



Brenda B. Diggs



Alfred White

Graham-Wheeler Resigns

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Benjamin Montgomery, a Black slave owned by Jefferson Davis, invented a boat propeller before the Civil War.

program was receiving from the Arts Council Inc.

The problem of trying to run a program with a hybrid nature is quite overwhelming for one person. In order for Urban Arts to survive, I had to be the chief grants person. The problem is raising money. You can never plan from one year to the other because you never know how much money you're going to have," she said.

She continued, "The Arts Council gives to Urban Arts an allocation out of its regular fund drive. The remaining part of whatever Urban Arts is rests on the creativity and the administrative skills of the Urban Arts director by writing grants."

Mrs. Graham-Wheeler said that her program depends largely on grants from local, state and federal agencies.

"My budget has averaged \$100,000 a year since I've been there. The fiscal year is from July 1 to June 30. The first year the Arts Council gave me something like \$21,000 for administration plus \$6,000 for programs. The next year they gave me \$25,600 and \$12,000 for programs. The third year it was something like \$32,000 and \$15,000, so they have kind of raised it each year, but not enough."

Mrs. Graham-Wheeler said that program problems, fund raising problems and personnel problems all compounded her health problems and made returning to her position impossible.

"A program that has as much impact on the community as Urban Arts should not have to depend on grants for its survival, so in order to have programs like Mayfest, the Arts in House, Jazz Transit, the Community Band and the Summer Is program, I've got to beat the bushes to get that money and it becomes a very frustrating process. I'm also frustrated because the Arts Council doesn't appropriate enough funds for Urban Arts like it does for its other programs."

If Urban Arts is going to remain as a viable organization within the Arts Council, it must have a more sound funding mechanism for programs other than that grants route which has a built in failure mechanism," she said, adding, "Mr. Rhodes and I have had problems with regards to the funding and the grants."

People

James E. Holmes, III, Brenda B. Diggs and Alfred White have been promoted in the Retail Banking Department at Wachovia Bank and Trust Company in Winston-Salem.

Holmes has been named Retail Commercial/Executive Personal Banker. Holmes joined Wachovia in 1974 in the Audit Department. He later joined the Retail Banking Department as a trainee and was named branch manager of the North Patterson office. Since 1978, Holmes has served as retail marketing officer. He was named assistant vice president this year.

Mrs. Diggs has been named retail marketing officer, the position held by Holmes. Mrs. Diggs joined Wachovia in 1968 in the Proof Department and later transferred to the Personnel Department. She became a teller in 1971 and was named Personal Banker in 1974. She was elected banking officer and was named branch manager of the Hanes Mall office in 1977. She has been branch manager of the Reynolda Road office since 1979 and was named assistant vice president this year.

Al White has been named branch manager at the Reynolda Road office, the position held by Mrs. Diggs. White joined the bank's Audit Department in 1976 and transferred to Raleigh as a junior examiner in 1977. He returned to Winston-Salem in 1978 as a retail operations specialist in the Retail Banking Department. He was elected banking officer in 1979 and became a Personal Banker in May of this year.

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the suburbs remained predominantly white?"

By analyzing data from the U.S. Census Bureau and the Annual Housing Survey, Clark unveiled the following trends and patterns:

Patterns of black migration to suburbia substantially differed from region to region. The Northeast, for example, realized the lowest increases in black suburban growth in the nation. From 1970 to 1977, the black suburban population rose from 747,000 to 841,000, an increase of 94,000 or 12.6 percent. In the West, however, the black suburban population increased by 61.2 percent for the same period. The high cost of housing, the lack of jobs and discrimination accounted for the small increase in the Northeast, according to Clark.

While blacks have moved to suburbia, that doesn't mean their financial dreams are coming true. By 1976 the median income of white suburban families was \$17,371, "exceeding the black counterpart by 44 percent," Clark said.

Nevertheless, the black middle class is indirectly replacing poor black suburbanites, and these suburbanites in turn are moving to the central cities from which the majority of black middle class fled. "For every 2.2 black persons moving to the suburbs, ... one will move out," said Clark.

The researcher believes the patterns delineated in his study indicate that despite the increased income level of blacks, "race continues to be a major factor in determining" their access to the total suburban housing market. The elimination of housing discrimination and changes in other non-income factors would have two to five times the impact on the flow of black families moving to the suburbs as would a policy designed to equalize incomes, he contends.

Clark's findings also portend a new era of white flight. "I think the 1980 census will indicate that middle- and upper-income whites are leaping farther out into the suburban and exurban realm."

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tickets were not the only reasons for her dismissal. "There are more causes than the parking ticket business," said Tisdale, who declined further comment on the issue.

Tisdale did say, however, that he will contest payment of unemployment benefits to Burkins.

"She was fired for cause, her own misconduct," he said.

"I think there are enough people who are qualified to draw unemployment. Just from my professional standpoint as a DA, I am opposed to her drawing unemployment. There are billions of people in this world who would love to have a law license and would welcome the opportunity to practice. That is a personal opinion that anyone on the street could give," he said.

If Burkins does receive unemployment, based on her annual salary of \$19,500, she would draw weekly benefits of \$139, the maximum payment.

According to Grover Teeter, director of the Employment Security Commission, when the employer of an applicant contests the payment of unemployment benefits, written statements from both parties are reviewed by a claims adjudicator from the ESC office, who in turn, makes a decision either in favor of the former employer or the applicant.

If either party is displeased with the decision, they may appeal the decision and if the appeal is filed, a full hearing is set up allowing both sides to give oral testimony.

Teeter said that if either party is still dissatisfied with the decision another appeal could be made through the courts.

Burkins, who was Forsyth County's first and only black assistant DA was also the only assistant DA fired by Tisdale in his two terms in office.

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