

# Two Blacks Selected For Danforth Fellowships

By Jeri Harvey  
Post Staff Writer

Two former assistant principals of West Charlotte High School are among five principals from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools who have been selected to participate in the prestigious Danforth School Administrators Fellowship Program.

They are Henry L. Hawkins, now the principal of Indeen-

dence High and Leroy Miller of East Mecklenburg. The three others chosen for this honor are Joe Harvey Hunt of North Mecklenburg, Don C. Rogers of Harding, and Richard Frank Rozzelle of Myers Park.

The Danforth Foundation was established by the late Mr. and Mrs. William H. Danforth in 1927. It is a national, educational, philan-

thropic organization, dedicated to enhancing the humane dimensions of life. Activities of the Foundation emphasize the theme of improving the

quality of teaching and learning. The Foundation serves the following areas: higher education nationally through sponsorship of Staff-administered programs, precollegiate education nationally through

grant-making and program activities, and urban affairs in St. Louis through grant-making and program activities.

The Danforth School Administrators Program was initiated in 1973 and is dedicated to the memory of the late James E. Allen Jr., a former United States Commissioner of Education and member of the Board of Trustees of the Dan-

forth Foundation.

The program provides opportunities for administrators in urban secondary schools to continue in the development of their school leadership skills. It is based on the concept that educators should assume increased responsibility for their professional growth, and that the exercise of such responsibility requires that administrators be provided with

both time and access to specialized sources of expertise.

Fellows from participating cities meet five times throughout the program year for an exchange of experiences.

A local coordinator in each selected city and a representative from that school district assists in arranging informal seminars, consultations, community work, and study sessions with educational and

community leaders to add important dimensions to the program.

The first of this year's meetings will be in Charlotte October 13-15. The other four will be in New Orleans, November 17-19; Tampa, Florida January 12-14; Jackson, Mississippi March 16-18; and Richmond, Virginia April 15-18. Each of these cities has

participating Fellows.

One of the goals of the program is to cause Fellows to engage in individual and group projects within each city, in order to help set a pattern of self-growth for each Fellow and set in motion a course of action to improve an identified problem area in the school district.

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## Criminal Charges May Result From Voorhees College Probe

### Governor Jim Hunt Appoints Five Blacks

Governor Jim Hunt has appointed five blacks and a Lumbee to the State Advisory Committee for Racially Nondiscriminatory Public Postsecondary Education.

Hunt announced the appointments in a speech to the N.C. Alumni and Friends Coalition recently at the Benton Convention Center in Winston-Salem.

"We are committed to continuing progress in the growth and development of our black institutions," said Hunt. "They have special needs that deserve constant scrutiny. Even though our financial resources are somewhat limited, we will pay special attention to improving our black universities. To help us do that, we have appointed these new members to advise President Friday on matters concerning the University system and the federal government."

The six are: Isaac Battle of Gatesville, assistant superintendent of the Hertford County Schools and a graduate of Elizabeth City State University;

—Lawrence Cooper of Raleigh, with the state Office of Employment and Training, a graduate of North Carolina Central University;

—Mrs. Shelby Jane Dial, classroom training coordinator with Lumbee Regional Development Association in Pembroke, a graduate of Pembroke State University;

—Elmer Floyd of Fayetteville, director of the Fayetteville Human Relations Council, a graduate of Fayetteville State University;

—Mrs. Effic Miller of Greensboro, whose husband is president of Bennett College, a graduate of A&T University;

—Quether Wilkins of Winston-Salem, business development specialist with the Piedmont Area Business Development Corporation, a graduate of Winston-Salem State University.

In other remarks to the Coalition, Hunt said the black universities had produced "scores of great leaders" in spite of adverse circumstances.

### OMBE Obtains \$241.7 Million

### For Minorities

Clients of business development organizations supported by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Minority Business Enterprise (OMBE) obtained 4,475 approved financings totaling \$241.7 million during the first three quarters of fiscal year 1977 (October 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977).

The figures are based on reports from 225 OMBE-supported business development organizations around the country. They offer business and financial packaging, accounting systems and services and marketing help at no cost of the minority business owner.

Loans totaling \$185.4 million made up most of the financings. Clients were also assisted in securing lines of credit, bonds, letters of credit, grants, equity investments and other forms of financing.

The average financial package amounted to \$54,000.

"I have talked with business men and women around the country and a common problem they all share is difficulty in finding sources of financing."

In the meantime, she works part-time at Hair Original on North Graham St. as a receptionist to stay close to the world of beauty.

Connie is chairman of Smith's newly begun debating team and couldn't think of anything in particular that she likes to do in her spare time. She said she occasionally goes to house parties if she's been specifically invited and knows the people who will be there but rarely goes to public clubs.

It's always a pleasure for us to feature young women who are not only beauties, but who also have definite goals for themselves and are working to make those goals a reality. Connie is certainly one of those who meets that description.

