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LOVELY ANGELA ERWIN  
"Beauty of the Week"

## Angela Erwin Appears

### Determined To Succeed

By Karen Parker  
Post Staff Writer  
Angela Erwin, 20, has definite sights on her immediate and future plans. The junior at Winston-Salem State University plans to complete summer school in June, and then it's off to San Francisco. Those are the immediate plans. Once our beauty completes undergraduate and graduate school she imagines she'll be manager or owner of a company. When Ms. Erwin travels to San Francisco next month, she's not sure just how long she'll be away. The summer is hers to enjoy sightseeing, touring, and more while on the sunny west coast. Angela explained, she's visiting her uncle, Terry Grier, who's in the navy. The daughter of George

and Barbara Erwin is a business administration major in college. She has one older sister, Lisa. "I selected Winston-Salem State because I wanted to go to a school close to home," Erwin noted. She emphasized another reason she attended a predominantly black university was to learn more about her heritage. Erwin doesn't feel other colleges are in touch with black heritage. At school, Erwin is an Alpha Phi Alpha sweetheart, a University Usher and a member of the Queen City Club. "I like the Queen City Club because it's a group of students from Charlotte," Erwin commented. "We get together and have fund-raising events and other activities." Even though Erwin has enjoyed living in Charlotte, she projected she'd like to live in another city after graduating. "I want to attend graduate school at a large predominantly black college like Howard University. Erwin feels Washington, D.C. or Atlanta are cities which she'd like to make a business move in. A 1982 graduate of Harding High School, Erwin enjoys reading mysteries, singing and im-

personating. My philosophy of life is "The surest way not to fail is to be determined to succeed." Erwin remembered applying that philosophy once when she was a candidate for class president. She didn't win that office, however she was eventually elected secretary. "I had the confidence to keep going, so I still won an office," Erwin smiled. She doesn't find too many displeasing things about life, however, she'd like to see less prejudice. Erwin believes especially in the business sector, too many people are being discriminated against. "If I could make a change in world affairs, I'd eliminate discrimination," Erwin insisted. Erwin has always held esteem for her grandparents, James and Ella Grier, and Mattie Erwin. My grandfather owns an alteration shop so I've learned a lot about business from him," she stated proudly. However, if Erwin had to put a favorite person at the top of a list, she knew right off it'd be her mother. She always supports me," Erwin said. "If I take one step, she encourages me to take two more," she added.

# Black Women And The Vote Conference Set

## Hunt Reveals New Health Care Plans

Calling runaway health costs a "threat to the future security of older Americans," Governor James B. Hunt Jr. unveiled a plan to protect Social Security and assure affordable health care for senior citizens. "Medical costs today are growing two to three times faster than inflation," said Hunt. Higher health bills not only make medical care harder to afford, but also drive up insurance premiums and add to business costs, he added. "For example, the cost of health insurance now adds more to the price of a new car than the cost of the steel in it does. "But older Americans - and the Medicare program upon which they depend - faces the most serious and immediate threat," Hunt continued. "Without bold action soon, the Medicare program will go bankrupt by 1990. "I propose a comprehensive long-term strategy - designed to keep Medicare solvent without cutting back on the quality of care older Americans receive or raising the payroll taxes working Americans pay." Hunt said his plan "would cancel the blank check hospitals now have when it comes to billing patients. Instead of just filling in a fee, hospitals would be put on a budget for the first time - and they would have to stick to that budget." "This strategy also makes economic sense," Hunt explained. It would cut federal health spending by \$176 billion by 1995. And it attacks our health problem in the fairest possible way - by cutting costs, not raising taxes or chopping benefits." Hunt also invited the people of North Carolina to compare his "positive constructive plan to protect



Afro-American Cultural Center Restoration Project director Dee Dee Murphy, left, happily points out the early success of the organization's fund raising campaign to Vivian Nivens and Sam Johnson. (Photo By Peeler Portrait Studio)

## \$204,000 In Pledges

### Murphy: AACCR Fundraising Efforts "Beginning To Jell"

"See green every day. Make it happen." Those are but two of the various slogans and catchy phrases used by the core members of the campaign leadership for the Afro-American Cultural Center Restoration Project. The campaigners are working to raise \$800,000 to restore the old Little Rock AME Zion Church which will house the Afro-American Cultural Center. "We have to be positive and upbeat," said Deede Murphy, the campaign director. "We have a major task before us, and it will take a lot of hard work for it to be successfully completed," she added. According to Murphy, the amount raised so far is a "big scoop out of the target amount." She told the audience that gathered at the Chamber of Commerce, "We still have a long way before we can claim success."

