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Durham Manpower And Training Loses More Than \$1/2 Million

Budget Cut Causes Forty-five Job Losses

The Durham Manpower and Training Program will be funded approximately \$548,000 less for the next budget year than the labor program is funded currently. The budget will decrease by about 45 the number of jobs created by the federal funds. Besides fewer funds, limitations on use of funds may result in fewer jobs. Meanwhile, a vast number of the unemployed, mostly black, are jobless.

The nation's job service program was developed in 1974 following staggering inflation of more than eight per cent nationally. The programs are patterned after the WPA programs of the 1930s.

Formerly named the Durham-Orange Manpower Consortium, the agency was funded \$280,000 to start its CETA program in 1975. Federal regulations allowed one year jobs for applicants unemployed for longer than thirty days. To increase the number of jobs, applicants were hired for six month periods, hoping that more funds would come to extend the program.

The formula set by Congress for dispensing the funds is tied to the estimated unemployment rate. Between 1975 and 1978, the Durham-Orange Manpower Consortium received grants of nearly \$5 million, which initially developed 59 jobs and a maximum of 270 jobs in 1978 when the consortium folded. Sixty-five per cent of the CETA participants were Durhamites.

In the first year of operation after the consortium disbanded, the Durham Manpower and Training Office received \$1.4 million with which it developed 140 jobs. A conservative mood among the congressional budget makers, as well as a decline in the rate of unemployment, accounts for the cut-back, says Jack Stone, Deputy of Durham Manpower and Training.

Stone traces the history of the Title II Emergency jobs program and Title VI Public Service jobs program which make up the program, generally known as the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA).

He explains how the Title VI program died in 1976 with President Ford opposed to continuing it. During that national election year, Congress let the program die, but added

funds to the Title II program. CETA employees during the period held jobs by the skin of their teeth. Congress appropriated more money in January, 1977 which arrived in Durham just in time to avoid cut offs.

President Carter's promises to expand the jobs program didn't materialize. Formerly, to be eligible, the applicant had to be unemployed thirty days. But in May of 1977, CETA program seekers had to have been out of work for more than fifteen weeks. At that time, half of the CETA applicants in Durham had been unemployed twelve weeks or less.

Congressional changes in the new program will [Continued On Page 17]



Kiddie Kollege
Graduates

First row, left to right, Sean Odum, Paul Miller, Antione Richardson, Kenneth Daye, Kelvin Daye, Jeffrey Lunsford, and Thomas Parker. Second row, Chesenna Ray, Joey Parker, Monika Barnes, Tonya Hunt, Donald Evans, Curtis Belfield, Tonya Carr and Tyrone Elliott. Not shown Peter Fowler, Derek Meekins and Torhi Jackson

Mrs. Mildred Carr, a parent, coordinated a covered dish dinner which followed the graduation exercise for graduates, their families and friends. Mrs. Lorraine Stith is director of Kiddie Kollege.

Dupree Ruling Expected, Says Bon Chavis

By Pat Bryant

Wilmington Ten defendant Rev. Benjamin Chavis said that Judge Franklin Dupree's ruling denying the Wilmington Ten a new trial troubled him, but the ruling was to be expected. Chavis, the principal Wilmington Ten defendant, and the only one still imprisoned, calmly lamented, "I learned a long time ago not to put trust in the courts of North Carolina and the federal government."

Judge Dupree ruled Wednesday, June 20, that Rev. Chavis, eight black men and a white woman, known as the Wilmington Ten, were given fair trials, but admitted that the trials were not perfect. According to Dupree, the law only requires fair trials.

Dupree's ruling was the latest in a seven year series of court rulings rejecting claims of innocence by Wilmington Ten defendants, their lawyers, civil rights and human rights activists the world over. Two years ago, the witnesses who testified against Chavis and the other defendants, admitted they lied for prosecutorial favors, including time off their sentences.

Preaching from a sermon entitled "Bridge Over Troubled Waters", Chavis urged a capacity congregation to build bridges of faith, prayer, solidarity and struggle to "overcome these troubled waters of racism".

