

Employment Security To Combat Identity Crisis

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RALEIGH - The N.C. Employment Security Commission (ESC), popularly known as Job Service, is trying to combat an identity crisis.

Like most state employment agencies throughout the country, Job Service wants to shed its image as only "the unemployment office" - the place where out-of-work people get unemployment compensation.

The emphasis of the agency in recent years has been shifting toward a comprehensive job service, said J. B. Archer, chairman of the commission. "Unemployment insurance obviously is still among the commission's major duties," he said. "However, its relative importance may be partially due to the fact that other services are being underused by the public which is unaware of them. We are trying to combat this problem with public information."

The ESC exhibit at the state fair, part of an eight state agency display entitled "In the Works," is central to this informational effort. "In it we emphasize that Job Service matches job-seekers with employees, offers occupational testing and job orientation services, pro-

vides career counseling and referral services and coordinates special programs and representation for target groups with specific needs," Archer said.

The "In the Works" exhibit was open and free of charge to the public. "The

exhibit indicated to employers that the agencies involved can provide them with skilled workers they need while it informs job seekers of the training and career opportunities available to them," said Dollie L. Smith, coordinator of the exhibit.

"Despite the fact that many people believe that Job Service only writes and distributes unemployment insurance benefit checks," Smith said, "nothing could be further from the truth. The ESC display shows how Job Service helps all kinds of people find jobs of

all kinds." "Particularly since the inclusion of state job openings in Job Service listings this year, there is just no organization in the private sector that is capable of competing with ESC," Archer said.



Swank Club Members
...With Their Honorees

Swanks Honor 6 Retirees

Six retirees were honored recently by the Swank Social Club. The retirees, all members of the club, were given tributes of respect and appreciation for jobs well done.

Honorees included Alfred Flagg, U.S. Army and U.S. Postal Service, who retired January 1, 1978; William R. Oliver, U.S. Army and public school education, retired July 1, 1980; Norman M. Patterson, U.S. Army, private service and insurance,

sales and management, retired September, 1977; Theodore G. Stewart, U.S. Army, private and government service and public school education, retired June 30, 1980; William H. Swift, U.S. Army, private service and self-employed plastering contractor, retired July 20, 1980; Samuel P. Woodard, education, scouting, housing, management and building inspection, retired June 30, 1977.

In addition to the special tributes, a dinner, prepared by the Food Service Department of Central Piedmont Community College, delighted members

and guests. The following are officers of the Swank Social Club: Alfred C. Flagg, president; Gerson L. Stroud, vice president; Eddie E. Byers, recording secretary; Theodore G. Stewart, financial secretary; Werrion M. Stroud, treasurer; Samuel P. Woodard, chaplain. Other members include Roger Campbell, Alexander Byers, Calvin Davis, Spencer Durante, Wilbert Greenfield, David Holden, John McDonald, William Oliver, Norman Patterson, William Swift, Walter Twitty and Thomas Wyche.

Dick Gregory

Will Speak Here

Wednesday
Dick Gregory, who began his career as a comedian, will speak at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte Wednesday, November 5, at 8 p.m. in McKnight Hall.

Sponsored by the University Program Board, the lecture is open to the public. The cost is \$2 for the public and \$1 for students.

Gregory became famous as a professional comedian. Today he is a recording artist, author, lecturer, actor, human rights activist, social satirist, critic, philosopher and political analyst; who combines all these roles "to serve the cause of human liberation and to alleviate human suffering brought on by ignorance and apathy."

Born in the black ghetto of St. Louis, Mo., Gregory became a state champion in track and field and later expanded his honors on the track at Southern Illinois University. He entered the entertainment field and quickly rose to the top.

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