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Displaced No More

Skills - School Make Future Bright

By Sheila Monroe
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The Urban League's Displaced Homemaker Program began this past June and already several Winston-Salem women are benefitting from the services offered.

Set up for women 35 and over who have been unemployed 5 or more

years; and the woman who has been in the home and has no work experience, the program coordinates the services of local agencies in assisting these women in securing employment and elevating their spirits and self-worth.

Program director Sylvia Howard-Graves feels the women who

qualify for the program are at a crisis point in their lives. "These women are usually divorced, widowed, or women who have remained in the home to care for children. They have no work experience or their skill need upgrading before they can compete in the job market and they are at

the low point in their lives," she said, continuing. "We make use of the available agencies like Goodwill, Forsyth Tech., and Winston-Salem State to name a few, and we use these services to help our clients to reach their goals."

The program has funds available for

transportation, babysitting, and some supplies and tuition if schooling is needed to up-grade job skills.

Cynthia J. Hill of 1211 Marne Street entered the program in July. The mother of five children and with no high school diploma, she experienced great difficulty in finding a job when she found she

needed to work to supplement the meager Social Services check she receives.

"I learned exactly what society had to offer me or someone in my position when I went out looking for a job. I found I didn't have enough education to find the type of job I need to

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Cynthia Hill has found new self confidence through the Displaced Homemakers Program.

RHC Fees May Increase

By Sheila Monroe
Staff Writer

Officials of Reynolds Health Center say the proposed fee increase of 33 1/3 percent is a reasonable recommendation due to the fact that this is the first revivment of the fee schedule in three years.

Definis McGovern, chief administrator of the health center, said the proposal is "sound and consistent in keeping with the overall philosophy of the center." McGovern said the RHC uses local hospital rates as a guideline in setting their fees, but they try to set their prices at the lower end of the rate. The possibility of revising the fee schedule semi-annually has also been proposed by administrators of the center.

A subcommittee of the RHC advisory board has been formed to conduct an intense study of the feasibility of the increase.

Betsy I. Sawyer, chairperson of the subcommittee, said that RHC and patient care will benefit from the increase in fees.

"A 33 1/3 percent increase is not as big as it sounds when you consider that the fees here have not gone up in years, and inflation has continuously shot up," Sawyer went on to say that even though the Center will be receiving an

estimated \$6,000 a year less in patient revenues, they will benefit greatly from third party payments made directly to the health center. [medicare, medicaid, and insurance companies]

The proposal will be subjected to further revision by the county budget and financial directors and the county manager.

Besides the increase in fees, there has been an increase in the number of patients to visit Reynolds Health Center. McGovern reported 4,000 clinic visits to RHC for the month of September, an increase of 555 from last September. There has been an addition of 365 patient visits per month from last year.

Another concern expressed by the board in the monthly meeting held Nov. 5th was the broken appointment rate, which is 34.7%, and according to McGovern "a pretty constant rate." The board cited insufficient motivation on the part of the patient to keep the appointment as the major reason for the problem.

McGovern said the rate was quite good considering previous years when the rate has been 38% or higher. "Anytime the broken appointment is under 35%, it's a generally positive condition," he said.



Penn

Nat'l Coalition Honors Penn

Former President of the Northeast Ward Neighborhood Council, Marcellus Penn, has been chosen by the National Urban Coalition to receive the Neighborhood Leadership Award, for his outstanding leadership and contributions in the community. "I'm very pleased and flattered to be recognized by the National Urban Coalition and I hope this will enable me to serve my community in an even greater capacity," said Penn Tuesday.

Recipients of this award are being asked to serve on the Coalition's Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization Task Force. The Task Force is composed of community leaders, businessmen, lenders, city officials and labor representatives who are concerned about and actively involved in seeking solutions to housing and community development problems.

Penn, as past president of the Northeast Ward Neighborhood Council has been very active in community development problems. Under his leadership the Northeast Neighborhood Council became incorporated by the state, allowing them to become a non-profit organization and receive funds from the federal government and businesses.

He was also instrumental in getting a \$125,000 grant from the city for rehabilitation purposes.

Penn's community is composed of six sub-neighborhoods. These are Carver, Lowrance, St. Stephens, Fairview, Mineral Springs Fire Station, and Mineral Spring

Baptist Church. Currently serving as a board member of the board of trustees of the neighborhood council, Penn has three projections for his neighborhood. "I want to see more rehabilitation for small businesses and homes, a neighborhood service center, and a senior citizens day care facility," he said.

