#### Chronicle Profile

### Mr. Bill Reaches Out To Less Fortunate

By EDWARD HILL JR. Staff Writer

When Bill McClain graduated from college in 1966, he could'very well have taken his degree, gotten a job with someone's firm and lived very comfor-

Instead, he made the sacrifice necessary to pursue his personal mission in life: to bring something special to the lives of the young and the physically and mentally handicapped.

McClain attended Atkins High School and starred in basketball, earning all-state honors in 1966. He went on to Brevard Jr. College on a basketball scholarship and later played at Greensboro College.

McClain then tried his hand at coaching for a short period as an assistant at Shaw University, but decided he wanted to do something "more meaningful."

"I've always liked to read a lot, and, in my reading, I found that the best basketball players come out of the state of Indiana," says McClain. "The reason was that they start their basketball programs at an earlier age than most areas. So I decided I wanted to do the same for the kids in this area."

McClain approached Ann Weaver, physical fitness director at the Glade Street YWCA with the idea, which proved to be good timing since the YWCA was looking to organize more programs for children.

After getting the go-ahead, McClain went out and got male and female players from Winston-Salem State University and Wake Forest University to volunteer to help with a clinic.

Twenty-six youth, ages six through 16, signed up the first year and the clinic has steadily grown in two years. McClain says he expects 40 registrants for the next session, which begins in May.

"The one thing I wanted to avoid in this clinic was to place a lot of importance on winning and losing,"

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says McClain. "I made it a point to de-emphasize winning and concentrate on physical conditioning, discipline, sportsmanship and social interaction. These kids have enough pressures from parents and coaches. They can easily become burned out before they reach high school."

McClain says he has since added a reading and tutorial component to the basketball clinic, "because we want to help them become as well-rounded as possible."

But the basketball clinic is only part of Mr. Bill's Productions; the other objective is to provide recreation and entertainment for the physically and mentally handicapped.

"I realize how fortunate I've been without any physical handicaps," says McClain. "Basically, I see

myself as a subcontractor to organizations like the YWCA, the Forsyth County Mental Health Center, Goodwill and the city recreation department. I get great satisfaction out of bringing some joy into the lives of the less fortunate."

Mr. Bill's Productions features fashion shows, parties and discos.

"My main objective is to allow them to have the same social outlet that the non-handicapped have," says McClain. "Fashion shows where they get to model their hairstyles and their clothes give them a real sense of pride."

Mr. Bill's Productions also provides entertainment for Willie M. youth, who are emotionally disturbed and potentially violent.

"Mr. McClain comes by on special days and holidays to play disco music and provide entertainment for the Willie M. kids," says Mary Hayes, a recreation therapist for the county mental health program. "They always look forward to his coming. He plays a role in that he helps them to execute or sharpen social skills. What he does also helps them to prepare to go back into their homes or into group homes."

While McClain says he enjoys what he does and receives great satisfaction from it, he adds that it is becoming increasingly difficult for him to continue with no funding.

"I'm going to try to find a way to continue doing what I'm doing and justify my time and efforts," says McClain. "Hopefully, someone will see that

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Bill McClain, a man with a mission, checks out his equipment as he prepares to entertain -the-Willie-M.-kids-(photo-by-James Parker).

there is a great need for these types of programs to continue and will come forward as a sponsor or investor."

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### Black Repertory Co. Slates New Play

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New York actors William Kennedy Jr., Jesse Holmes and Cynthia Pearson will be starring in the production.

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Black Repertory Co. will ed while sitting on her own present Charles Fuller's front steps. Her killer, a "Zooman and The Sign" gang leader named April 1-3 at the Arts Coun- Zooman, has no remorse cil Theatre at 610 Coliseum for his taking a young life. begin at 8:15 p.m. and the killing of little Jinny her family's neighbors on "Zooman and The Sign" the block and none will outstanding play of the family in frustration and members will include, dition to the traumatic ex-Ramon Moses, Johnny perience of losing a member Wilson of the family, escpecially,

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recently in Goldsboro and

The meeting was held Antlered Guard Depart- May 13-17 at the local

Club Marks St. Patrick's Day

The Clara Nesby Home her presentation were the Members presents were

Extension Club recently following guidelines: eat a Mrs. Elsworth Banner,

celebrated St. Patrick's variety of food, maintain Mrs. Ella Whitworth, Mrs.

Mrs. Laura Crockett, much fat and cholesterol, Williams, Mrs. Clara Mrs. Mavis Miller and Mrs. eat adequate fiber, avoid Nesby, Mrs. Essie Brown, Mildred Batchelor were the too much sugar, avoid too Mrs. Louise Jones, Mrs.

Mrs. Jo Ann Falls gave a recommended amounts of Mavis Miller, Mrs. Mildred presentation, "On Ideas for iron, calcium, vitamin B-6 Batchelor and Mrs. Louise

Constance appointment of coty Antlers, the Marching Bradley, the organizer of chairperson for a special Jackson, sound.

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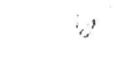


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