

Gibbs wins scholarship

Carol Gibbs, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James O. Gibbs, has been awarded a Board of Governors Medical Scholarship for the academic year 1991-92.

Gibbs was chosen by a Selection Committee composed of practicing physicians, educators, and administrators from candidates nominated by the four medical schools located in North Carolina.

This scholarship program represents an effort by the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina to expand medical educational opportunities in North Carolina.

Eighteen scholars have been selected this year. The scholarship will be available to Gibbs for four



Carol Gibbs

years of undergraduate medical study.

Gibbs is a 1987 graduate of Mount Tabor High School and a 1991 graduate of Duke University. She will enroll in UNC-Chapel Hill Medical School in the fall.

Consortium signs exchange agreement

Chronicle Wire Report

The North Carolina Consortium for International and Intercultural Education has signed a student and faculty exchange agreement with the Moscow State Institute for International Relations.

The consortium, which includes Winston-Salem State and five other historically black colleges and universities, entered into the renewable, two-year agreement with the Moscow State Institute in late May during a visit there by faculty and administrators.

The purpose of the exchange

program is to provide international and intercultural learning experiences for students and promote opportunities for sharing international educational expertise. Workshops, seminars and cooperative educational activities also will be arranged through the exchange.

The agreement formalizes a relationship that the consortium has developed with the Moscow State Institute in recent months.

In November, a senior majoring in history and political science at Winston-Salem State, Marvin Johnson, visited the Soviet capital as a representative of the consortium

and the United Nations Association of America.

In February, several students and faculty from the Moscow State Institute, an extension of the USSR Ministry of Foreign Affairs, visited the consortium campuses.

Last month, Winston-Salem State's vice chancellor for academic affairs, Alex B. Johnson, and Lorenzo Battle, chairman of the university's department of social sciences accompanied Robert L. Albright, the consortium president and president of Johnson C. Smith University, on a weeklong visit to the Soviet Union.

And, at the end of June, 10 students and two faculty members from the consortium schools—two of the students, Daryl Bryant and Michael McClinton, are from Winston-Salem State—will spend three weeks in the Soviet Union.

The visit will be reciprocated in September by a Russian delegation.

The other consortium members are Bennett College, N.C. Central University, N.C. A&T State University and Saint Augustine's College.

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Budgets

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for economic development programs, public school education programs, and to restore funds for several human service agencies that were facing severe cuts.

"It was the best we could do," said John Holleman, chair of the board of commissioners. He had proposed another half cent increase above the \$.70 property tax rate. Holleman said last week that he felt he had enough votes to get the full increase passed.

But the next day, he found that a political ally had become an obstacle.

Commissioner Gerald Long announced the next day that he would not support a tax increase above \$.70 and came up with his own plan calling for a \$.69.9 increase. So the commissioners agreed to a compromise.

"I'm not happy with it. I thought we had enough votes, but we didn't," Holleman said.

Commissioner Earline Parmon was even more miffed. "When we left the work session last Wednesday, we thought we had a done deal," said Parmon. She said then that Long's plan would not allow support for education or human services that improve the quality of life for the citizens of Forsyth County. "I have no idea what Mr. Long's thinking was," said Parmon.

But commissioner Long explains that it was his understanding that Holleman's call for a show of support for his plan was only a straw vote and a very preliminary acknowledgement of approval for an alternative to what the county manager's original proposal had been. Long said he never switched his position because there no permanent vote on Holleman's plan because it was so early in the budgetary process.

Long said he offered his proposal as a compromise to gain support from the other members of the board who were opposed to Holleman's plan.

"But I am locked into the \$.70 plan now. And believe me, there is tremendous pressure out there to go back below the \$.70 plan. But I believe in what we are doing," Long said.

Commissioner's may take a formal vote on adopting a budget at its next meeting Monday.

The city's interim budget comes as a result of the city manager Bill Stuart's recommendation because the state legislature is still deciding on its own budget.

His budget calls for a \$.62 property tax rate per \$100 dollars valuation. The \$211.9 million provides for all city operations, debt service, and capital improvements. But the Board of Aldermen won't make a decision on a final budget until July 15, when it comes up for consideration.

But as far as board member Virginia Newell is concerned, the city's budget woes can be tied directly to what is happening in Raleigh.

"If we could get our legislators to use wise judgment, we'd be alright," said alderman Newell. "I just don't think they have been frugal or prudent with the money they have. How can you miscalculate budgets like that when the greatest calculating apparatus in the state. That is just irresponsible."

Should the state legislature decide to use tax dollars, usually turned back to local municipalities,

to balance the state budget, proposed property tax increases could go up even further.

That too is what concerns Long. He said whatever is adopted by the commissioners Monday will also be an interim budget. He fears budget bickering in the state legislature may force local governments to have to start going to reserve funds to pay expenses.

Public housing residents host 'Cookout 91'

Power 97-FM Radio Station hosted "Cookout '91" for the residents of Happy Hill Gardens, Kimberly Park Terrace, Piedmont Park, and Cleveland Avenue Homes on Saturday, June 15.

97-FM Radio Station personalities Earnie C., Jasmin James, B.J. Murphy, along with The Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina, The Salvation Army Boys' Club and the Winston-Salem Housing Authority sponsored 4,200 hotdogs, potato chips, sodas, and ice cream.

The Residents' Councils provided the volunteers, the grills, and

the publicity for the event. Over 2,500 residents, guests, and friends attended "Cookout '91".

An opening ceremony for "Cookout '91" was held in Happy Hill Gardens with community leaders: Resident Council Presidents, "Say Y.E.S.", "M.A.D.D.", "We Care", "A Better You, A Better Me", Directors and staff, and Community Resource Center Staffs.

Others in attendance included Winston Salem Chapter of the NAACP Vice President, William Tatum; Greensboro Chapter of the NAACP President, Skip Austin;

Church Networking Program spokesperson, Dr. J. Ray Butler; Happy Hill Garden Community Sponsor, Pastor Alma Boyd; Salvation Army Boys' Club Director, Don Moore; Salvation Army Boys' Club Staff, Bill McClain and Ron Bethune; Recreation Department Center Director, Lester Shaw; Power 97-FM Radio Director, Sam Weaver; Housing Authority Managers, Administrative and Maintenance Staffs. Mr. David L. Thompson, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, was also present for the festivities along with

Lucille B. Ransby, Crime Prevention Coordinator for the Housing Authority, who praised the residents, sponsors, and the community for their support in the event. The purpose of the neighborhood cookouts is an effort by the residents to reclaim their communities and to encourage families to come together.

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