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## Central Piedmont College Will Drop Offender Aid Program

### Mental Health Center Sets Coping Workshops

By Jacquie Levister  
 Post Staff Writer

Have you ever been curious about transactional analysis? Are you having problems coping with aging? Workshops on these and other areas of interest are being conducted by the Mecklenburg County Mental Health Center during the month of June.

Coping with Aging, Intro-Concord Rally

Held For

Ronnie Long

Concord, (CCNS - A rally held on the anniversary of Ronnie Long's arrest, which subsequently led to his being charged with rape and first degree burglary was attended by nearly three hundred people, most of them black and residents of Concord.

Held in Caldwell Park, in the heart of the black community, the rally featured several events that were happening simultaneously, including a fish fry to raise money for legal expenses.

William Posey, chairman of the Ronnie Long Defense Committee, spoke and gave a synopsis of the activities of the committee over the past six months. Ike Long, Ronnie's father, thanked the crowd for the support that had been shown Ronnie over the months following the trial.

After a five day trial, Ronnie was found guilty by an all white jury in October, 1976, of twin charges of first degree burglary and rape of the widow of a Cannon Mills executive. Seven of the jurors worked for Cannon Mills, which is a major force in the economic life of the community.

Several black women in the crowd listening to speakers and sang about Long wondering would it all get Ronnie free?

In Education

## Black Youth Face Extreme Crisis?

By O. Imani Uhuru Aka  
 (V.W.P.)

Dr. O.A. Dupree, of Shaw University, and National Director of Education for the Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc., is alarmed at what he describes as the "Crisis in Education" for today's young black minds.

"A combination of extremely negative factors, poor counseling, busing, the administrative structures, dropout rates, and a lack of community involvement on the part of black parents have crystallized to form what has to be termed, a 'Crisis in Education,'" claims Dupree.

"Our black communities need to regain the control of our children's education. The educational system as it is now set up, is working to the detriment of black young people."

duction to T.A., Families of Chronically Disturbed Patients, Birth to 18 months and Alternatives for Mothers of Young Children are all topics from which you may choose if you wish to participate.

The Coping and Aging workshop will emphasize strategies for personal growth and enrichment for those 65 and older. The schedule for this workshop is 9:30 - 11 a.m. on Mondays, June 13, 20 and 27. The Introduce Yourself to T.A. group will study the basic theory of Transactional Analysis and how it relates to interpersonal communication. Wednesdays, June 1, 8, and 15 from 7-9 p.m. is the time given for this group to meet.

The Families of Chronically Disturbed Patients workshop is a group to be comprised of families who have a member that is considered a chronic mental patient. Emphasis will be placed on early detection of symptoms and more effective management to avoid hospitalization. The time for this workshop is 2-4 p.m. on Thursdays, June 9, 16, 23 and 30.

For those with children, two workshops, Birth to 18 months and Alternatives for Mothers of Young Children are being offered. The Birth to 18 Months group will concern itself with the development of both the child and the parent during the first 18 months after child birth. Alternatives for Mothers of Young Children is a concentrated study aiding in the development of a mother's self-esteem and planning for the future. The Birth to 18 Months group will meet on Wednesdays, June 15, 22, and 29 from 9:30 - 11 a.m. Alternatives for Mothers and Young Children will be held on Tuesdays, June 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 9:30 a.m.

To register for the Mental Health Center workshops, call Mary Jo at 374-3211 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The cost for each workshop will be \$5 unless otherwise stipulated.



Dr. O.A. Dupree  
 Shaw professor

black children in the minority. This kind of situation breeds disgust with the result being no motivation on the part of students to learn, and a lack of caring counselors.

To emphasize the dimensions of the "Crisis in Education," Dupree offered these startling facts: Today's high school curricula are divided into what are termed track systems. These tracks are composed of remedial courses which lead to non-professional jobs, and rigorous courses, which lead to college and



JACKIE ROBINSON  
 Young executive

## Robinson Manages Northwestern Bank

By Deborah Gates  
 Post Staff Writer

Jackie Robinson started working for Northwestern Bank as a management trainee in January of 1976 and is now the only Black Northwestern manager in Charlotte.

