

Post Salutes Top 10 Black High School Seniors

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School Integration

There Has Never Been Any Voluntary Action

University System May Lose 70 Million Dollars

By John Minter
Special To The Post
"There has never been any voluntary action by North Carolina or by any other Southern state to bring about an integrated situation on the elementary school, high school or college level. It would be the height of naivety to assume that any objective and unbiased evaluation of programs could be made by the people of North Carolina who have something to lose or gain by such evaluation."

With these words, Marshall Colston, Vice Chancellor for Development and University Relations, broke the silence of A&T State University officials on the controversy surrounding the proposed veterinary school for the State of North Carolina.

The Board of Governors of the Consolidated University of North Carolina has made a determined stand to put the proposed school at North Carolina State University at Raleigh. But the Civil Rights office of the U.S. Department of

Health, Education and Welfare has said that if North Carolina persists in its efforts to place the school at N. C. State, they may lose over \$70 million in annual federal support to the UNC system.

President William Friday of the University of North Carolina said recently that the University will continue with plans to place the proposed school at North Carolina State University. A move which will probably force a court fight between the State of North Carolina and HEW.

Colston speaking on the behalf of the A&T University during a conversation with the Peacemaker stated, "A&T could have anything they wanted as long as it does not compete with white institutions, especially North Carolina State. The study that was made comparing A&T with North Carolina State was very hastily done by two people selected by North Carolina State and/or the Board of Governors."

HEW has very analytically denuded that report of any credibility whatsoever.

"The issue is not whether A&T could accommodate and carry community responsibility with respect to the veterinary school, but is clearly one of according preferential treatment in the University System to two or three schools which happen to be predominantly white."

Colston went on to describe how the budget for the system was spent.

"If one logically reviews the history of the State of North Carolina and its higher education programs it becomes readily apparent that something is drastically wrong when three institutions out of the sixteen receive an annual average of more than 65 per cent of the budget allocated to the state's university system. For the fiscal year 1973 and 1974 A&T got 4.2 per cent of the budget.



RETIRING JCSU PROFESSORS Henrietta Norris, second from left, foreground, and Inez Parker, third from left, foreground, were among the approximately 400 persons attending the Alumni Buffet Dinner last Saturday in the Main Lounge of the University Memorial Union Building. Other diners pictured include Mrs. Doris Armstead, Mrs. Vietta Neal, Coach and Mrs. Eddie McGirt, and Furness J. Armstead. Photo by Peeler

City School Officials Seek More Blacks For Optional Schools

The application deadline for enrollment in Charlotte-Mecklenburg optional schools has been extended to Friday, May 30, to give more persons an opportunity to apply.

Schools affected by the new application deadline include Irwin Avenue and Elizabeth optional open elementary schools (1-6); Piedmont Open Middle School (7-9); West Charlotte High School Open Component (10-12) and Myers Park Traditional Elementary School (1-6).

The application period has been extended because preliminary registrations through the May 2 closing date revealed that projected enrollments for the schools fell short of the 20-25 percent racial ratio requirements approved by the courts. This means that the schools are not in compliance with the court-approved assignment plan if they do not reflect 20-25 percent Black enrollment in each grade.

The Board of Education, at its May 13 meeting, considered two alternatives to combat the problem:

Recruit more Black students so that the schools can operate at or near their capacity or

Conduct a reverse lottery, returning approximately 300 white applicants to their regular schools.

The Board chose to move with the first alternative, giving backers of the optional schools and principals an opportunity to seek more Black students for their programs. At the same time, the Board expressed concern that the Black students and their families be made more aware of the schools and their programs and not be recruited for the purpose of meeting ratio requirements.

Optional school programs are available to any student enrolled in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools so long as the racial ratio and teacher allotment at the sending (regularly assigned) school is not affected. The term "optional" refers to any alternative program which is separate from a regular school program (even if, as in the case of West Charlotte, it is located on the same campus) and which addresses itself to special educational approaches that are not available or emphasized in the programs of regular school.

Transportation for optional school children is provided by the school system.

Persons interested in making application for their children to attend an optional school next year may do so by following these procedures:

Pick up or ask your child to bring a blue "Request for Transfer" form from any school or from the Education Center (701 E. Second Street adjacent to Marshall Park).

Fill out the form and return to (1) the school to which you are making application or (2) the Pupil Assignment Office which is located on the third

floor of the Education Center or (3) mail to Pupil Assignment Office, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools, P. O. Box 149, Charlotte, N. C. 28230 by Monday, May 30.

School officials have warned that if any student applies for enrollment to both an open and traditional school, neither application will be acted on.

EXPLANATION OF PROGRAMS

"Traditional" and "Open" refer to the approaches to learning that are used in the optional schools. If a straight line were used to demonstrate, "traditional" would be at one end, "open" at the other end and "regular" or "conventional" in the middle.

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Kenneth Armstead To Receive MIT Degree

Kenneth Jerome Armstead, 21-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Furness J. Armstead of 2531 Dalebrook Drive, will graduate June 2 from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

He is a Mechanical Engineering major and has been accepted to begin graduate work on his Masters Degree at MIT in September of 1975.

Kenneth was Valedictorian of the 1971 graduating class of Charlotte Catholic High School and was the recipient of an Academic Scholarship to MIT.

At Charlotte Catholic High School he played football and guard on the basketball team. He has played basketball for four years at MIT.

He was Treasurer of the Black Student Union his first year at MIT.

