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ENGAGING VICKI PURCELL

...UNCC Junior

## Vicki Purcell Is

## Beauty Of Week

by Sherleen McKoy  
Post Staff Writer

"I take everyday as it comes. I've found out that if you try and plan the future, things don't work out the way

This is the prophetic saying of this week's charming beauty, Vicki Purcell, who has been indoctrinated into her mode of living. More often than not, most people do not realize the necessity of living one day at a time until exhaustion or old age has caught up with them, and then they have no choice in the matter. In this day and age when everyone is trying to get to the top in a hurry, it is delightful to know that young people are wising up by slowing down.

Vicki is a 20 year-old junior UNCC majoring in Criminal Justice with a concentration in planning and administration. "I once considered being an English major," she said, "but there was hardly anything I could do with it except teach and I didn't want to teach."

Vicki does not have any definite plans for the future but she said that there is a possibility she may go to law school. "If I do decide to go, I wouldn't go immediately after graduation, I would work first, first," she said. But there is one thing she is certain of: she will not go back to her small hometown in Sanford, N.C. "I definitely will not go back to Sanford and I don't want to stay in N.C., I have relatives in Pennsylvania and I like it up there a lot, so I'll probably graduate North."

Vicki's favorite pastime is

shopping. I love to go shopping for clothes," she said. Next to shopping she likes to travel, though she has never been outside of the country.

She lives in an apartment with three other girls outside of campus. She enjoys the privacy it provides away from campus even though she likes "the relaxed atmosphere on campus. There's not a whole lot of pressure," she mused.

Vicki considers herself to be a friendly and very outgoing personality. For relaxation she likes to study, sit and chat with friends, watch television, go to parties, see good movies and observe sports activities. She occasionally goes to concerts at the coliseum and sometimes to the campus plays. At any rate, she "likes to have a good time."

This past summer Vicki worked at the hospital in Sanford, working mostly with the out-patients on a business basis. She also worked on her father's truck selling ice cream to kids. Her father is an army retiree.

"I was glad to get back to school," she said, "even though, I enjoyed my summer, because I love the warm weather, as well meeting new people and encountering new experiences."

Presently, Vicki said that she is looking for a job with her campus studies.

Vicki's positive outlook on life and her calm composure is sure to produce a bright future for her.

The daughter of Margaret Byrd and Joseph Mitchell, Vicki has one brother and one sister.

## Quality Inn To

## Host SBA Conference

The Small Business Administration marked its twenty-fifth anniversary in July of 1978. What changes will the next twenty-five years bring to small business?

Searching for answers to

this question, regional conferences and open forums are being held nation-wide to offer people an opportunity to recommend policies that will influence the future of small business in America.

The future of small business is of concern because small business traditionally goes hand-in-hand with the expansion of industry and job development.

The North Carolina Conference will be held on Thursday, October 5, at the "Quality Inn" in downtown Charlotte. Registration will be at the door from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The conference will be free of charge and will run from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. S.B.A. Administrator A. Vernon Weaver will be one of the hosts at the conference.

An open forum will take place from 10 a.m. to noon.

# Metrolina Minority Trade Fair To Create Meaningful Relationship

## NAACP Says Health

## Care Plan Doomed

NAACP Executive Director, Benjamin L. Hooks announced his organization's support of the Kennedy health bill in a strongly worded statement that took issue with some of the points of a measure presented by President Carter.

Hooks said, "what President Carter giveth with the left hand, he taketh away with the right. By proposing to link full implementation with the inflation rate, and to phase in the program gradually begin-

ning as late fiscal year 1983, the President would build into his health care program a no-fail self-destruct system. We feel such a system would be doomed to failure."

The nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization leader said that at best the Carter guidelines were only "a piecemeal cure for a raging, national epidemic." Citing statistics from the Congressional Research Services of the Library of Congress that showed health care costs rising from 3.5 billion dollars in 1929 to a projected 200 billion dollars in 1978, Hooks said, "24 million Americans have no insurance coverage at all, while another 20 million are inadequately covered."

