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CETA Jobs Cut in Half

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After several months of uncertainty, the city's human services director is reporting that his department will be able to provide less than half the number of CETA jobs that had been anticipated during the fiscal year.

Walter W. "Doc" Farabee, who has managed the department on an acting basis since October, said approximately 1,400 persons will be served during the year instead of the projected 3,371.

Most of the cuts are coming from the area of public service employment, said Farabee during an interview in his NCNB Plaza office. "The emphasis from Congress is now on only training and youth programs," he said.

The human services director expects to have enough funds for about 700 jobs in the Summer Youth Employment Program.

Even with that additional allocation coming, the city's CETA appropriation from the federal government is at the lowest level since the 1974-75 fiscal year. Then, the city received \$3.7 million. This year, Farabee projects \$3.7 to \$4 million. Last year, the city received \$7.6 million.

Through re-budgeting the halved-allocation from the U.S. Department of Labor, Farabee said the current 717 jobs now filled will continue. A job freeze imposed on October by Farabee has cut that number from the 779 which had been planned at that point.



Leap Year Birthdays

Many find it hard to keep track of birthdays, but when it only happens once every four years it's quite a different story. Brothers Broadus Jr. and Wardell Evans were both born on Feb. 29 and they are not twins. Imagine the odds of that occurrence. Family members plan a big bash for the two this Friday.

Approval Sought for 108 Apt. Units

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Plans for 108 units of subsidized income housing at the south end of Grand Avenue have been submitted for final round of approval by city officials.

Mrs. Newell said that because four other Section 8 projects have been approved to go in non-impacted areas, the Southgate proposal meets a plan worked out with HUD last year to spread out subsidized housing.

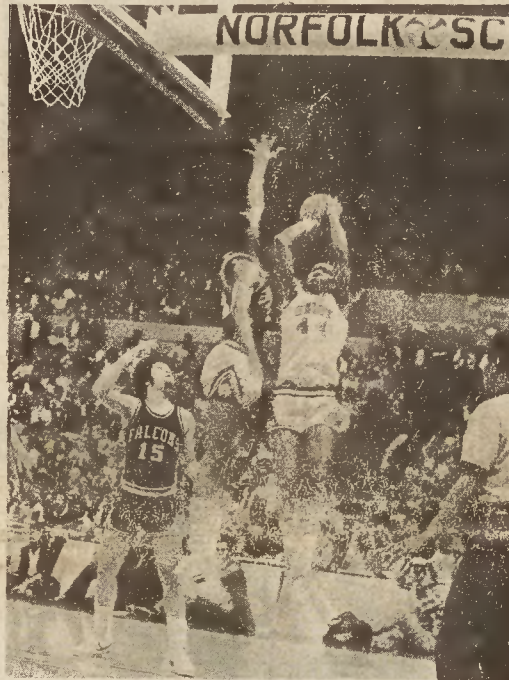
Under the plan, preference would be given to projects in the eastern part of the city only after similar projects were built in areas without subsidized housing.

The East Ward alderman is enthusiastic for the units: "The plans look great; I'm very proud of what they've designed."

Thirty-four of the apartments would be one-bedroom, 51 of them two-bedroom and 23 of them three-bedroom in the plan presented to city Development Advisory Committee Wednesday. The site plan must also meet the approval of the City/County Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen.

All the buildings scattered along the 14.4 acre tract will be built of brick with a mixture of one and two story structures.

There is a waiting list of 2,000 persons for Section 8 housing in the city. The Southgate is part of 1,222 units either in construction or approved for the city.



Most Valuable

Tournament MVP Larry Holmes fires a jump shot over St. Aug.'s William Cooper in championship contest. The 6-6 senior tallied 22 points in the contest and won his second consecutive MVP Award.

Native Son Debuts In Carnegie Hall

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Saturday afternoon, Winston-Salem native Bernard Thacker will reach a milestone many singers never achieve -- a debut in New York City's Carnegie Recital Hall.

"The recital is a milestone," said Thacker in a telephone interview from New York. "The very best critics will be there."

Also in the audience will be his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Kennedy of 1748 Longview Drive SE, who looked on proudly last year as Thacker gave his only Winston-Salem recital at the Reynolda Auditorium.

Thacker has been a tenor soloist with the Alvin Ailey Dance Company and sang in the Inaugural Concert for President Carter in 1977.

He was also "Sporting Life" in the Houston Grand Opera's production of Porgy and Bess on Broadway and throughout Europe and the United States. The show's album won a Grammy award.

When Thacker came through Winston-Salem last year, he was developing his individual stage performance on a tour throughout the South in preparation for Saturday.

"Carnegie Hall is the first step towards a different sort of image for me," said Thacker. "After Sporting Life, I had an image as a classical singer with a facility for Broadway musicals."

