected to the Guilford County of Commissioners was killed last Monday. Mrs. Zoe Parks Barbee died as the result of an automobile accident on U.S. 15-501 near Durham.

Two other passengers in Mrs. Barbee's car were not seriously injured. They were Deborah E. Williams, 21, of Durham, and Irene L. Chavis, 15, of Greensboro.

Mrs. Barbee, a Democrat, was thought by many of her fellow commissioners as a woman of greatness. She had missed a bid for the board of commissioners previously but had won overwhelmingly in November's election.

The body was taken to Scarborough Funeral Home pending funeral arrangements.



Commissioner Zoe P. Barbee

The U.S. economy experienced a gradual decline in consumer demand in 1974, according to Thomas D. Rideout, a Senior Vice President of a local bank. In addition, "1974 will go down in the economic history books as a year of recession."

"The American economy gradually succumbed to declining consumer demands," he said, "as inflation sapped the real purchasing power of the average worker's paycheck."

The average worker with three dependents has seen his actual spendable income shrink by 5 per cent over the last 12 months and as much as 8 in the last two years. "With higher prices for food and energy leading the way," he said, "the cost of living for essential needs now takes a decidedly larger portion of take-home pay than in the recent past." This has

reduced income normally left over for non-essential goods.

The situation will not get much better during the first half of 1975 either. "The American consumer is going to be confronted with severe yet moderating inflation and a continuing threat of unemployment." This will mean fewer dollars available for spending.

The only bright spot for the coming years will be an easing of the rate of inflation. "It should drop from the current near 15 per cent to the seven point range by the second half of 1975," said Rideout. For the average worker this would mean more money to spend. Rideout sees a possibility that the economy will begin to slowly improve.

Rideout believes that the U.S. could enter 1976 with a large part of the battle against inflation won.

WSSU Increases Student Fees

Coach Of Year Honored



The Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) "Coach Of The Year" was honored at a Coach's Roast recently in Salisbury.

Baxter D. Holman, cited for the honor because of two outstanding years as head coach at Livingstone College in Salisbury, guided the team to the best conference record in the school's history this past season with a 9-2 mark. His record in the past two seasons is 16-4-1. This is Baxter's second year as head coach of the Fighting Bears.

The Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees has recommended a seven per cent increase in student fees for the 1975-76 academic year.

The net increase in charges for both in-state and out-of-state students would be \$116.00 for boarding students and \$43.00 for day students. Total charges for in-state-boarding students would be \$1524.00 and \$560.00 for day students. Charges for out-of-state students would be \$2893.00 for boarding students and \$1929.00 for day students.

Mr. Willie Grissom, Business Manager at WSSU, explained that an increase in fees is necessary to accommodate the rise in the cost of living and for maintenance and upgrading of services that are not state-supported. For example, the State does not provide money for the health center, dining hall, dormitories or student union. Nor does the State provide for the construction or much needed parking lots. With WSSU's enrollment of over 1900 students, parking on campus is at a premium. The initiation

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Interns Are Sought For Summer Program

Governor Jim Holshouser has urged North Carolina college students interested in State government to apply for the 1975 State Government Summer Internship program.

Holshouser said 24 students will be selected for the program. For 11 weeks next summer, the interns will do work in State departments and

learn about various aspects of State government. The program will begin on May 26 and continue through August 8. Interns will be paid \$120 per week.

To be eligible for the intern program, students must (1) be residents of North Carolina,

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