



Stan Bustetter Coordinator of the library system's extension division shows the many books and tables that goes unused at the East Winston Branch Library.

## Library Endangered; Lacks Community Support

by Yvette McCullough Staff Reporter

The building sits empty most of the time. Few people come in and many pass it by to go to the other one downtown. No one knows that it's open until someone mentions closing it. However due to the lack of interest East Winston Library may be stamped CLOSED.

Stan Bustetter, coordinator of the library system's extension division, says there are no definite plans to close the branch, and that there's as much pressure to keep it open as there is to close it. The success of a library is usually judged by the circulation, and East Winston's circulation of 250-300 a week is no comparison to the Fifth Street Library's circulation of 20,000 to 25,000 a month. The East Winston Branch is located at Seventh Street and Cleveland Avenue and was built in 1954 as a separate but equal library for blacks who weren't allowed to use the Fifth street

branch. When blacks were welcomed down at Fifth Street they passed the East Winston Branch by. In recent years Urban Renewal has added to the problem.

"We killed the neighborhood with redevelopment," Cecil Butler, a

candidate for county commissioner and an unsuccessful candidate for mayor said.

"It's the fault of the planning people who didn't give one iota of thought to the concept of

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## Democratic Party Adopts Affirmative Action Plans

Preliminary to the 1978 National Democratic Party Conference, the North Carolina Democratic Party has adopted a Delegate Selection/Affirmative Action Plan.

The State Democratic Executive Council met Wednesday, March 15, at State Party Headquarters in open session to finally adopt the Affirmative Action/Delegate Selection Plan. This public meeting came after a fourteen day challenge period during which time the public had

opportunity to present suggestions for changes or challenges to the Plans.

According to the Plans adopted by the Party Executive Council, twenty-two delegates and twenty-two alternates for the National Party Conference will be elected at the Congressional District Conventions, with two delegates and two alternates being chosen at each District Convention. Equal numbers of men and women must be chosen at the Congressional District le-

## HEW Ruling's Effect On WSSU Funds Uncertain

Because the guidelines have not been issued, no one is sure how the ruling will be affected by the proposed cutoff of federal funds to the University of North Carolina System.

WSSU Chancellor H. Douglas Covington issued a statement saying that he could not presume to speak for the whole university system regarding the decision of Health, Education, and Welfare secretary Joseph Califano to withhold federal funds because the University's desegregation plans are not acceptable to HEW. The Chancellor stated

that UNC president William Friday was the spokesman for the UNC system. As for WSSU, he went one. "We don't know how the decision will affect WSSU."

Winston-Salem State University officials note that last year, WSSU received \$3.6 million in federal funds, one-third of the total revenue for the institution. Of this sum, \$2.3 million was student aid money. Califano has stated that student aid funds would not be affected.

President Friday contends that North Carolina is being penalized for its

past achievements in establishing black schools. North Carolina has five predominantly black

state-supported schools, while other states have three at the most. If we now proposed to

HEW to do in future years the things we have already done," said Friday. See Page 2

## Urban League:

### Black Unemployment At Depression Level

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Although white workers showed some signs of recovering in 1977 from the 1974-75 recession, the economic crisis in the black community remained at depression levels," reported a publication published by the National Urban League.

ment to most job orders and this makes filling the order difficult. He also said that persons with business, nursing or technical backgrounds are much easier to place in jobs. However people with Political Science, Sociology and Elementary Education backgrounds are hard

to place unless they have advanced degrees.

The Urban League also offers job development, out reach and recruitment, interviewing and employment counseling, referrals and placement on jobs and various other services in the job related field.

## Security Deposit

### Easier To Get Back

By Sharyn Bratcher Most landlords require

a tenant to make a security deposit against damages before allowing him to move in. Getting the deposit back when the tenant is ready to move used to be an exercise in futility. The landlord could say: "I'm keeping your deposit to have the rug cleaned," case closed.

Thanks to a recently enacted law, this situation will change. The Tenant Security Deposit Act, passed in 1977 by the N.C. General Assembly, limits the amount of deposit that must be paid, and outlines specific rules for its use.

The law states that the landlord may not withhold as damages part of the security deposit for conditions that are due to

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"While official unemployment among whites fell from 7.0 percent to 6.5 percent between 1976-77, the jobless rate for blacks in 1977 stayed at the alarming rate of 13 percent."

Because of this exceedingly high unemployment rate, the Urban League (UL) has developed a program of employment assistance for the socially and economically disadvantaged. Included in this assistance are members of minority groups, youth, women, veterans, the elderly and people affected by automation and the changing technology of the working field.

Tyrone Posey, Director of Employment Services for the W.S. Urban League said that even with the high unemployment rate, there's still difficulty finding the right applicants to fill job orders that come to the attention of the league.