To unveil himself to the demanding New York audience as a solo singer, Thacker will sing in the hall "reputed to have the best acoustics in New York City." None of the tunes will come from



Bernard Thacker

Porgy and Bess. His spotlight in New York City could have been predicted back in the late 1960s when Thacker became one of the first blacks admitted to the N.C. School of the Arts.

Music instructors like Mrs. Vivien King Bright honed young Thacker's voice to become the "especially lovely tenor" that New York Daily News critic Bill Zakariassen has called Thacker.

Paul Robeson and Leontyne Price are the idols the 34-year-old singer looks up to. He laments that not even Robeson, among black male singers, has drawn the acclaim of Price.

"My goal is to be a great humanitarian and a great artist," says Thacker.

Legacy of Bishop Diggs
in Church,
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City Behind In HRC Staffing

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Winston-Salem's human relations staff is smaller than that of any major city in the state, according to human relations director William Aldridge.

Winston, population 150,000, is providing the same number of human relations staff, two, as Winston-Salem, population 150,000, based on figures Aldridge gave in a telephone interview.

Rocky Mount and Wilson each have a three-person staff; Durham and Fayetteville have four; Wilmington and Greensboro have five; and Charlotte has eight, said Aldridge.

For the coming budget, Aldridge is asking the Human Relations Commission to recommend to city budget officials an increase from \$37,000 to \$68,400, enough to provide for Aldridge, an assistant and a secretary. His staff currently consists of a secretary hired on CETA funds.

Aldridge expects the department's workload to increase based on progress being made by the commission. The panel has asked the board of Aldermen to consider fair housing legislation for the city.

Another recommendation was for the opening of a warehouse for the household goods of

families evicted from their homes.

During February, the panel obtained recognition of Human Relations Month by Mayor Wayne A. Corpening, held a fair housing tour and has scheduled its first banquet for Friday night at the Hauser Student Union at Winston-Salem State University.

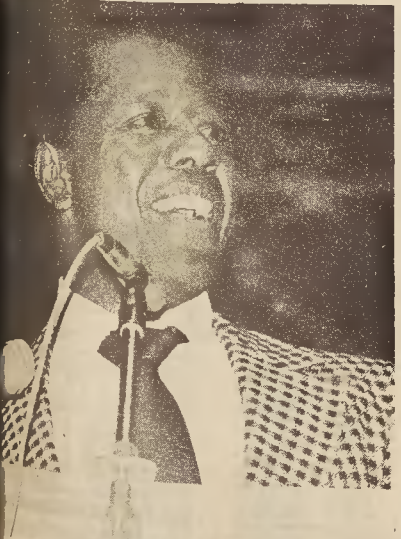


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Man King Hank Aaron tells an audience at Wake University that there is a need for more black involvement at the managerial level of sports, such as his director of player development for the Atlanta Braves, who spoke Tuesday night, broke Babe Ruth's record with 714 home runs in his career.

Child of Projects Reaches for the Top

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The muscular body of Larry Little can still get up high enough to ram home a dunk shot through the nets in the Martin Luther King Jr. Recreation Center gymnasium. His preferred attire is sweat suit and sneakers. Little may be the only municipal governing official in the country who can jump that high. But even higher are the aspirations he sets for himself.

"When people ask me where I want to go politically," Little told an audience last Sunday, "I tell them President of the United States...because I've met that boy Carter at least four or five times, and I'm at least as intelligent as he is."

With a particular emphasis to the younger section of his audience, Little advised them that, even were he to be unsuccessful in trying for the presidency, "I might wind up as a U.S. Senator or a Congressman or a Governor or a Mayor."

It was not an idle boast. When Little, who grew up in the Kimberly Park public housing complex, turned 30 last week, he was regarded as possibly the top black leader in the city. That's the response a consulting firm got most



Staff Photo By Templeton

Larry Little

often last fall when a cross-section of blacks were asked to pick leaders.

Alderman Vivian Burke, D-NE, introduced Little to that audience at the Iota Phi Lambda Black History Month ceremony "as a young man who has done so much for the community." It was his third Black History Month speech.

"Larry is a terrific guy," adds Alderman Virginia Newell, D-East, "A very brilliant guy. If he keeps his cool and keeps his head on straight, he can go very far in politics."

"He's fed up with inequity and injustice," added Newell. "He's obsessed with it."

That obsession was partially forged on the basketball courts, where Little became a high school star, but yet a near-failure academically.

The Black Panther Party proved to be Little's grade school, and also the cause for some lessons about the use of power.

His favorite story tells about the time he was picked up by city police for inciting a riot because he dared to place some black pride posters on the corner of 14th Street and Jackson Avenue.

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