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# What's happening!

**POLITICAL AFFAIR...**To be a chemist one must study chemistry; to be a lawyer or a physician one must study law or medicine; but to be a politician one need only study his own interests. Let's hope the candidates chosen in last Tuesday's election have the betterment of the community as their main interest.

Speaking of interest, an interesting and humorous event took place last Saturday night. The Friends For Better Government sponsored a laugh-filled roast of 4 of the candidates in the Carróusel Room (Radisson Plaza), that lasted from 8 p.m. til 10 p.m., with a funky disco, featuring tunes spun by Ron Cunningham, rounding out the evening.

The illustrious Bob Davis was the master of ceremonies. The roastees and roasters were Judge T. Michael Todd (D), Mecklenburg District Court roasted by Assistant District Attorney Wayne Alexander and Senatorial nominee Rowe Motley. Dr. Bertha Maxwell (D), North Caro-



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lina State House roasted by Kelly Alexander Jr., vice president of Alexander's Funeral Home and former Mayoral candidate Harvey Gantt. Dr. Raleigh Bynum (D), Mecklenburg County Commission was roasted by Rev. Bob Walton, Democratic candidate for County Commission and Ron Leeper District 3 City Councilman. Phil Berry, Mecklenburg County School Board was roasted by Rev. George Battle and Bill Cunningham of Hatchett and Cunningham employment agency.

Some of the guests included Elaine Sumpter, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson, Vernal Osborne, Edna Johnson, Matt Campbell, Duffie Hyatt and Mr. and Mrs. Wes Corrouthers.

It is said that a politician thinks of the next election. A statesman of the next generation. A politician looks for the success of his party; a statesman for that of his community. The statesman wishes to steer, while the politician is satisfied to drift. Which one did our community put in office? Time will tell!

**FRIENDLY VISIT...**Luverta Gordon was the very pleased guest of Beverly Brandon last weekend. The Boston, Mass. Ms. enjoyed herself visiting with friends and socializing at some of the local clubs.

**BREAKFAST DISCO...**The Traveling Four will sponsor a breakfast Disco Saturday, May 10 from 9 p.m. til 1 a.m. at the Excelsior Club on Beatties Ford Rd.

There will be a door prize given to the lucky ticket holder and breakfast will be served.

**GAME NIGHT...**Fun, games, relaxation, laughter and recreation are synonymous terms that melt harmoniously into one evening. The evening being the bubbling of Monday Game Night, started 4 weeks ago at the Midway Lounge.

If the last two Monday nights are indicators, then the Midway Lounge will be overflowing, like the lava from a spewing volcano with game- and fun-loving people soon.

During the hours of 8-12 p.m., whist, dominoes, chess, backgammon, scrabble and pokeno have been really enjoyed by "T" Roseborough, Diane Wingard, Tommy Henderson, Freddy Dial, Tommy Mitchell, Theresa Richardson, Charlótte Gordon, Steve Morris, Gloria Tatum, Diane Pifer and C. J. Whaley.

Most improved player of the week is Gwén McCullough. Her game is backgammon.

**SWEETBAK PARTY...**The Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. of Livingstone College will hold its third annual Sweetback Party, May 10, from 9-2 a.m. at the J. C. Price American Legion Post (The Hut), 1433 Wilkesboro Road, Salisbury. Advance tickets can be purchased from any of the campus brothers or purchased at the door. The dress for this dance is semi-formal.

The overall objective of the Sweetback event is designed to serve as a benefit to strengthen the relationship among the people in the Charlotte-Metro area. According to the Brothers of Gamma Mu, community service organizations must increase their efforts to perform useful and practical services to its public or it shall defeat its own purpose for existence.

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS...**This reporter would like to wish Delores Barnes "Flip" Ingram and Patricia Wheeler "happy birthday!"

Here's to the three of you - age does not depend upon years, but upon temperament and health. Some people are born old and some never grow so - may the Blue Bird of happiness never fly beyond your shadows.



