

LaTerre Seeks License

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LaTerreXXI was the first black establishment to apply for a license to serve mixed beverages, but several other firms are waiting in the wings.

Since the licenses issued now will expire April 30, most businesses will wait until May 1 to apply; the license issued then will be valid for one year.

Ron Goodwin, owner of LaTerre XXI turned in his application for a mixed beverage license at 10 a.m. Friday morning, said Henry

James, alcohol law enforcement officer.

Nine white-owned establishments who wanted to be among the first to take advantage of Forsyth County's newly-passed referendum permitting the sale of mixed drinks also applied.

Nathaniel Wiseman, owner of Staley's Northside Restaurant, explained that he plans to wait until May 1 to apply for a license, because the \$500 fee is too high to pay for one month.

"It takes a while to set up to serve mixed drinks," he noted. "We have to put in a bar and do

some redecorating. So we plan to be doing that, and hopefully we will get our license in May."

John X. Williamson, manager of the Big D Lounge, says that his establishment also plans to apply in May.

"We're going to get it," Williamson said. "Our profits have been 70 percent food for the last five years, so that's no problem."

The city's restaurant and club owners met with alcohol law enforcement officials at city hall last week to discuss the licensing regulations.

Attorney Anne Fulton went over the 25 pages of regulations and answered questions from the prospective applicants. In order to qualify for a license to serve mixed drinks, a restaurant must seat at least 36 persons and derive at least 51 percent of its gross receipts from the sale of food.

Social clubs may not grant temporary memberships and they must observe a 30-day period between the time of the application and the issuing of membership privileges.

Bailey Moves Up Ladder to Head State Phone Unit

By Yvette McCullough
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Moving up the ladder toward success is often thought to be a man's dream. Bernice Bailey, the administrator of Southern Bell's centralized repair service bureau, is showing that a woman can move up the ladder, also.

Bailey began as a telephone operator 12 years ago for Southern Bell. Over the years that she has been with the company, Bailey has had such positions as service assistance person, service representative, personnel manager, chief operator and instructor for operator service.

In her new position, Bailey will be the administrator of a new system which will improve service by handling repair service calls in one centralized area, here in Winston-Salem.

The service will handle repair calls faster, provide customers with up-to-date information about their service problems and hold down the cost of telephone service by reducing repair service.

By the end of this year when the program will be in full operation, Bailey will

have 80-105 people working in her department.

"This new position will be something different to do, a change of pace," Bailey said. "I've enjoyed all my jobs, but I think this will be the most challenging, because it is new and untried."

Originally from Wilkes County, Bailey feels like a Winston-Salem native having lived in the city 21 years. She said that her new department will be people-oriented.

"We've changed the entire concept of repair by centralizing," Bailey said. "Customer service is our goal."

Under the new system people from all over North Carolina will have their calls centralized to the answering service bureau here in Winston-Salem. It will be manned 24 hours a day by clerks seated at computer terminals. After the clerk has the information about the trouble the information is transmitted to the customer's hometown.

"I will handle any and every problem that may arise," Bailey said. "Sometimes a customer just wants to talk to someone in



Bernice Bailey

charge."

Bailey said that she is satisfied with the progress she has made.

"Ma Bell has been very good to work for," Bailey said. "I've never been bored with a job."

"There is a wealth of knowledge to be gained and I've learned a lot," Bailey continued. "I'm forever growing and changing, and I can truthfully say that being a black woman has not been a handicap."

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Budget

University Medical School with an allocation of \$2.9 million.

The only hope for the black universities receiving some program change funds is a supplemental budget request submitted by the University of North Carolina.

It would include categories 10 through 16 in the program change, said UNC budget officer Ken Grogan.

An influential state legislator said prospects for the supplemental request are uncertain, although the plight of the traditionally-black schools may cause some reconsideration in light of the HEW-UNC dispute.

Rep. A. Hartwell Campbell, D-Wilson, chairman of the House Appropriations Committee on Education, said, "The money situation is very tight." He said the UNC request would have to compete with other supplemental requests from the public schools and community colleges.

Regarding new funds in order to meet HEW objections, Campbell said, "It depends on the Board of Governor's recommendations. We have to go by their rating of priorities. It may require some reevaluation on their part."

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Lee

than the one we faced years ago, except it is a lot harder," Lee said. "The struggle we face today is no different today than the one faced by Mary McLeod Bethune and other great educational leaders who tried to put forth an effort to insure that black youngsters would have a chance to get a viable and acceptable education."

Lee said that in spite of the limited black resources, black colleges have turned out "some mighty fine black minds." He said that instead of facing the failures of the past black should accept the challenges of the future.

The fate of black colleges in North Carolina, Lee said, lies not in the hands of HEW but in the hands of the alumni of the black institutions.

"We should invest in our predominantly black institutions and strengthen them to the extent that any student would be able to participate within these schools," Lee said. "Let North Carolina seize once again the chance to be first and let us reject the old and take the reins of leadership."

The Coalition is made up of alumni friends and

faculty of Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina A & T, North Carolina Central and Winston-Salem State Universities.

The coalition was organized in December of 1973 in Greensboro. The coalition has as one of its goals to assure that changes coming as a result of the HEW mandate and state initiatives to desegregate public higher education do not have an adverse impact on the black community.

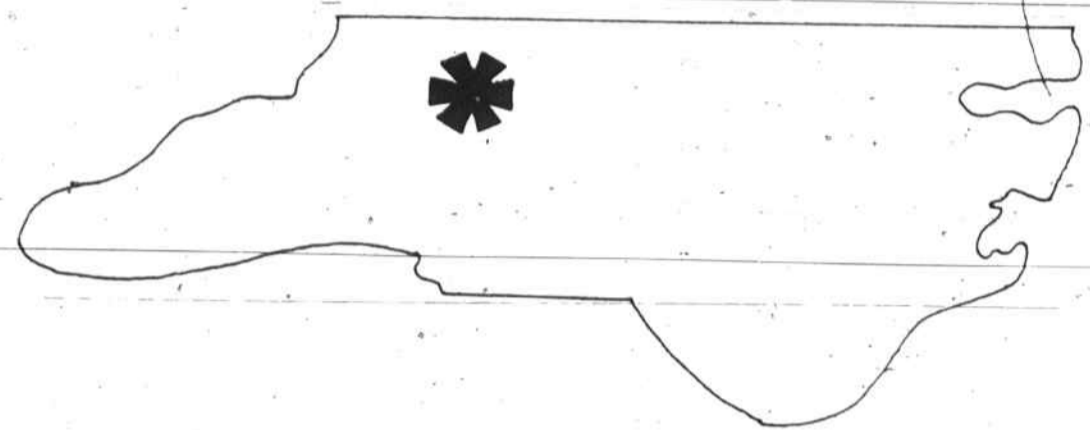
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