"I think we could fill more job orders if the employer would lower job requirements and allow the people to take a job and give them a time frame in which to meet the needs of the company," Posey said.

Posey said that most employers attach 3-5 years experience require-

## AKA's Observe

### Job Corps Month

Bernice I. Sumlin, national president of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, has proclaimed the month of March as "Job Corps Month" among the more than 550 chapters of the Sorority throughout the country. The chapters will focus attention upon the Cleveland Job Corps Center, its 500 Job Corps members, the comprehensive job training program, and the continued growth of the Center as a residential/non-residential vocational training school. Financial support and gifts will also be contributed by the members of Alpha Kappa Alpha to supplement those items not provided for in the contract.

The Sorority has been the prime contractor for the Cleveland Job Corps Center for thirteen years during which time more than 10,000 Job Corps members have received services through the Center. Alpha Kappa Alpha is the only predominately Black oriented group to continuously and successfully hold a contract for a jobs corps center with the

Federal government.

Job placement at the Center is high-of those corpsmembers available for placement in the fiscal year 1977 nearly 93% found jobs, continued their education or joined the Armed Forces. Former Cleveland Job Corpsmembers are currently employed as teachers, nurses, dental assistants, keypunch operators, welders, railroad personnel and members of the armed services.

The Cleveland Center became coeducational and non-residential in 1976. At that time young men and women who live in Cleveland became corpsmembers and attend classes at the Center.

Currently there are a variety of entry-level vocations offered at the Center in such fields as health services, welding, railroading, clerical and selected industrial trades.

A new program is proving successful for sixteen corpsmembers enrolled full-time at Cuyhoga Community College.

Upon successfully completing the Job Corps Program, a corpsmember may apply for an Alpha Kappa Alpha Scholarship for further study. Additional financial aid packages may be arranged through the Center's Placement Department. Several former Cleveland Corpsmembers are matriculating at colleges throughout the country on Alpha Kappa Alpha scholarships.

The Job Corps Centers were established in 1965 as a national resident training program for economically disadvantaged youths 16-21 years old who had left school and needed the program's intensive services. Job Corps provided basic education (including GED), vocational training, work experience, constructive leisure activities, counseling, health care as well

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## Campaign '78

### Logemann Calls For Energy Conservation

Ernest Logemann, a Democratic candidate for the N.C. House, urges immediate action on the energy crisis. "If we do not, in our panic in reaching to energy shortages when they occur, we may be forced to seek relief in whatever direction the energy industry points us, citizens," he stated.

He proposed that the N.C. General Assembly and the citizens of the state begin to act on the

energy problem now. He outlined ways in which the problem should

be met: "(1). Conservation - Conservation offers

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### Black Mayor Manager For Smith Campaign

Robert Drakeford is the first black mayor of Carrboro, a small town next to Chapel Hill. He is also the assistant campaign manager for U.S. Senate candi-

date McNeill Smith. Laurinburg native Drakeford, 32, is concentrating his efforts on the black communities in the state. He is not only working to help set up local organizations, he is also working with field coordinator Jim Warlick of Morganton to coordinate the local organizations all across North Carolina.

"It is important for a number of reasons that a half million minority voters should be a part of the electoral process and help decide who gets elected. Through this type of participation, minority groups can have a voice in how they are to be governed," Drakeford said.



Ernest Logemann

### Schoonmaker Names Manager

Meyeressa Schoonmaker, a Democratic candidate for the North Carolina Senate from Forsyth County, has named two of her former classmates at Wake Forest University as coordinators of her campaign.

They are, Nancy Long Lehto, graduate of Wake Forest, presently salesperson with Lambe-Younb Real Estate and active in community affairs; and C.E. "Gene" McElroy, who received his bachelor's degree from Wake Forest.

### Ingram Blasts Califano

John Ingram, a candidate for U.S. Senate charges that HEW Secretary Califano has made a bad mistake in attacking the tobacco farmers. "His attack is misguided for three (3) reasons," says Ingram. "America's balance of payments would have been in far worse shape without tobacco exports.

\*Tax revenues, without tobacco, would be substantially reduced.

\*600,000 American farm families derive their income from tobacco."

"Secretary Califano must be stopped from trying to legislate morals," warns Ingram.

"Our balance of payments would have been in far worse shape without tobacco exports. Tobacco should be promoted abroad just like all other American farm products.

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### Wester Favors Utility Reform

George Wester, Democrat candidate for N.C. House, is asking publicly for answers to questions the electric utility has failed to provide in private contact with that utility. Wester says the public, while having larger and larger percent-

ages of their income spent on electricity, is unaware of many factors about the electric monopoly.

"Some homeowners of all-electric homes are paying sums up to 100% of their monthly home payments in their monthly

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