A native of Rock Hill, S.C., and a December '75 graduate of Johnson C. Smith University where he received a B.S. degree in Business Administration, Robinson worked for Northwestern Bank in Charlotte as a management trainee for six months and as an assistant branch manager at the Pineville Road office before being promoted manager in January of '77.

"I was lucky," Robinson said, "because in the summer of '75 I had an internship with the Ashland Oil Company in Columbus, Ohio." Robinson added that this internship with Ashland did not specifically

relate to banking, but said it was in relationship to the field of business.

Having been in his new position for five months, Robinson says he is very happy with his job. "I like to help people, especially older people, by doing a service for them," Robinson said.

Robinson has found out however that the banking business isn't always pleasant for he sympathetically revealed that one of his hardest tasks in a day's work are turning down some people who seek loans. "You can't always justify making a loan," the young executive said. "A lady with four kids who had lost her husband, living on an income of \$500 and wanted to buy a car came to us for a loan." Robinson said that after careful study it was found the lady was not eligible to receive the

## Current Federal Funding

### Period Expires June 30

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.  
 Post Executive Editor

Central Piedmont Community College will discontinue the Offender Aid Program (OAP) when its current federal funding period expires on June 30.

Mel Gay, vice president for student services, said the termination of OAP is related to the fact that a second year of federal funding would obligate the college to continue the program in 1978-79 through its regular budget. He added, "a

higher budget anticipated by the college makes this impossible."

The Offender Aid Program is a coordinated and cooperative effort of the Department of Correction and CPCC that makes counseling and educational and vocational training available to persons on probation or parole. Reportedly, the program has had an 80 percent success rate with 155 participants assisted by four counselors in its first five months of operation.

Revenue Sharing

Office Gets

Black Director

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Ms. Willi Delaney has been named special assistant to Alexis M. Herman, director, Women's Bureau, of the U.S. Department of Labor.

As special assistant, she makes and schedules appointments of the director, serves as liaison between bureau staff and director, controls the flow of incoming correspondence and other paperwork, and handles a variety of other specialized duties.

Before joining the Labor Department, she was with the White House January 10 to March 1977, after serving as a director of volunteers at the Carter campaign headquarters in Atlanta.

A native of Washington, D.C., she relocated to Atlanta in 1972. Then a homemaker out of the work force, she did volunteer work with many community organizations such as the Martin Luther King Center and the City of Atlanta Consumer Affairs Office.

In 1972, on reentering the work force, Ms. Delaney worked for about nine months with the Federation of Southern Cooperatives in Atlanta.

This position was also the first placement made by the Atlanta Minority Women Employment Program of R-T-P, Inc., which was then headed by Mr. Herman.

From 1967 to 1972, she was a secretary with the D.C. Redevelopment Land Agency, an orientation specialist with Northern Systems, and assistant to the vice president of the Center for Governmental Studies, all headquartered in the nation's capital.

A graduate of Martha Washington High School, she attended Catholic University, Washington, D.C.

She and her son, Damon "Puncho" Delaney, are residents of the District of Columbia.

## City Schools Receive

### Leadership Training Grant

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools have received a grant for over \$17,000 to provide leadership training to some 30 administrators in public and non-public schools.

As part of this training, the administrators will attend a workshop, August 1-5, at the Quail Roost Conference Center near Durham. In addition, for six days during the next school year, these administra-

tors will participate in follow-up sessions to evaluate their leadership skills.

The grant, made possible through the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Title IV federal project, is designed for school administrators who have new assignments and roles. This project will be particularly effective under the recently decentralized system.

However, due to the late starting date of the program only about half the funding will have been spent by June 30.

The May issue of a newsletter, published by the staff of the OAP, disagrees with the college administration's stated reason for terminating the program. The newsletter confirms published reports in their belief that "the termination of the program is in part, due to the controversial issue involving the hiring of T.J. Reddy and criticism from the District Attorney, Peter Gilchrist."