"The NAACP therefore opposes the Carter health care proposal. Instead we call on Americans to express their support for the program outlined by Senator Edward Kennedy, which has the full backing of the AFL-CIO, the United Auto Workers and other organizations that are concerned about the national health care problem."

## BRC Officially

## Opens Its Doors

## Here Friday

The Charlotte Business Resource Center will officially open its doors following its Grand Opening Ceremony on Friday, September 29 to begin a multi-faceted program providing free management and technical service to minority business persons in Mecklenburg, Gaston and Union Counties, according to Cathey McIlwain, Business Development Officer.

The Charlotte Business Resource Center (CBRC) is a non-profit organization funded by the U.S. Department of Commerce (Office of Minority Business Enterprise).

CBRC seeks to increase the number of minority businesses in this area and strengthen existing business firms as well as provide services to contractors and construction-related firms. The services include preparing loan proposals for funding by banks, Small Business Administration and others, marketing, education and training seminars, etc.

The public is invited to the 12 noon ceremony which will be held in the Chamber of Commerce Action Center.

Open House for the new CBRC facility will follow from 1-4 p.m. in Suite 502. Their new location is 129 West Trade St., Commerce Building.

## According To Bill Russell

# Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League

## Affiliate Is Only A Charter Away

by Sherleen McKoy  
Post Staff Writer

The possibility of a Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League Affiliate is only a charter away, according to Bill Russell, Public Affairs Manager at Allstate Insurance Company.

The Board last met on August 3 and appointed officers. The By-Laws Committee has met since then and has recommended by-laws for the proposed League.

Harold Hansen, Public Affairs person at Allstate, is chairman of the Urban League Affiliate in Charlotte and Rev. George E. Battle is vice-chairman.

Russell said that the League has received support from the entire community throughout the city and there has been only positive communications towards it.

The Board has been meeting at the Chamber of Commerce. All that remains for it to be an affiliate is to obtain a charter from National Headquarters.

Anyone who supports the goals and purposes of the League is eligible to become a member.

Just what is the Urban League and what are its goals? In a summary of the League and its goals obtained from Hank Harmon, Jr., Operating Division Supervisor at Allstate, the information states that "the Urban League is an interracial, non-profit, non-partisan community service organization, founded in 1910, which uses the tools of social work, economics, law and other disciplines to secure equal opportunity in all sectors of society for black Americans and members of other minority groups. It has



Local labor leaders John Le Grand (Meatcutters Union, Harris Teeter warehouse) and Bill Brawley (President of Charlotte Central Labor Union and the Firemen's Association)

meet with Norman Hill (Executive Director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute) during State AFL-CIO convention in Charlotte. (photo by Eileen Hanson)

## American Labor Movement

## Faces Two-Fold Challenge?

by Eileen Hanson  
Special To The Post

The American labor movement faces a two-fold challenge, according to Norman Hill, Executive Director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute. He was in Charlotte last week to address the State AFL-CIO convention. According to Hill, the labor movement faces a challenge at the ballot box and at the work place.

"We must elect people who are favorable to the interest of working people, the poor and minorities," he said. "Otherwise we risk losing the gains we have made."

But equally important is the challenge to strengthen organized labor at the work place.

"There is an all-out effort to weaken and destroy the organized presence of unions," said Hill. "Management is pushing to de-certify unions, challenge job security and provoke strikes."

As union membership declines, so does labor's influence in the political arena. Union

membership has dropped from 33 percent in 1958 to a current 23 percent.

North Carolina is the least unionized state in the country, with 6.9 percent in unions. N.C. is also the lowest in industrial wages.

One of the purposes of the A. Philip Randolph Institute is to tell the value of a union card to the black community. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, blacks in unions earn 50 percent more than non-union blacks.