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Old North State Medical Society Holds 92nd Annual Meeting In Charlotte

CHARLOTTE — The Old North State Medical Society, the oldest Negro medical society in the country, held its 92nd annual meeting in the Queen City June 22-23th.

Dr. John P. Holt of Asheville, the retiring president, opened the convention with his fairwell address on Friday night at the opening session. Dr. Holt asked the members to keep the faith and continue their work among all peoples. He also requested the society to keep up the fight that he has been pursuing for the complete recognition of the Black physician in all phases of medical care in North Carolina. He also requested that the society continue its fight for representation on the North Carolina State Board of Examiners.

Clinical sessions were headed by Dr. Louis Bernard of Meharry Medical College Surgical Department; Dr. Charles Curry of the Department of Internal Medicine, Howard University; and Dr. Brenda E. Armstrong of the Department of Pediatric Cardiology of Duke University Hospital Staff.

Dr. Frank N. Sullivan of Wilson was inducted as the new President. Dr. W. T. Armstrong was re-elected as the Secretary-Treasurer. The Auxiliary re-elected Mrs. Marjorie Debnam of Raleigh as President and Mrs. M.C. Armstrong of Rocky

Mount as Secretary. The society will meet in 1980 at Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Asks Hunt To Accept Medicaid Plan

MYRTLE, Beach, S.C. — Governor James Hunt's acceptance and approval of the \$1.8 million Medicaid fraud and abuse monitoring contract awarded Electronic Data Systems Federal Corporation (EDS-F) has been supported by the Old North State Dental Society. The Society represents approximately 100 black dentists who have been at odds with the previous [Continued On Page 17]

USDA Prepares for Possible Food Stamp Cut

WASHINGTON, Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland has announced an emergency rule directing states to prepare for possible across-the-board cuts in food stamps benefits in August and September. "The cuts could be necessary," Bergland said, "chiefly because unexpectedly high food prices have boosted the cost of the program well above original budget projection and, without supplemental funding, the program is going to run out of money before the end of the fiscal year."

Any such cuts would affect all households equally, Bergland said, with reductions applied on a flat percentage basis. States would notify food stamp household of benefit cuts through the new media, direct mailing of notice or posters in food stamp offices.

Benefit cuts due to a shortage of funds would be unprecedented in the 15-year history of the program and would follow

substantial cuts now being made in benefits for several million persons as a result of tighter eligibility and benefit rules implementing the 1977 Act.

Food stamp benefits, which currently average 33 cents per person per meal, are indexed to the cost of food. The Food Stamp Act of 1977 imposed a cap on program expenditures for each fiscal year based on estimates of food price inflation. At the time the law was enacted, that inflation was projected at three to four percent each year. However, food prices are now expected to rise 22 percent in the first two years since the bill's passage. The small amount of money that remains in the pocket of a minimum-wage employed after taxes are withheld and work-related expenses paid. Three pilot programs provide a greater incentive for young people to work in regular jobs by making it possible for them to retain

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Weber Loses Anti-Affirmative Action Suit In Supreme Court

Staff Report
The United States Supreme Court overturned a lower court decision Wednesday that voluntary affirmative action programs to assist black and minority workers are not reverse discrimination.

The Supreme Court, in a 5-2 decision, ruled that companies and unions could set up voluntary affirmative action programs without fear of reprisals or legal challenge. The court ruled that racial quotas were legal in efforts to increase minorities in job training programs that would be advantageous to minorities. The case before the

courts involved an affirmative action program entered into by Kaiser Aluminum Company and the United Steel Workers.

In 1974, Kaiser Aluminum Company undertook a new training program to implement its affirmative action plan. Trainees were chosen on the basis of seniority, but the program specified that half of its trainees must be black.

