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Coach Bob Moore Signs Two Blue Chippers

Special To The Post
When it rains, it pours. But in the case of Johnson C. Smith basketball coach Bob Moore, the pouring rain is welcome relief from the heat of recent recruiting wars. Two more top candidates have signed on as Golden Bulls.

Ronnie Mathews, 6'2", 165-pound forward who will be playing guard, has inked a scholarship of the Mary-

land All-Star team and was nominated for the McDonald's All-Star Classic. He captained the Rockville High School team, averaging 18.1 points per game and 11 rebounds a contest his junior and senior years. Ronnie is also a good student who will be majoring in business with a minor in accounting.

Robert Dunson, 6', 160 pounds, was the point

guard for Taylor Allderdice High School which won the city championship of Pittsburgh, Pa. He was an All-Allegheny County player, averaging 19 points per game operating the defense.

"I thought I lost Dunson to Slippery Rock and a number of other schools in Pennsylvania that were hit on his trail," smiled Moore. "He's sound defensively,

very quick hands and has the poise and intelligence to run the offensive show."

Mathews was a surprise arrival who sought out Bob Moore. "He drove down from Maryland on his own and challenged the boys to some ball in June," remarked Moore. It was a contract offer at first sight. "Ronnie will make the transition to guard without any problem," commented

Moore. "He handles himself well in all parts of his game."

Both athletes were sought by a large number of other schools, but were sold on JCSU because of Moore's coaching reputation and the success rate in academics of his players. Former Moore players were instrumental in both cases.

That brings to four the number of guards recruited for the 1980-81 season. Terry Simmons, an explosive scorer for Mary

Holmes Junior College (24.9 points per game) has joined up with Lee Conyers, a deft ball handler from Manning, S.C. in signing on. Power forward Ken Wood, from Virginia 3-A runner-up Booker T. Washington High School in Nor-

folk, rounds out the recruits.

Man for man, its a blue chip class, equal on paper to the talent Moore arrived with to start the '78-'79 season in Bill Tibbs, Blue Oliver, Phil Flores and Ronnie Thompson.

"Many of these players will be able to contribute right away, especially at guard," cites Moore.



Bob Moore
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ATTRACTIVE KAREN STEELE
...She's something special!

Karen Steele Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

Something is special about our beauty, Karen Steele. She is the type you see progressing impressively, yet at the same time realizing that every man is created equal.

"My grandmother, Core Davison, always said to me," Ms. Steele began, "Be nice to people on your way up, you might meet the same people on your way down."

Ms. Steele has already started her journey to fame. As a rising twelfth grader at West Charlotte Senior High School, she has already accomplished much. She has been inducted into the National Honor Society (3.6 average), Order of the Lions, and was a Marshall for the senior class of 1980.

She was also a member of Project Aries, the Latin Club, the Junior Senate, a Homeroom Representative and elected West Charlotte's Vice President in the NAACP. She received the Las Amigas Scholarship and will be a member of West Charlotte's Yearbook staff next school term. As a member of Mt. Zion AME Church in Fort Mill, S.C. Ms. Steele is vice president of the Young Adult Choir, president of Buds of Promise and a member of the Youth Group.

As one of 12 minorities from North Carolina selected to participate in Minorities in Medicine, Ms. Steele is now studying in the special program at the University of Chapel Hill. "We are studying seven fields including chemistry, dermatology, biochemis-

try, anatomy and more," Ms. Steele explained. Career aspirations for our beauty have been narrowed to two professions. "I would like to either be a pharmacist or a journalist," she revealed. "I think being a journalist would be fun and I won't be tied down to an office. As far as being a pharmacist is concerned I like science and I enjoy working with medicines."

Even though Ms. Steele feels her career is important, she says people are too. "When I was young, I always said I wanted to be rich and famous. But I'd also like to take the money and give it to charity or go to places where they are poor and give them money. Money is not for greedy purposes - it is to give - especially to children,"

see Karen on Page 4

For Needy Children

HHS Urges More Participation In School Health Program

Ragsdale Heads NBL Fund Drive

The National Business League, the nation's oldest and largest black business organization, launched a "Capital Fund" drive last week.