"This represents about \$2,000 a year in wages plus benefits," said Hill.

Nationally there are nearly three million black union members or 15 percent of organized labor.

The Institute was founded in 1964 by black trade union leader A. Philip Randolph, who is now 89 years old.

Randolph achieved national fame for organizing the first union with black leadership, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. In 1937 he signed the first contract between a

union of black workers and a major U.S. corporation, the Pullman Company.

Randolph was one of the early leaders against segregation in the trade union movement and fought for equal rights for blacks in employment.

The Institute seeks to establish a positive presence for the trade union movement in the black community. An independent organization, it is endorsed and supported by organized labor.

"We encourage black union members to become involved in grass roots community concerns," said Hill. "We also want to maximize support for political and legislative programs that will aid blacks and all working people."

In the past unions have strongly pushed for legislation such as social security, worker's compensation, unemployment insurance and the minimum wage. National health insurance and full employment are among current legislation strongly supported by organized labor.

With 180 affiliates in 36 states, the Institute has a national program of political education.

"The 78 elections are crucial," said Hill. "The conservative move in the country can be—and must be—reversed."

Right-wing forces have recently put a "right-to-work" law on the November ballot in Missouri.

"We will have a major effort to get out the black vote to defeat this bill," said Hill. "Right-to-work laws only destroy unions."

Twenty states, including North Carolina and all southern states, have passed right-to-work laws which prohibit unions from negotiating a union shop where all employees are required to join the union.

A union, however, is required by law to represent and bargain for wages and benefits for all employees whether or not they pay union dues.

The National Association of Manufacturers is pushing to extend right-to-work laws to other states. Union leaders think the laws weaken unions and hinder organizing efforts.

According to Hill there is a major effort this year in Louisiana to defeat a right-to-work law.

## Green Heads

## Upcoming

## Event

by Sherleen McKoy  
Post Staff Writer

The Metrolina Minority Trade Fair, a local fair which provides an opportunity for the minority vendor and buyer to meet on common ground to establish meaningful relationships for purchasing pursuits, will hold its fourth annual on Thursday, October 26 at the Civic Center from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Les Green, Industrial Relations Supervisor for J. A. Jones Construction Co., will act as Chairman for the upcoming event.

According to Mr. Green, in the past they have had difficulty getting favorable response from the business, public and governmental sectors.

Edwin L. Jones, Jr., Chairman of the Board and President of J. A. Jones Construction Co., said that there is an apparent need for minorities to take a more active role within the Metrolina Purchasing Council and the Trade Fair they sponsor annually. He also said that their past efforts have produced favorable results and there is every intention to continue participating as a part of the Affirmative Action Program.

The Metrolina Minority Trade Fair has been responsible for increased minority business by several thousands of dollars, according to Mr. Green, and minorities must continue to pursue methods so that these figures will be more greatly increased.

A \$60 packaged deal has been developed that will include breakfast, a booth, tables, and electrical outlets. The Trade Fair will be followed by a reception, which may be the most critical part of the event for it will allow the minority vendor the opportunity of wrapping up contacts made throughout the day under a more relaxed atmosphere.

There will be persons on hand for relief so the booths will always be properly manned. An information booth will be set up to allow for the gathering of information about majority businesses without booths.

Registration will be given on a first come, first serve basis. In lieu of this fact, it is necessary to respond immediately.

For more information, contact Harris Jones at the Business Resources Center (704) 332-8578.

## Rotary-Scout

## Expo Ticket

## Sales Kickoff

Tickets sales for the 26th annual Rotary-Scout Expo will begin September 30.

This year, Scouts hope to sell more than 25,000 tickets. Over 7,000 Cubs, Scouts, and Explorers will be selling tickets in the Charlotte area.

The Expo will take place on November 11 at the Mecklenburg County Fair Grounds. For more information call: Joe Mayhew - 374-6515



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