His hobbies are golf, tennis, swimming and chess.



Kenneth Armstead
Charlotte native

Kenneth has one sister, Karen, 14, a ninth grader at Charlotte Catholic Junior High.

Armstead was one of 13 Charlotte High School students

chosen to represent his respective school in the Charlotte News Seniors of the Year competition. The students were nominated by the schools on the basis of academic excellence, extra-curricular activities, character and poise.

All the students chosen including Kenneth, attended The New's annual All-Star Scholars Banquet which was held at the Charlotte Coliseum Downtown Motor Inn. Kenneth ranked first in his class at Charlotte Catholic High School and was President of the school's chapter of the National Honor Society.

Kenneth and Claudia Withers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Withers of 2910 Burbank Drive were the only two blacks among the 13 students chosen in the Charlotte News Senior of the Year competition in 1971.



MISS PATRICE GAITHER
Public school teacher

Patrice Gaither Is Our Beauty

By Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

Our Beauty this week hails from the lovely city of Rock Hill, S. C. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gaither of 315 Fidney Street.

Miss Patrice Gaither is the chosen lady this week. She is a graduate of Rock Hill High School and of Winthrop College.

She received a degree from Winthrop in Special Education. She is presently employed as a special education teacher in the Rock Hill School system. "It has always been my primary interest to work with the exceptional child. I enjoy the work very much and I find it very fulfilling," stated our lovely beauty.

Patrice has plans of opening a day care center-kindergarten for the exceptional child upon completion of her graduate studies at Winthrop.

"I am presently working on a masters in Learning Disabilities," smiled Miss Gaither. "I hope to complete my work in December."

Post Office

Will Observe

Holiday Monday

The Charlotte Post Office will observe Memorial Day, Monday, as a National Legal Holiday.

There will be no regular Home delivery service on that day, but special delivery mail and parcels containing perishable matter will be delivered.

Collections will be made from all residential, business and air mail collection points. Additional collection service in business districts will be made as needed.

On Sunday collection will be made in main traffic arteries and at all air mail collection points.

Holiday schedules for receipt and dispatch of mail will be observed. Usual Sunday box service will be provided. Special Delivery service will be provided, also.

Patrice has as her hobbies reading and playing the piano. She prefers to play classical music over the modern day type music.

Our beauty is born under the sign of Virgo. She describes them as being calm, preferring the truth, very collective and very understanding.

Patrice and her family attends Mr. Prospect Baptist Church where Rev. E. Smalls is the minister.

Miss Gaither is very active in church activities. She is director of the children's choir pianist for the Sunday School, Program Chairman, and a teacher for the State BTU Congress.

"I find church work very rewarding," Patrice stated. "It gives me the opportunity to feel as if I'm doing something useful and worthwhile with my free time. Directing the children's choir is very challenging. Since I love working with children I find myself really enjoying every minute of it. Playing for the Sunday School really keeps me in practice on the piano, and of course since I am a teacher I enjoy teaching at the BTU State Congress meetings."

Polk, Mullis Named To

State Advisory Council

Charlotteans James K. Polk and Carol B. Mullis have been appointed to the State Advisory Council on Vocational Education.

The appointees will serve on the six man committee at the pleasure of the Governor rather than for a fixed term. They will join James W.C. Daniel of Raleigh, Sylvia T. DeRosset of Belhaven, Milton Wayne Coates of Fairmont, and Bruce G. Shore of Mount Airy on the committee.

Polk is associated with Management Manpower Associates, Inc. in Charlotte. He attended Johnson C. Smith University and Temple University. He has been active in the Mayor's Community Relations

Black Community Hearing Set

The Northwest Community Action Association will sponsor a Black Community Public Hearing, "a MEETING of minds" on Thursday, May 29, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Public Library Auditorium, 310 North Tryon St.

"The purpose of this MEETING of MINDS is to bring together a large number of the active, informed and interested residents of Black neighborhoods with the Black persons who serve on government agencies, such as the City Council, County Commission, Planning Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, Hospital Authority, Housing Authority, etc.," said Rev. Howard Campbell. "We will discuss the issues and concerns of Black citizens, Black organizations, and the Black members of these governmental bodies. This meeting will be an opportunity for Black persons from every part of town, every political perspective, and from every area of concern to share ideas, concerns and strengths for future positive accomplishments. We know that we need each other to be effective in solving the problems we face and in reaching our mutual goals."

He continued, "several groups have been asked to have a representative participate in a panel to discuss the concerns of their organizations. Also, each governmental representative will be asked to discuss how Black people and Black organizations can influence the agency, department, committee or commission of which he or she is a member. There will be plenty of opportunity for members of the audience to raise questions and state their concerns, also."

According to Rev. Campbell, another part of the program will include small group discussions on topics directly affecting Black people, such as: 1) Transportation (roads, buses, mass transit); 2) Hospitals and health care; 3) Parks and recreational needs; 4) Schools and education concerns; 5) Housing; 6) neighborhood needs (sidewalks, zoning, traffic control signals, street lights, drainage, etc.).

The NWCAA hopes this MEETING of MINDS will increase communication among Black people and Black representatives on the governmental bodies that affect them. "Also, we hope this 'Public Hearing' will bring about better cooperation among all parts of the Black community for the benefit of all Black residents of Charlotte and the City as a whole," Campbell concluded.

TURTLE-TALK



A NARROW MIND and a WIDE MOUTH often go together.