Theodore R. Hagans, Jr., NBL President, announced the appointment of Lincoln Ragsdale, President and Chairman of the Board of Valley Life and Casualty Insurance Company of Phoenix, Arizona, as Chairman of the "NBL Capital Fund" Committee and James Hansley, President of Vanguard Investment Company of Durham, N.C., as Vice Chairman of the Committee.

The "Fund Committee" has set a goal of \$250,000 to be reached by August 1, 1980.

Hagans said, "The idea that black people should have, from their own resources, some kind of funding mechanism that could be used for black businesses and economic development is a concept that is in keeping with the basic principles of our founder, Dr. Booker T. Washington. Economic self-help was the underlying theme, in fact, the fundamental reason that the National Business League was founded."



Union members Mae Brison, Helen Johnson and Paulette Carter picket outside Catholic Social Services July 3, asking the agency not to send Indo-

City Workers Want Respect

By Eileen Hanson
Special To The Post

If city workers go on strike later this month, many black families will be affected.

The heart of the strike would be the Sanitation Department with 400 employees, most of them black.

"We're tired of getting kicked from behind. It's time to stand up and be a man," said Zachariah Bru-

ton Jr., steward for the Laborer's International Union Local 64.

Bruton, a crew chief in the Sanitation Department for three years, says his family would support him if a strike is necessary.

"We don't want to strike, but they (City Hall) won't listen to you. You have to stand up to be respected," said Bruton.

Wages and respect are the main issues in the strike. The City is offering a wage increase of 5.5

percent. Union members say it's not enough to live on with inflation running 15 to 20 percent.

Bruton isn't worried about losing a few paychecks if a strike occurs. "What we get is so little it isn't enough to lose anyway," he said. "My wife is out of work. We have two children, Zachariah III and Christopher. But we'll take it as it comes. My wife says she'll support the strike."

According to Bruton, the day Local 64 was to consider the strike vote (last Monday) a representative of city management came to his house and spent two hours trying to persuade him to recommend a vote against a strike. But Bruton says the decision is up to the members.

Some 75 union members decided July 7 to wait three weeks before striking, asking City Council to give them more than a 5.5 percent increase. Starting pay is now about \$170 a week, with top pay for a crew chief at \$250.

"By the time they deduct everything, we'll only bring home about \$5. of the new increase," said Bruton.

Respect on the job rates as high as more wages for some workers.

"We're not even treated like second class citizens," said Bruton. "At first City Hall wouldn't even let us in the door when we started to unionize. But after last year's strike, they have to recognize us. Now when we come, they listen."

Charlotte city workers struck in June, 1979 to secure a grievance procedure. They returned to work after three days when management threatened to see CITY on Page 4

12 Million Needy Children

Eligible For Medicaid

HHS today urged schools across the country to take a more active part in ensuring that some 12 million needy children who are eligible for Medicaid receive health services available under the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) program.

HHS' Health Care Financing Administration and Public Health Service and the U. S. Department of Education are encouraging schools to become partners in the EPSDT program by helping poor children to get the assessment and treatment services they need. School systems can select their more appropriate roles in the service delivery process from a range of activities - outreach, case management and referral to physicians and other providers who can ensure continuing and comprehensive care. State Medicaid agencies can reimburse for services provided to Medicaid children.

The EPSDT program began in 1967 and offers care that is not readily available to poor children, from infants to age 21, with emphasis on preventive care and health status monitoring. Although the number of children assessed has increased each year, many are not reached.

Only 30 percent of the 12 million children eligible for Medicaid have been assessed for health problems. This is because some families still are not aware that such services are available, the services are not always accessible and the EPSDT program has posed financial burdens for states without providing appropriate incentives to develop more effective programs.

The administration's proposed Child Health Assessment Program is designed to overcome these obstacles.

