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Arts, the Forsyth County Main Library, and various church and civic organizations.

Given the 1984 African-American History Month theme -- "Blacks and the Struggle for Excellence in Education" -- I draw your specific attention to the following programs:

- Forum: Black Americans and the Struggle for Excellence in Education, WSSU campus, Atkins Hall, Feb. 9, 8 p.m.; for more information, phone 761-2044.
- Seminar: Positive Images of Blackness, Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m., Forsyth County Main Library; phone 727-2384 for more information.
- Lecture: Rev. Benjamin Chavis, Feb. 28, 3 p.m., 228 Communications Bldg., WSSU campus; call 761-2044 for more information.

The above is only a sketchy listing of the numerous activities being planned. Thus, I strongly encourage each of you to make the effort to find out what is happening in our community by reading the *Chronicle* or tuning in to WAAA and WAIR radio stations.

In closing, I ask that as you celebrate this special month in your homes, schools, churches and organizations. And remember Chaka the Zula and Toussant L'Ouverture, W.E.B. Dubois and Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth and Harriet Tubman, Martin Delany and Marcus Garvey, Daniel Hale Williams and Charles Drew, Langston Hughes and Gwendolyn Brooks, Booker T. Washington and Mary McLeod Bethune, the Rev. Henry Highland Garnet and the Rev. Adam Clayton Powell, attorneys Charles Houston and Thurgood Marshall, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, and, as Maya Angelou writes, the countless other "heroes" and "sheroes" who have contributed to African and African-American achievement, excellence and progress.

We owe nothing less to ourselves than to appreciate our past; for from our glorious and bloody past, we gain the strength, the hope, the courage to wage the ongoing freedom struggle today and tomorrow.

Celebrate Black History Month.
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suppressing black history until we as a people have no memory of our past and therefore no vision for our future.

We do not know our true identity and cannot relate and identify with our heritage. Most of us still believe in our own inferiority and have created a mental caste system that relegates us to a permanent second-class citizenship in the land of our birth.

Where there is no back door, we create one. This is a continuous process by which the public and private sectors mal-distribute the country's resources which keeps the black community in a state of economic serfdom, making it impossible for blacks to compete equally in the marketplace.

We do not control the independence of our own institutions, including the black church. Even though the 1954 Brown vs. Board of Education decision outlawed physical segregation, blacks, for the most part, are still segregated in racially identifiable communities. And despite the years of litigation black students are segregated inside the classrooms of America by various means.

If we as a people are to reach our potential, we must get our house in order, primarily the black church. We can do that by eliminating the ways the American system has used to dominate blacks.

Walter Marshall is president of the local NAACP.

Crime From Page A2

A king-sized bed, mattress and springs were taken.

- 1500 block, North Liberty Street
Money was taken.
- 1600 block, North Trade Street
Clothes were taken.
- 2000 block, Dunleith Avenue
Money was taken.
- 2400 block, Gifmer Avenue
A .38-caliber pistol with a pearl handle was taken.
- 1300 block, North Liberty Street
Copper tubing was taken.
- 400 block, North Liberty Street
Gloves were taken. One arrest has been made.
- 1500 block, Patterson Avenue
Two yard chairs were taken.

Several incidents of a white male approaching female students, offering them money and using obscene gestures and language have been reported near elementary schools in the city. Police investigations of the incidents disclosed two or more individuals are involved using basically the same approach.

Parents are encouraged to have children report all contacts with strangers to school personnel if en route to school, or to parents if the contact was after leaving school.

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Living the abundant life offers a fruitful payoff

If you are a profound believer in the value of genuine enthusiasm that expresses itself both in words and in actions, it will help you to live an abundant life. Sustained enthusiasm lies at the base of all genuine and resultful efforts, just as it lies in back of every other aspect of successful endeavor.

However, a college professor once made the statement,

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"Enthusiasm is not quite scholarly." Well, there was nothing remotely outgoing about him; he was the reserved, introverted type. Most of his students were in his classes because they were required to take the courses he taught. He firmly had in mind that it was up to the students to meet the requirements he set for his courses in the best way they could. He was not an enthusiastic teacher at all.

There are many people similar to that college professor. It is being said to readers of this column, if you are not living the abundant life, make a change and try to do so.

