

Budget

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least \$243,000 more to maintain RHC services at their current level.

Magovern said the center was "cut to the bone" during last year's budget. "We had to cut back six sickle cell workers and had eight CETA positions frozen."

"I don't know of any other county department that has done that much," added the RHC administrator. "We've done what we can to tighten our belts, but we're down to the point where we can't lose any more."

The current RHC budget is \$3,107,780. Magovern said it will take \$3,350,000 to maintain the same services. The center will request an additional nurse and a nutritionist for the Women, Infant, Child (WIC) program.

Magovern said the positions could be justified through the increased revenue they would bring in.

A major issue in the last budget was the county's assumption of the costs for the sickle cell program. Continuation of that support will be sought in the budget.

Each of the 42 "contact points" receiving county funds were asked to submit base budgets for the coming year by Friday, Feb. 16. County budget

and management director Warren Browning said he hoped to be able to look at each preliminary request this week.

Then will begin the process of pulling together a base budget for the entire county. Browning said the county staff will first estimate the revenues expected from fees and other charges levied by the county and then calculate the fund balance left over from the previous year.

The revenues and the fund balance, minus a reserve to tide the government over until taxes are collected, are subtracted from the amount needed to provide essential services to come up with the amount to be raised through property taxes, said Browning.

There is where the furor will be in the county budget. S.T.O.P. (Stabilize Taxes on Property) has already asked the commissioners to commit themselves to a 72 cents per hundred dollars valuation tax rate instead of the current 81 1/2 cent rate.

The commissioners agreed to look at a budget based on the 72 cent rate, but have not made a binding commitment.

Hauser is not sure the lower rate could be achieved. "I do not see the possibility of reducing it to 72 cents," said the chairman. **See Page 5**



Bobby Morman

Youth Worker Raps Negativism

by Yvette McCullough
Staff Writer

Negative attitudes are a big obstacle to success, a group of parents and children were told during the "Black Like Me" children's program of the East Winston Branch Library.

Bobby "Big Daddy" Morman said that many black people today, young and old, have a negative self image and that self-image limits one's scope.

Morman is a graduate of North Carolina Central University and former star football player from the school. He was very active in the civil rights movement and is a youth worker employed at the Experiment in Self-Reliance.

"All of us need to be made aware of Black History," said Morman. "We have to read. Somebody had to tell us black was beautiful. When I had a natural, during the time it wasn't common, people looked at me like I was crazy."

Morman said that parents should get involved with their children and help to erase their negativism. He said that parents should use selective television, commemorative stamps and utilize the East Winston Library, to help enlighten their children.

Parents are not doing their job, they're too busy blaming someone else for their problems," Morman remarked. "Investigate yourself and be concerned about the welfare and education of your children."

He advised parents to listen to their children because they have something to tell you and you need to listen." He said that blacks should strive to be positive role models and remove the negatives and build on the positives.

Several young people also appeared on the program giving profiles of famous blacks in history. Appearing on the program were Sonya Love as Mary McLeod Bethune, Tammy Pitts as Mahalia Jackson, Ernest Broadway as Frederick Douglas, Cedric Barksdale as George Washington Carver, Reggie Miller as Louis Armstrong, Barry Boykins as Langston Hughes, Kimberly Love as Harriet Tubman, Ronnie Ferguson as Jackie Robinson and Kenneth Wilson as Bill Russell.

In a dramatization, Phillip Smith portrayed Muhammad Ali, Tyrone Smith was Sonny Liston and Willie Herring as Howard Cosell. Kenneth also read a poem, "I See Black People."

A skit entitled "Roots" was presented by members of the Martin Luther King Center.

WSSU Hosts Nurse Confab

WSSU News Bureau Winston-Salem State University's Division of Nursing will host the annual Student Nurses Association of North Carolina convention at the Hyatt House on Feb. 22-25.

There will be several speakers and workshops dealing with current themes in nursing. The keynote speaker will be Ms. Thelma Shorr, who is editor of the AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING. There will be a banquet on Saturday evening honoring the Student Nurse of the Year and a uniform Breakfast on Sunday Morning.

Two nursing students at WSSU are presently holding state offices in this organization. Mr. Larry G. Alley, a junior nursing student, is president of the North Carolina Student Nurses' Association. This is the first time a student from Win-

ston-Salem State University has served as president and it is also the first time in the history of the Student Nurses' Association that a male has been elected to the post.

Willie Foster, who is also a junior nursing student at WSSU, is presently serving as the regional coordinator for Region II of the North Carolina Student Nurses' Association. He assisted in coordinating the activities of student nurses in nursing affairs for approximately twenty nursing schools in the area.

Ms. Brendelia Leslie, who is president of the Student Nurses' Association at WSSU, along with the junior and senior nursing students at the University, will be assisting with registration and other activities.

Willie Foster



Black History Observance

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