Born, July 26, Connie is a 22 year old Leo, whose forceful personality comes through loud and clear when she discusses her life and viewpoints. She appears totally committed to excellence in all her undertakings and has a clear, forthright manner of expressing herself.

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ROWE MOTLEY

...Popular Businessman

### Surprise Nomination

## Rowe Motley Named Chairman Of National Black Caucus

By Jeri Harvey  
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Former Mecklenburg County Commissioner, Rowe R. Motley, has been elected chairman of the National Democratic Black Political Caucus (NDBPC).

The action was taken last week while the caucus met in Washington, D.C. to attend a meeting of the Democratic National Committee (DNC). He succeeds George L. Brown, lieutenant governor of Colorado, as chairman.

## Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church Receives \$3 Million HUD Grant

By Jeri Harvey  
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Rev. H.S. Diggs, pastor of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, 700 Sugar Creek Road West, announced Tuesday that the church has received a grant of \$3,665,000 to build 150 units of housing for elderly and handicapped persons.

According to Rev. Diggs, the congregation received the news of the Title 202 HUD grant with great joy. "They consider it a privilege to be entrusted with the responsibility of carrying forth such a needed and worthwhile ministry," he said.

"The Mayfield Church," Rev. Diggs continued, "has since its inception, expressed a great desire to help people in

tangible ways. We include as a part of our financial budgetary items: support to Shaw University of Raleigh, Friendship College of Rock Hill, S.C., Johnson C. Smith University, the United Negro College Fund, the Central Orphanage of Oxford, the J.J. Johnson Assembly and Bible Camp of Laurinburg, the Mt. Pease Association and Mecklenburg Associations of Mecklenburg County, the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, the Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention, and the Progressive National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. In May of 1977, Mayfield Memorial Church gave 200,000 bricks to Friendship College of Rock Hill, S.C. to help them erect a building," he added.

Pastor Diggs speaks proud-



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### Huge Sums Reportedly

### Missing

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.  
Post Executive Editor

Several high ranking administrators at Voorhees College of Denmark, South Carolina, have either been fired or have resigned, including the president, over the alleged misappropriation of huge sums of funds, according to reports in the Tuesday issue of The State (Columbia) newspaper.

The college's board chairman, Matthew J. Perry, reportedly said on Monday that civil and criminal charges will probably be brought against all individuals involved in the missing funds, which was discovered in July.

Perry refused to name the officials who's employment of the Episcopal - supported college had been terminated. However, The State reports that a total of 16 staffers had left the college over the past three months. Among those leaving was the college's president, Dr. Harry P. Graham. Perry, however, reportedly told The State nearly a month ago that Graham's August 2 resignation was for personal reasons.

Board chairman Perry reportedly would not indicate how much money was missing but noted a sense of confidence that the college's \$100,000 surety bond would cover all losses.

The State quoted Perry as saying the money shortages are the result of "unauthorized and imprudent expenditures," which at least partly could be classified as "dishonest appropriations" of both federal and private funds.

The State also credits Perry with saying the misappropriations occurred during the period 1974-77 and were discovered during a special trustee-ordered audit in July. Perry was not available for comments to the POST.

The financial problem at Voorhees represents the second major crisis at the College within 8 years. In 1969 students armed with fire arms occupied an administration building in an effort to get a response to their grievances.

Many of the current 950 students at the 80-year old institution have reportedly expressed concerns about the impact of the shakeup on their educational programs. Perry assured them earlier this week that the college's educational commitment will continue.

Voorhees receives its financial support from private sources, namely the Episcopal Church and the National Negro College Fund and from the federal government.

### ALLURING CONNIE WITHERS ...J.C. Smith junior

## Connie Withers Is Beauty Of Week

By Jeri Harvey  
Post Staff Writer

Lovely Connie Withers, the POST Beauty of the Week, is a junior at Johnson C. Smith University (JCSU) and hails from sunny Miami, Florida.

Both of Connie's parents, Isaac and Connie Withers, are graduates of JCSU and her uncle, T.M. Jeffers, is mayor of Gastonia. She transferred here from Spellman College in Atlanta last year because, "My parents really wanted me to finish at Smith. They and several other of my relatives are graduates. So I decided to please them." She's majoring in accounting and pursuing a minor in computer science.

So far, Connie says she likes Charlotte OK, though it is not yet as cosmopolitan as Miami or Atlanta. She thinks it's catching up though.

Her beauty has done some modeling in Miami and has worked extensively in cosmetics sales. "I've attended workshops for practically every major cosmetic line there is," she said, "and someday I hope to have my own line."

She has very strong views on what needs to be done in the field of cosmetics for the black woman and vehemently disputes the claims of the companies which say they have developed cosmetics "especially for the black woman."

### TURTLE-TALK



Many a man is proud of his father and mother merely because they are the parents of a fine fellow like himself.