De jure black trainees accepted into the program had less seniority than some of the whites rejected for the program. One of the whites, a man named Brian Weber, sued. Weber charged that he

Oxford Woman BETSY TAYLOR MISSING



MISS TAYLOR

OXFORD. — Twenty-five year old Betsy Karen Taylor of 335 Henderson Street has been missing since June 1. The woman's relatives believe foul play is involved in the disappearance. Oxford police seem to think the woman is all right and just hasn't returned home. A detective assigned to the case believes she is in the Durham area.

Mrs. Esther N. Taylor, Karen's mother, said her daughter left for work on June 1, took her three year old son, Gregory Dante, to the babysitter, and hasn't been seen by her since.

According to Mrs. Taylor, there have been

reports that her daughter has been seen recently in the Oxford area. But the mother says she is confident that her daughter would come home, if she is able to do so.

Detective Royster, of the Oxford Police Department, said shortly after Miss Taylor was reported missing, her supervisor was phoned by an anonymous caller saying she had been hospitalized. She worked at the Employment Security Commission in Raleigh.

Royster doesn't think foul play is involved, but thinks the woman is in the Durham area. He said beginning this week newspaper, radio, and television media in the Durham and Oxford area would be utilized to find the woman.

Miss Taylor, is five feet, four inches tall, and weighs 120 pounds. She was last seen driving her mother's yellow 1977 Toyota Corolla.

Persons having information on the disappearance should call Detective Royster at 693-2915.

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Breakthrough Directors Meet to Set 3-Year Plans

With a jammed packed agenda, Operation Breakthrough's (OBT) Board of Directors met last week to take action on a variety of items. Board chairman and Durham County commissioner William Bell led the discussion which included approval of a three year plan which set OBT goals through 1982. Also approved was OBT's one year refunding proposal to be submitted to the Community Services Administration. The proposal requests \$715,542

to continue all of Operation Breakthrough's basic services which include general administration, maintenance of 19 low-income neighborhood council information, referral and counseling services in housing, social services health, education, and consumer education, community gardening and Cannery, weatherization, an emergency fuel program, senior citizen activities, and a youth program which last year reached over 2,000 youngsters. Operation Breakthrough would

add to the federal money \$178,88 in non-federal share for a total program cost of \$894,427. Non-federal share includes such things as the value of volunteers' time; donated items such as office space, utilities, furniture, and local funding. In addition, the Board approved the Head Start program's proposal for 1979-80. Head Start is requesting \$482,900 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) and proposes to supply an additional \$120,725 in non-federal

share. The total projected Head Start budget is \$603,625. After the proposals for Operation Breakthrough's basic services and the Head Start full year program were approved, the Board approved the Head Start Handicapped program proposal. This program serves handicapped youngsters throughout the year providing them with specially trained teachers, special equipment, and individualized educational programs in addition to their experiences in the

regular Head Start classrooms. In the summertime, the program provides both Head Start classroom experiences and a home-based teaching program. HEW will be asked for \$69,300 to support these activities.

Head Start will be supplying an additional \$17,325 in non-federal share for a total budget of \$86,625. Other items of note included the approval of a 1979-80 Affirmative Action Plan and the announcement that the Head Start program had been selected by the

Durham County Department of Social Services to conduct a special summer program serving 80 children. The program began June 18 and will run for eight weeks this summer.

It was announced that the Community Cannery, a service that OBT has provided since 1973, will be moving in September. If approved by the City Board of Adjustments, the Cannery will move from its present location on North Mangum Street to the Whitted School grounds

where OBT has its offices. It is hoped that this moving date in September will letmost people who want to can their fruits and vegetables have an opportunity to do so before the move causes a disruption in the Cannery operations.

In his remarks to the Board before adjourning, Fred McNeill, Jr., executive director of Operation Breakthrough, informed members that he had entered a national executive fellowship competition sponsored by the National

Community Action Agency Executive Directors Association. The program will select twelve fellows to spend two months in Washington in 1980 learning the "political ropes." Those selected will work out of the NCAEDA office and meet with federal agency administrative staff, elected officials and Congressional staff members. Only twelve of 900 executive directors in the country will be selected. The Board discussed this decision and wished Mr. McNeill good luck.