He will receive his award on November 18 in Washington, D.C. at the National Urban Coalition's office. Presenting the award will be Robert Em-

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Black Leaders Blast Straight-Ticket Voting

By Donna Oldham
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Local civic and religious leaders say that had black voters used a selective voting process or single-shot voting, black candidates would not have been defeated in last Tuesday's general election.

Alderman Larry Little said that blacks have to be selective in their voting in the future.

"If you vote a straight ticket, you might as well stay home...I don't advocate single-shot voting but selective voting," Little said.

"We can be more selective. It's like being a prostitute, just throwing our votes around to anyone who wants them. Our interest should be with our people," he added.

Little said that black people must re-evaluate their loyalty to the Democratic party in future elections.

"White democrats voted for white Republicans, they did not support black candidates, which I think is absurd and sick," Little said.

The Alderman said that if blacks don't start being selective, more and more conservative candidates, both Republicans and Democrats will be elected.

"We got a real good slap in the face, but after the storm there is always sunshine." Black people in Greensboro and Charlotte learned their lesson in 1978 and got their black candidates elected this year; I hope we can do the same in 1982.

The Rev. Dr. Jerry Drayton, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church said that straight ticket voting in his opinion "really hurt us."

"Whites are responsible for electing their candidates at blacks' expense. It wasn't the lack of turnout by blacks, it was the straight ticket."

Rev. Drayton said that in his 36 years in the city, white Democrats have not supported black candidates like blacks have supported white candidates.

"This isn't new," said Drayton adding, "white support just isn't consistent."

Bessie Allen, who head-

ed the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's (NAACP) voter registration and education drive said that black voters need to "assess" the whole situation "and determine what we need to do to promote the black vote."

"Straight voting hurt the black candidates," she said.

Mrs. Allen, a veteran political worker said strategy is the key for blacks in future elections.

"When black people came together and had a strategy, we got black people in office...Dr. Lillian Lewis for example. We need to come together and decide what course we're going to follow. We've got to learn strategy," she said.

Alderman Vivian Burke said that she was both "hurt and disappointed," that the black candidates

did not win. "I can not see how the city and county didn't elect any blacks. I believe in representation from all people."

She continued, "We had capable blacks running, but we haven't grown enough in this community to feel that black representation is needed. Blacks supported the party, but the 'Closet' Democrats voted for Republicans. White Democrats didn't vote straight tickets, but blacks did in good faith," she said.

Mrs. Burke said that Tuesday's election will make black voters "take a serious look." "We carried out our responsibility," she said.

"We will have to be more selective about our candidates in the future," was the response of the Rev.

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Upward Bound Program Cited

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education issued a proclamation on October 27, recognizing the importance of the Upward Bound Program in the school system. October 31, was designated as "Upward Bound Day" in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.

Upward bound is a pre-college program for 10th, 11th and 12th graders, identified as having deficiencies in some academic area. Students in the area report to Winston-Salem State University three afternoons a week during the academic year or be tutored in English, Math, and Reading. "Students report to us three days a week by their own choice. Some

come more days if additional help is needed in any areas. Here they are tutored by a highly competent staff dealing with students who don't achieve as high as others," said Addie Hymes, project director at WSSU.

The Upward Bound Program has two components, consisting of the academic year and the six-week residential component, which operates in June and July. During the six weeks, students reside on the campus of WSSU, where they are pre-tested in the basic skills area. The program is designed to meet the deficiencies that have been indicated by the pre-test.

The program began in 1966, but was terminated in June of 1980. Congress



Bishop McGuinness Bazaar

Bishop McGuinness High School held its annual bazaar last Saturday and again this year the event was a pleasing success as hundreds of visitors jammed into the school auditorium to shop at the many booths and stands. This year's theme was "The Country Store" and goods of all sorts were featured in the flea market atmosphere of the bazaar. Pictured above, volunteer Gloria King and her daughter Tawanna examine fabric sample with Sister Anne, Bishop McGuinness principal, and Junior Class mother Haywood Vaughn.

Black Doctors To Build Complex

Construction on a medical building for minority physicians will begin November 17th on the corner of 5th Street and Cleveland Avenue next to the Winston Mutual Life Insurance Building.

The building will be constructed on 6,000 square feet, and will contain the offices of Doctors Harvey Allen, Charlie Kennedy, and Thomas Clark.

The construction firm in charge of the project will be Cartwood Construction Company, a minority firm of Winston-Salem.

Dr. Charlie Kennedy said he was pleased with the company chosen to head construction, and was sure that a good job would be done. "It just goes to show that we have confidence in a minority firm, and this is the first fairly good size building that a minority firm will be constructing."

The new building will consolidate the practices of obstetrics/gynecology, general surgery, and pediatrics.

Completion is scheduled for July of next year.