

Adams

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some people think that it's impatience. But it's not impatience, I'm just action-oriented. I like to see things done in a timely, orderly fashion, especially when it can be done."

Adams, who will serve as chairman until June of this year, likes making a difference in the community. In 1990, she ran for the North Carolina State House of Representatives against Pete Oldham, and was in a runoff position. But she decided not to call for a runoff.

"I think that was part of destiny," she said reflecting on her candidacy. "I don't think it was time yet, now that I look back. He's (God) getting me ready for something."

It is God, she said, who gives her the strength to stay busy with the Housing Authority, the Urban League and the East Winston CDC, while maintaining her career at Stroth's. "He gives me that extra energy to go on," she said. "Even though I work 12, 13, sometimes I work 16 hour days, it doesn't matter. When I come in here and there's something that has to be done for the good of somebody else, I get extra strength, extra energy to go on."

However, she admitted that at one time, she swore she would never get so busy that she would have to have an appointment book. She soon changed her attitude when she "found out that if you want to make things change and happen, you've got to get on some of these boards," she said.

Several things that Adams would like to see happen in the community is the construction of more public housing in the form of single family homes with yards, and the renovation of old, unused buildings in the city. She would also like for more young people who live in public housing to become involved in the political process and help make the decisions which will affect their own lives. In the end, Adams hopes that public housing residents will become more self-sufficient.

"I want to see some big success stories in housing," she said. "I want to see every kid knowing and believing that they can go to college, that they can be teachers and doctors and line managers, and own their own businesses. That's what I want to see."

100 men will cook for UNCF

The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) and the Winston Lake Family YMCA plan to co-sponsor an evening of fine dining, live entertainment, and dancing to benefit the UNCF.

"100 Men Who Cook" will be held Saturday, Feb. 22 at the Winston Lake YMCA, 901 Waterworks Road, from 5-10 p.m. Food sampling will take place from 5-7 p.m. and live entertainment and dancing from 7-10 p.m. Music will be provided by Janice Price and Priceless.

Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. For tickets and more information, call the UNCF office at 748-0010 or Renita Thompkins at 725-0998.

The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) was founded in 1944, and helps to support 41 private, historically black colleges and universities. Nearly 90% of the students enrolled in these schools need financial assistance. There are six UNCF member institutions in North Carolina — Barber-Scotia College in Concord, Bennett College in Greensboro, Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, Livingstone College in Salisbury, Saint Augustine's College and Shaw University in Raleigh.

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