In December Gilchrist had voiced opposition to Reddy's employment as a counselor in the program on the ground that he is a convicted felon who - Gilchrist - had no confidence in. However, Gilchrist apparently overlooked the questionable circumstance surrounding Reddy's conviction, the newsletter indicates.

Reddy was quoted in the newsletter, as saying, "My being hired at CPCC did not violate any employment procedure."

The newsletter further notes that in a letter from OAP director Harold Parks dated December 7 Gilchrist was advised that Reddy would not be involved in referrals from the DA's office. Reportedly, Gilchrist ignored the letter.

The newsletter says also that CPCC's contribution to OAP has been only five percent in the form of "in kind" contributions, that is, only office space to house the program. Finally, the newsletter said new funding might have been available if the CPCC administration had submitted an application to the Governor's Commission on Law and Order prior to April or if the college had chosen to "host" an application through the Goals and Standards provisions of the state's Criminal Justice System.



LOVELY MIRIAM WATSON  
 ...Talented gemini

## Miriam Watson Is Beauty Of Week

By Jeri Harvey  
 Post Staff Writer

Miriam Watson says she was "surprised and pleased" when a local photographer said he felt she could be a Post Beauty of the Week but one look at her picture should tell our readers why he made that observation.

With 135 pounds neatly distributed on a 5'6" frame, and dark brown hair and eyes, Miriam is an attractive addition to our parade of beauties.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Moses, Miriam is a Gemini, was born in Charlotte and attended West Charlotte High School. Typing was her favorite subject. Following that interest, she moved to New York and matriculated at Monroe Business School and graduated with a degree in Secretarial Science. New York was home for about seven years before she returned to Charlotte and a position as a secretary with American Credit Corporation.

One of four children in a family of three girls and one boy, Miriam has a three year old son of her own, Jeffrey. Much of her spare time is filled taking Jeffrey to the park, on picnics and the like but there's still time for tennis lessons, reading romantic mystery novels and occasional entertaining. A small group of compatible people, something nice to drink and the sounds of Aretha Franklin, Natalie Cole and Earth, Wind and Fire are the ingredients Miriam mixes to make a good time when she entertains.

Most of the spare time activities are shared with her

fiancee, Philip Flowers, whom she has known for about two years. Philip, originally from Hickory, is a supervisor at General Electric and is also Miriam's tennis instructor.

We asked if taking lessons from someone so close presented any difficulties, and she said, "No, he's very patient with me." No wedding date has been set but the happy day will probably be this year.

Miriam's choice for the person she most admires is her mother, Mrs. Glennie Moses. The reason given was "My mother did a good job of guiding me and the advice she gave was always sound, even when I didn't listen."

Mrs. Evelyn Floyd was her favorite teacher in high school because, "She cared. She took time to listen."

If I could have one wish," our beauty said, "I would like to see more progress in the area of race relations here in Charlotte. She admits there has been much positive change, but notes that particularly in the business world, Blacks are severely under-represented in positions of power. In this regard she feels Charlotte compares unfavorably with New York.

In other ways Miriam finds the small town atmosphere of Charlotte comfortable and she looks forward to rearing her son here and planning a future with her husband-to-be.

Recently Miriam decided to pursue a modeling career on a part-time basis and we at the Post wish her luck and look forward to seeing more of her.

Workshop Set For

Clerks, Secretaries

The Personnel Administrators of North Carolina and the Department of Public Instruction's Division of Personnel Relations is sponsoring a workshop for secretaries, clerks, and other personnel associated with personnel administrators in Educational Districts, six, seven, and eight on Tuesday, June 7, at the Sheraton Inn in Hickory, N.C.

For more information contact Robert Boyd, Division of Personnel Relations, Department of Public Instruction, Raleigh, N.C. 27611, or call (919) 733-2481.

## TURTLE-TALK



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