The Health Care Financing Administration will oversee reimbursement procedures and develop policy and program guidelines. The Department of Education will provide technical assistance to state education agencies and local school districts, including a printed "how to" guide and other information made available through liaison with its regional offices. The Public Health Service will coordinate and help provide health care services.

Although accurate statistics will not be available for a year or two, HCFA estimates that if 10 percent more children - 360,000 - were reached through the cooperation of the school system, an annual savings of \$43.2 million could be realized. Studies have shown that total Medicaid expenditures run about 40 percent less for children who have been screened through EPSDT than for those who have not been screened.



Jacqueline Faulkner
Rising 9th grader

Miss Faulkner

To Study At

Appalachian St.

Jacqueline B. Faulkner, a rising ninth grader at Piedmont Middle School has been selected to attend a two-week enrichment program at Appalachian State University.

She will study biology, chemistry and computer science each day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. through the University's Gifted and Talented Science Program for secondary level students.

Classroom and small group laboratory activities will be supplemented by field trips and individual projects.

Miss Faulkner was chosen for academic excellence in science based on recommendations from her teachers in that field. She plans to pursue a career in computer programming or dentistry.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Faulkner of 1806 McAllister Drive, Miss Faulkner enjoys swimming and reading.

She will be Student Council president of Piedmont Middle School for 1980-81 and has previously served as vice president.

Miss Faulkner is on the Project Aries staff, participates on her school's volleyball and track teams.

Dr. Reginald Hawkins Receives General Dentistry Fellowship

By Anthony Hayes
Post Staff Writer

Reginald Hawkins, D.D.S., a Charlotte family dentist, has been awarded a Fellowship of the Academy of General Dentistry. More than 500 Academy members received the Fellowship award in a special convocation ceremony, held June 28 during AGD's 28th Annual Meeting in San Diego.

The Academy of General Dentistry is a professional organization of 23,000 family dentists that stresses the vital role of continuing dental education "in guaranteeing the quality of dental care delivered to the public." Hawkins, a native of Beaufort, N.C. and a graduate of the Howard University dental school, opened his dental practice in Charlotte in 1948.

Recalling a childhood experience when he was inappropriately treated by a white dentist, Hawkins said



Dr. Reginald Hawkins
Charlotte family dentist

he felt a need to enter dentistry and help his people. Hawkins, who noted that there are only 3,000 black dentists in the U.S. with this fellowship, said: "It is a wide-opened field. There's a great need for black dentists because the number of blacks in the field is declining due to sophisticated procedures used by the white institutions. These schools are, intentionally, providing inadequate training in their

teaching of reading, writing and the basic sciences."

Hawkins went on to explain that in 1961 he launched the first professional suit against organized dentistry in the nation. The suit, against the N.C. Dental Society and Board of Dental Examiners, was based on their refusal to admit blacks into the organization. According to Hawkins, "I had to sue the N.C. Dental Society to force them to admit blacks. You had to be a member

of the state society to become a member of the American Dental Association; and you had to be a member of the American Dental Association as a prerequisite for being admitted to the Academy of General Dentistry. There was this trend across the nation of preventing blacks from entering their state district organizations, which automatically closed doors to the other organiza-

tions." The suit, aided by the NAACP, was finally won in 1966, and set a precedent that opened doors for black dentists and physicians to pursue the educational opportunities they had been denied.

Hawkins, a pastor at H. O. Graham Metropolitan United Presbyterian Church (in Charlotte), and his wife, Catherine, are the parents of four children - Paulette, Reginald Jr., Wayne, and Lorena. Hawkins, who is also an alumnus of Johnson C. Smith University, said: "My accomplishment was the combination of a long struggle against the state and dental organizations. It proves to those who have ridiculed black dentists, that we have the capabilities to succeed. Blacks who are truly interested in dentistry must get in there and fight for it, because this is not just an honorary accomplishment but more importantly, an earned accomplishment."



The reason some parents no longer LEAD their children in the RIGHT DIRECTION is because the parents aren't going that way THEMSELVES.