When we live abundant lives, we wake up in the morning in the spirit of eagerness for what lies before us that day, and we end the day with a sense of glowing satisfaction, and we have an all-providing enthusiasm. Quoting Emerson: "Nothing worthwhile was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

Living the abundant life enables one to have inspiration, to believe in and have the positive approach, which results in action; the negative approach inhibits action. Positive thinking broadens vision; negative thinking obstructs vision, destroying good points for an abundant life.

Reading the life stories of men and women who have made genuine contributions to society, it is certain they all had one trait in common: They did much more thinking about their possibilities than about their limitations. They were people who looked upward and forward. Too many people, unfortunately, tend to look downward and backward; therefore, they fail. If you are guilty of such, stop now; believe in the positive approach, and let it take action. Find yourself leaving the negative side of life.

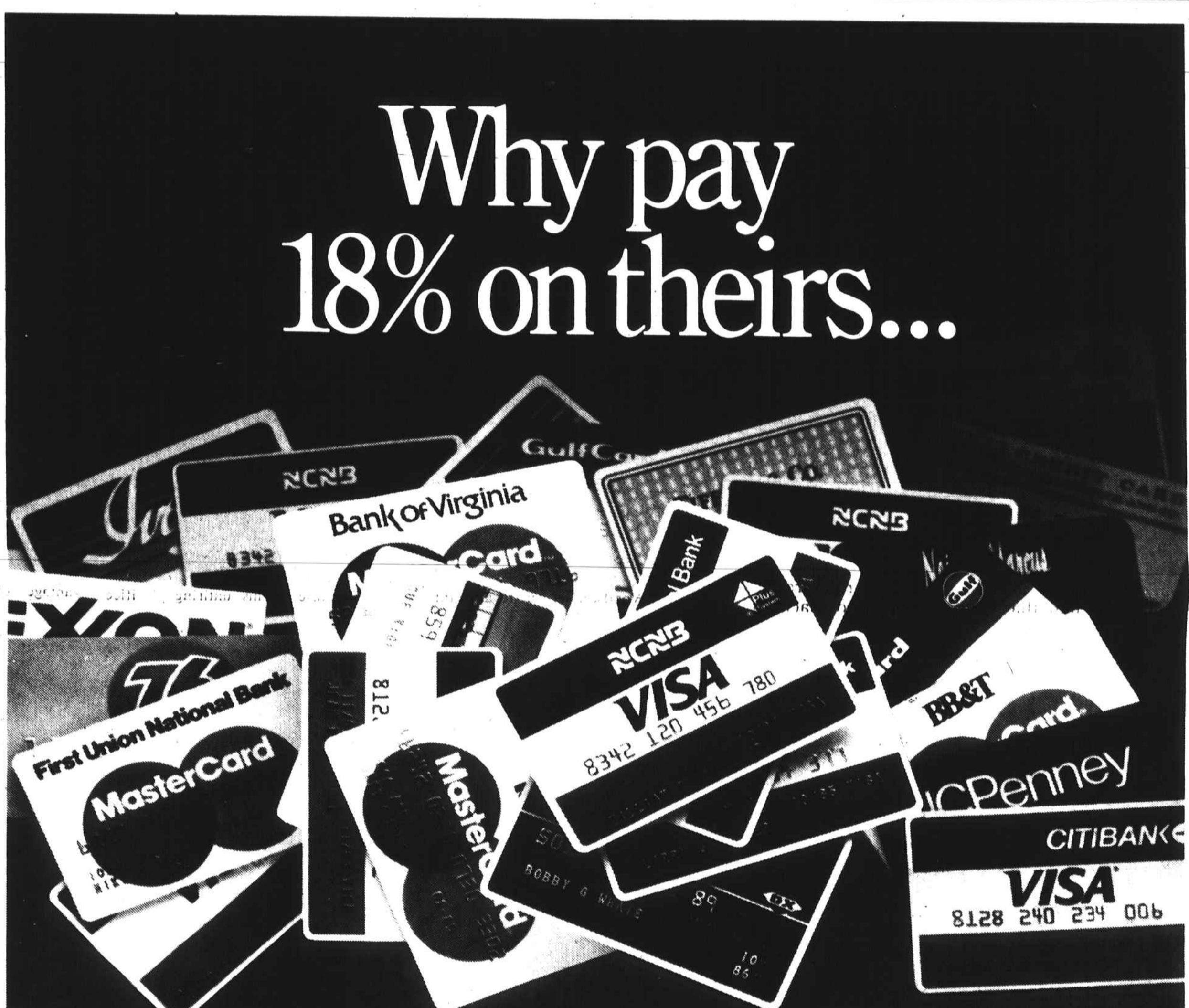
To live the abundant life and to accomplish anything, there must first be an idea that things are possible. Then, the watchword must be "try," and keep on trying with enthusiasm and firm belief in your ability to succeed.

