

Chronicle Profile

She faces 'biggest challenge'

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Mrs. Annie Hairston loves a challenge and the biggest challenge of her 29-year educational career will be directing the new Kimberley Park Alternative School.

Under the new reorganization plan, the school will remain an elementary school, but will specialize in computer science, photography and math programs. It will house grades kindergarten through five.

"I'm most excited because it's a once in a lifetime opportunity," said Hairston, who was selected by Superintendent Zane Eargle to be principal of the alternative school.

Students are selected to attend the school by a committee of the central administration. The names of applicants are put in a pool and randomly selected by grade from each of the district's elementary schools. Of the school's 276 students, about 60 percent are white and 40 percent are black.

Hairston said the traditional classroom concept has been eliminated at the school. Students will not be confined to one classroom and one teacher. Instead, students will be taught by different teachers and each class will be composed of students from various age and grade levels. There will be a ratio of about one teacher to ten students.

Besides the reading, writing, and arithmetic, students will be taught a variety of special classes.

They will be given Spanish, computer science and photography. The students also will be allowed to produce a newspaper and have their own broadcast studio.

The district made some renovations to the school building. Now, the classrooms are arranged like a pod, with eight rooms to each section. Each section has a name. For example, there is the House of Pooh Corner, which houses students in kindergarten through second grade. In the Little House on The Prairie, they will be taught social studies and history. And in La Casa De Manana they will be taught Spanish, photography, broadcasting, language and how to use computers.

"We hope to make this the best school in the system," said Hairston. "Hopefully, it will serve as a role model for the rest of the system."

According to Hairston, the school received a \$50,000 state grant and a \$25,000 grant from the Winston-Salem Foundation to finance some of the new programs.

Becoming the principal of the new school has pumped new excitement into her educational career, Hairston said.

"Education is the root of our nation. Every child should go as far as his or her ability will allow them to go," she said. "It is our task to ensure that this happens."

She has been in education for 29 years as an administrator or instructor. She taught at Northside Elementary School in Chapel Hill for four years



Kimberley Park Alternative School Principal Annie Hairston: "The teacher is part parent, friend and leader" (photo by James Parker).

before getting a job at Columbian Heights in 1967. Next, she taught at Diggs Elementary School, where she was promoted to assistant principal and later to principal before the school closed last year.

"I had mixed emotions about leaving Diggs because it was home," she recalled. "I knew the teachers, students and parents. Yet, I was offered this great challenge."

Hairston comes from a family of educators. Of

the five brothers and sisters, four are in education. Her brother, Willie Richardson, is an assistant principal at Latham Elementary School. Another brother, Alexander Richardson, is a fifth grade teacher at Hall-Woodward Elementary School. Modine Shaw, one of her sisters, is a seventh grade teacher at Philo Middle School. Another sister, Delores Bailey, is a teacher at Amityville Junior
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Fundraiser set for Dr. Bob Hannon

A large group of voters and candidates from Greensboro and Winston-Salem are expected to attend a benefit reception sponsored by supporters and friends of Dr. Robert (Bob) L. Hannon at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8 in Yenrof's restaurant on 2200 Randleman Road in Greensboro.

Dr. Hannon, who was the lone black candidate seeking the governor's office in the May 8 primary, ran seventh in the Democratic primary from a field of ten. In Bertie and Granville Counties, he ran second to At-

torney General Rufus Edmisten, who won in both counties.

As a result of his campaign, Dr. Hannon had a total debt of \$18,971. That debt has now been reduced to \$7,000. The purpose of Saturday's reception is to help the former gubernatorial candidate settle his campaign debt.

Among the organizations that have been invited to the reception are members of local sororities, fraternities, lodges and alumni associations, including North Carolina A&T and Winston-Salem State universities. Candidates seeking office in

November from all parties at both the local and state level are expected to attend.

A dance will follow the reception at 9 p.m.

Each person attending will be expected to make a minimum contribution of \$6 at the door. There are no limits on contributions and those who can contribute more than \$6 are urged to do so.

A short program is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. Each candidate attending will be given an opportunity to speak.



Dr. Robert Hannon

Military News

Cpl. Ingram reports for duty

Marine Lance Cpl. Allen P. Ingram, son of Margaret I. Ervin of Winston-Salem, recently reported for duty with the 1st Force Service Support Group in Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Marine Capt. Leslie M. Myers Jr., son of Edith W. Myers of Winston-Salem, recently departed on a deployment to the western Pacific Ocean area.

He is an officer assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 165, an element of the 31st Marine Amphibious Unit (MAU), based at Kaneohe Bay,

Hawaii. The 31st MAU consists of a headquarters element, the reinforced 3rd Battalion, the 3rd Marines, an infantry unit; the composite Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 165 and Marine Amphibious Unit Service Support Group 31. The 31st MAU is scheduled to participate in several training exercises in the Republic of the Philippines throughout the deployment and will visit a number of liberty ports before returning home.

Chuck Mangione Quintet to play Stevens Center

The Chuck Mangione Quintet, a touring company of the Broadway musical, "Ain't Misbehavin'," the world famous Vienna Choir Boys and political humorist Mark Russell are among the visiting attractions to be presented by the Stevens Center in its 1984-85 season, which opens this month.

"We're Saving a Seat for You," is the season's theme.

"We're offering a wide variety of artists," said general manager Clyde Lindsley, "including nine events with two series options and we are expecting a strong response from the public."

The season begins Sept. 8 and 9, with four performances of a magic show for family audiences.

"Shaw Smith's Wacky Wizardry," is planned to coincide with

the Carolina Street Scene outdoor festival and will have 70-minute performances each afternoon at 1 and 3:30 p.m.

Political humorist Mark Russell will appear on Saturday evening, Sept. 22. Russell does several comedy specials each season on PBS and writes a syndicated newspaper column. He has been called "the deftest deflator of political pomposity since Will Rogers."

"American Music Album" is the first of two series being offered and it opens on Friday evening Oct. 19 with the New American Ragtime Ensemble in a program of tunes by Scott Joplin, Eubie Blake and other composers of the ragtime era.

The series also includes the
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