MRS. JOHN THOMAS HANCOCK  
...She was Miss Sandra G. May

## Miss Sandra G. May

### Weds John T. Hancock

Wedding vows between Miss Sandra Germain May and John Thomas Hancock Jr. were exchanged 1:30 p.m. May 3 at Cosmopolitan Community Church, 2600 Newland Rd.

The bride, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel May of 1004 Grove St. graduated from Johnson C. Smith University with a degree in sociology. She is presently employed at McDevitt and Street Co.

The groom attended Hack College in Philadelphia, Pa., and is now employed at Scandura, Inc. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hancock, Sr. of 4720 Ridgely Dr.

Dr. J. W. Teamer performed the wedding and Ms. Cooper provided the organ music.

Beverly Wells was the maid of honor and the honorary maid of honor

was Cassandra Sadler. Levette Bracey was the flower girl.

Ring bearer was Teon Brannon and the best man was Donnie Hancock. Samuel May Jr. and Larry Brannon were ushers.

A reception was held in Teamer's Cosmopolitan Community Church reception area. The couple will reside in Charlotte.

#### Suit Jackets

Suit jackets and sport coats should be hung on shaped wooden hangers to preserve the shoulder fit. Hanging a jacket on a hook can break the collar.

#### Cover Pans

Cover pans, when practical to hold in heat and food vapors. You'll save vitamins, minerals, and energy and have a cooler kitchen.

## AFSC Endorses Youth Jobs Pilgrimage

The American Friends Service Committee announced this week that it is endorsing a National Youth Pilgrimage for Jobs, Peace and Justice, which is bringing thousands of persons to Washington, D.C., on May 17 for a march from the White House to Capitol Hill. The event will be preceded by two days of meetings with legislators.

"The plan is to make unemployed people visible to the President, the Congress and the nation at large," said John Churchville, Coordinator of the AFSC's National Criminal Justice Program.

The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, National President of the Pilgrimage, said "We must march. We need you to join with us as we raise the issues of inflation and joblessness." Numerous groups will take part.

Another Washington activity May 17 is a national action to call for U. S. Navy removal from the small island of Vieques off the coast of Puerto Rico. The Navy has performed practice bombing and amphibious landings there since World War II.

Jesse Jackson will speak at the Vieques event, which is sponsored by a coalition of groups which also has endorsed the National Youth Pilgrimage. The AFSC has opposed U. S. military presence in Puerto Rico and has supported the non-violent civilian movement to dislodge the Navy from Vieques.

John Churchville said recent proposed cuts in the Federal budget mean (1) a two-year postponement of the Youth Jobs Bill enacted last spring; (2) a postponement of the goals of the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment Act; (3) a Defense Department budget, nonetheless, that will grow at least 3.3 percent above inflation each year;

(4) at least 8 percent unemployment nationally, and (5) continued double digit inflation, now soaring toward 20 percent.

He said the 8 percent unemployment figure means 26-28 percent of Black, Brown, Native American and poor people out of jobs, and 70 percent unemployment among inner-city youths.

The march is on the 26th anniversary of the U. S. Supreme Court decision outlawing racial segregation in public schools.

Jesse Jackson, in a recent news conference held by representatives of several endorsing organizations in Philadelphia -- including the AFSC, said "We must establish a new focus, presenting new alternatives. Progress never comes from the White House or the State House,

but from your house and mine. The nation must balance trade before it can balance the budget.

"While we must be concerned about the hostages in Iran, we must consider the 70 million unemployed in this country, the 550,000 people in the U. S. jails, the thousands who can't pay bail funds, and the thousands who are waiting for trial. We must focus on domestic as well as foreign hostages."

Jesse Jackson said the Pilgrimage will give heavy emphasis to visits with members of Congress on May 15 and 16 as well as to the march itself.

The American Friends Service Committee's priorities include addressing itself to the problems of poverty, exclusion, injustice and denial of equal rights in the United States.

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