When you lift your eyes from the ground, raising your head, seeing the sky and the sun above, looking at trees with their roots, you will acquire the positive feeling to achieve worthwhile goals. You will be setting up high ideals for yourself, and putting these ideals into action will be a medium lifting up your spirits. The spiritual tone will be a medium to strengthen your faith and enable you to meet challenges necessary for an abundant life, remembering to dwell on the positive and avoid the negative.

Plans for living the abundant life calls for prayer, relaxation, quietness and solitary thinking, which will enable you to get a vision of the possibilities -- giving you a lift, keeping you alive and energetic, being inspired and adventuresome. These factors will help you resolve to live affirmatively, and not drift.

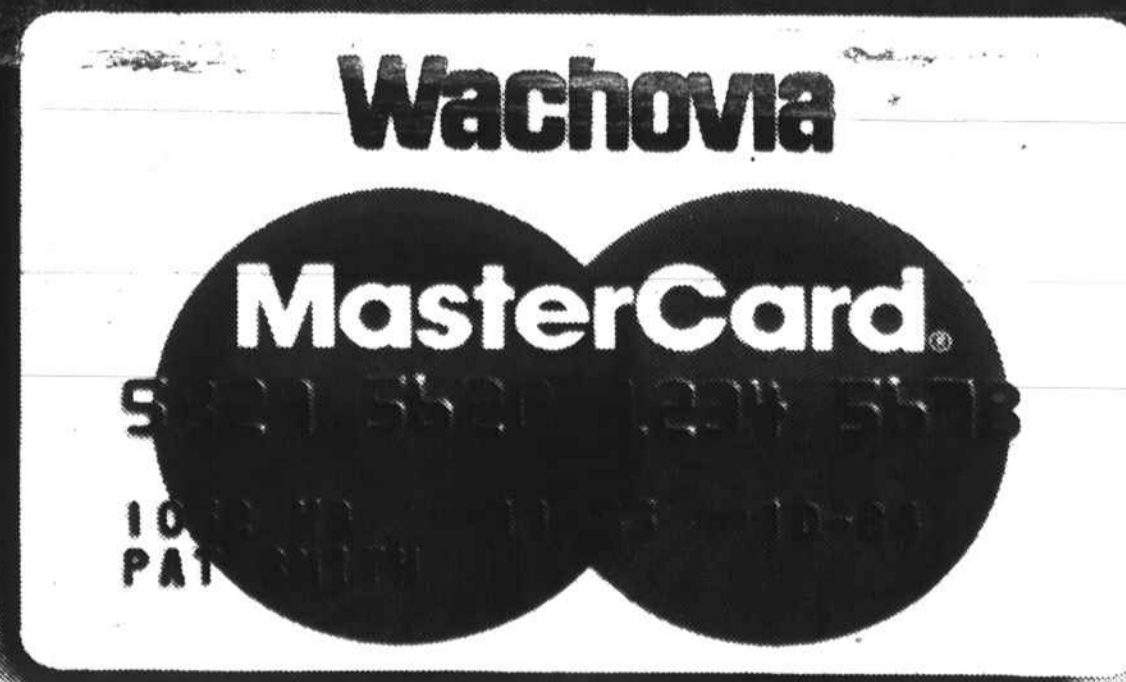
You will gain nothing by downgrading yourself and living the negative life, but will accomplish much by living the abundant life and possessing the quality of genuine enthusiasm.

It may be hard, but in the final test, a fruitful payoff.



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