The Afro-American Cultural Center Restoration Project has raised more than \$204,000 in pledges and contributions. The figure was released during what was termed as the "big scoop" news conference. "This campaign is just beginning to jell," Murphy commented. "I feel good about the potential for success." She added, "We have all our volunteers in place now, and we are spreading them all over the county." Though Murphy is pleased with the number of volunteers already working with the campaign, she noted, "We need more bodies (workers) and money." If you are interested in donating time or money to the Center, telephone 374-1565 or 394-9983.

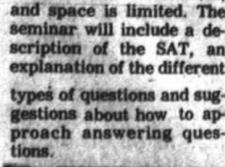
The parent organization, the Voter Education Project, Inc., is based in Atlanta, GA, and serves 11 Southern states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia. Along with researching politics and issues of public policy, BEP also analyzes and issues reports on the voter registration levels, voting trends and general population characteristics of non-white Americans in the South. As a result, "VEP has been the primary organization working full time in the South to implement the 1965 Voting Rights Act through programs of voter registration and citizenship education." VEP has financially assisted more than 1,600 communities with services. One beneficiary of the services is the Women's Vote Project, which, according to its director, Eleatha D. O'Neal, has a threefold mission. 1) To register 100,000 black women voters in North Carolina, Alabama, and Georgia. These three states have been selected because of their high percentage of black women voters. 2) To create a network of black women in these three Southern states to facilitate more participation in the electoral process by increasing registration, voting, office-seeking, and the monitoring of public policy by black women. 3) To conduct exit interviews among black women voters at the polls during elections and to gain insight and information on how to motivate higher black female registration and voter turn-out. This conference and the workshops are pertinent because of the facts uncovered by the Women's Vote Project.

## Workshops To Address Vital Topics

On Saturday, June 23, the conference, "Black Women and the Vote" will be held at North Carolina Central University in Durham. Three workshops will be held during the one-day conference which will address the topics: Voter Education: Issues, Politics and the Women's Vote, and challenges and Opportunities for Women in Politics. The conference, which will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5:30 p.m., is being sponsored by the North Carolina Voter Education Project in conjunction with Women's Vote Project of the Voter Education Project in Atlanta, GA.

## WSSU To Sponsor First SAT Seminar

The Department of Education at Winston-Salem State University will sponsor its first Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) Seminar June 11-29. Students in all Forsythe County high schools are encouraged to participate. The enrollment fee is \$75, and space is limited. The seminar will include a description of the SAT, an explanation of the different types of questions and suggestions about how to approach answering questions.



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# Blacks And Jews Need Closer Ties?

Four black and Jewish leaders agreed, during interviews aired recently on New York City's WNBC-TV program, "Positively Black," that there was a need for closer ties between their communities. They differed, however, over issues around the candidacy of Rev. Jesse Jackson for the Democratic nomination for the presidency as well as over the effect the Jackson effort might have on a possible black-Jewish conflict in the contest for mayor in the city of New York next year. The host of "Positively Black," Gus Geringburg, in summarizing the contrasting interviews, noted that "there seems little doubt but that while Rev.



Jesse Jackson  
.....Presidential candidate  
Jackson's candidacy has unsettled the traditional political and social process in our nation, it is equally clear that the current strained relationships between blacks and Jews cannot be laid at his feet." Henningburg, who has worked in race relations for more than 25 years, said: "The reasons are much more historic and fundamental. As we look to

the future, it seems clear that the interests of Jews and blacks will best be served if we develop relationships which are open, candid, honest and continuous and based on common interests and respect." Stated Henry Siegman, "Since the heyday of the civil rights movement, there has been a gradual attrition in the relationship between blacks and Jews. (There are) tensions, misunderstandings that have been generated by the candidacy of Jesse Jackson but I don't think this is a permanent situation that in the long range defines the state of that relationship. What is a serious question is why the black community is not disturbed, as I

think it should be, about a candidate who aspires to the presidency of the U.S. (making such statements)." Rev. William Jones added, "Ever since the great struggle for civil rights in this land, Jews have involved themselves in paternalistic terms when they, like all people of good will, should have been involved in the struggle for simple justice. I think that black people, and justifiably so, are terribly disenchanted with some of the mouthings made by the Jewish leadership. Blacks are dismayed for several reasons. First of all, the organized Jewish leadership has never publicly condemned South Africa."

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