

Black Sports

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way to salvage the season. Not winning the southern division will give us added incentive. We don't want the season to end with the tournament."

The play of freshman Reginald Gaines against Fayetteville (13 points) may ease the loss of Brown somewhat.

Gaines and Helton don't feel the loss of Brown will hurt the team, but Terry feels the Rams will miss his experience.

This writer thinks a 50% Mike Brown and a 100% Brown has been the difference between a 20-2 season and this years 14-8 record.



Larry Little



Betty Warner



Gail Mobley



Kay Vives

Man In The Street

Is There A Gas Shortage?

According to weather records and statistics the winter

of 1976-77 will end up being the country's most severe since colonial times. With the cold weather another shortage has come about. In the past few years the shortages have ranged from gasoline to toilet tissue to natural gas this year.

Both President Carter and Governor Hunt have asked Americans to help conserve energy and Carter has initiated an investigation to see if the natural gas shortage is real.

With this in mind the "man in the street" asked citizens if they felt the natural gas shortage was real or if they thought the claim of a shortage was set up to raise prices.

Here are some of their views on the subject.

Larry Little responded, "there is no gas shortage. The American people are being hoodwinked by the large oil corporations to drive up the prices of natural gas and other fuels. When the price becomes as high as they want it we will have more fuel than we need."

Betty Warner disagreed saying, "yes the shortage is

real. In a few years if we don't utilize the energy we have better we will run out. There's no doubt in my mind that the oil companies are taking advantage of this but we must stop wasting fuel."

Gail Mobley answered, "the shortage is not real. Maybe 50 years from now there will be a real shortage but now I think its just another way for the oil companies to drive prices up and make more money."

Kay Vives replied, "the natural gas shortage is the only thing I agree with Jesse Helms on. He said, "there is no reason to limit the use of energy in North Carolina." Its hard to believe this country would let any such emergency sneak up on us. We have had experts in this field for many years and if the shortage was real we would have had more advanced notice. Its just a trick to hike fuel prices up by the big oil companies."

Harry Belton remarked, "After listening to Dick Gregory the other night I think its a trick by the oil companies to make more money. With the things that are now

going on such as weather modification and other experiments I wouldn't be surprised if someone claimed there was a shortage of air to sell it."

J.E. Alexander stated, "yes, I believe in the shortage. Americans have been so wasteful of energy despite warnings that the shortage may be more severe than we realize. Sure, the oil companies are taking advantage of it but the rough winter weather has been the real culprit."

The results of this random survey are that 60% of the persons interviewed don't believe there is a natural gas shortage or any other fuel shortage.

An unidentified older man summed it up saying, "this shortage is just like the gas shortage. When we are willing to pay double the price we will get all we need and nothing more will be said about it."

Jordan's Column

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federal job programs, a mix of training, public service, and stimulation of private sector hiring. Scrapping over the geographical distribution of needed programs is fruitless; the measure should be need, not place.

Such a program would funnel federal funds into poverty belt areas, be they rural or urban, north or south. And it would lead to rational national priorities and comprehensive, planned economic development.

Northern cities suffering job losses should be helped, but so too should rural southern jobless poverty pockets. Put the money where the need is and not, as in the revenue sharing program, by simple population formulas that move money to rich suburbs.

The prospect of sectional strife over the scraps from an insufficiently large economic pie is dismaying. The government's job is to see that the pie is large enough and the distribution fair enough for justice and sound national economic policy to be served.

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