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For Unskilled Youth

HEW Establishes Training Program

By Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer
The U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare announced recently it will provide an experimental employment program for unskilled, disadvantaged youth.

Seventeen youth runaway centers nationwide will be supervised by the Administration for Children, Youth and Families, a HEW Human Development Services agency. In Charlotte, The Relatives, Inc. received a \$44,500 allocation. This program will offer employment, education and career development services to "high-risk" youths - the homeless, former runaways and teenagers with histories of low

school achievement, juvenile delinquency, social and family problems. Among these service projects, trainees will start an escort service for the elderly and help increase voter turnout in elections. Others will expand services offered by runaway centers. They can function as peer counselors, recreation aides and organize job referral services.

Some youths will establish and staff small businesses, including one to manufacture products for the handicapped. The training is designed to help youths acquire skills needed for getting a job so they can secure employment after leaving the program.

Counseling will be provided to help them deal with the emotional problems of adjusting to independent living.

"A major focus of this effort is to demonstrate that some of the youth who are seen as community problems to be solved can actually be resources for solving community problems," said Herschel Saucier, the acting ACYF Commissioner.

The HEW agency funds 166 runaway youth programs throughout the country. Centers offer shelter to homeless youths and counseling for them and their families.



LOVELY SHARON ANDERSON
....Olympic High senior

Sharon Anderson

Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer
Take a good look at our beauty, Sharon Anderson. With little doubt she'll be on the cover of Vogue in a matter of years.

Anderson, who is a 17 year-old senior at Olympic High School, has been modeling for years and has various experience in the field.

"In the 7th grade I went to Libby Stone Modeling School and last year I received a three-month scholarship to TRIM Modeling School in Charlotte," Anderson noted.

Already she has appeared in five commercials including two that have been shown in Northern states. Presently Anderson says she's doing mostly runway modeling - to her it's a competitive field.

"There's so much competition. If you can model you can act," Anderson began. "And to be a successful model you have to have the ambition and the goal to know that's what you want to do."

Modeling is not just a pretty face. Whatever you have on the inside has to show on your face - the inner glow. You have to be

able to get along with people and learn to take criticism," she continued.

Future plans for our Sagittarius beauty are to attend Webber College in Florida and receive her degree in fashion coordination. She also plans to go to New York, hopefully, to become one of the top fashion models.

Her professional idol is the African model, Iman, and her favorite person is her mother. "I just learned recently that she was my best friend," Anderson said.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Clement Morris of Charlotte.

In addition to being an active model, Anderson is also with Jan Thompson Talent Agency in Charlotte; a member of Olympic's Executive Council; Secretary-Treasurer of the Interclub Council; Chairperson of Project Aries; and she reigns as Olympic's Carousel Princess.

Anderson's philosophy is "Take one day at a time. I think you can plan ahead, but not so much that you are not thinking about today."

McCall To Be

Chosen For

U.N. Position

Washington—President Jimmy Carter last week announced he has nominated New York State Senator H. Carl McCall to be the alternate representative of the United States for special political affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of ambassador.

Property Tax

Deadline

Announced

In all the rush of Christmas, be sure to remember to pay your property taxes before the deadlines!

This year's deadline is Sunday, January 6, and beginning Monday, January 7, interest equal to two percent of the tax bill will be placed on all unpaid taxes. An additional 3/4 percent interest will be added every month thereafter until payment is made.

The mailing address for the Tax Collector's Office is P. O. Box 31457, Charlotte, N. C. 28231. You are urged to mail your payment, to avoid the problems of traffic congestion and parking. Be sure to enclose your Tax Payment Card when you send the payment.

If for some reason you find it necessary to come to the Tax Collector's Office, you may look for public parking in the County Parking Garage at S. McDowell St., between E. Third and Fourth Streets. Enter the garage from either Third or Fourth Sts. There is a small parking lot with meters adjacent to the County Office Building (enter from Alexander St.), and the City has a lot with meters at E. Fourth St. and S. Davidson St. (enter from Davidson St.).

The Tax Collector's office is on the second floor of the County Office Building, 720 E. Fourth St.

The 1979 tax rate for Mecklenburg County is 76 cents per \$100 assessed valuation, three and a half cents lower than last year, and the tax rate for the City of Charlotte is 88 cents. The combined City-County rate is \$1.64.

YSS Task Force

The Youth Self-Sufficiency Task Force of the Youth Services Action Board will meet Friday.

FROM ALL OF US
TO EACH OF YOU
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Christmas
And A
Happy
New Year!



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More Elderly

Eligible For

Food Stamps

RALEIGH—More elderly and disabled North Carolinians should be eligible for food stamps when new rules go into effect January 1, 1980, and a slight increase in benefits to all participants will begin at the same time.

The new rules provide special medical and shelter deductions for households containing persons who are aged 60 or older, or who receive Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or disability payments under the Social Security Act.

"The new deductions were authorized by Congress in response to concerns that the elderly and disabled had been particularly hard hit by the tightened eligibility rules of the Food Stamp Act of 1977, which eliminated the medical deduction allowed by the 1964 Act and placed a limit on the amount of shelter expenses households could deduct," said John H. Kerr, chief of the Food Assistance Section of the N. C. Department of Human Resources.

He said the new rules should not only make more elderly and disabled North Carolinians eligible, but increase the benefits of many of those who are not participating in the food stamp program.

In addition to the new rules affecting the elderly and disabled, all food stamp participants will receive a slight increase in the amount of stamps they will be receiving after the first of the year. A four-person household with no net income will receive a monthly allotment of \$209 in stamps compared to the \$204 they are currently receiving.

Kerr urges persons who think they may qualify for the new deductions to contact their local department of social services (or call toll-free CARE-LINE 1-800-662-7030) for details.

Herbert Joins

Defense Fund

Established

Joyce McMillan of 3426 Barfield Dr., and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Joins have started a defense fund for Herbert Lee Joins. If you would like to contribute send your donations to:

P. O. Box 37251
Charlotte, N.C. 28202
Herbert Joins, 21, will face kidnapping and murder charges Jan. 8 for the alleged gangland-style murder of Ethel Lewis Wilson, 32.

According to Joins' parents there is only one witness to verify that Herbert Joins was in bed at the time of the murder. However, neighborhood witnesses have identified Joins as one of several men who reportedly forced Ethel Wilson into the trunk of his 1976 green Cadillac last July 13 at 12:30 p.m.

Joins' family contends this is a case of wrong identification through association.

On Dec. 17 Joins was released from jail on a \$50,000 property bond.

Gilliam To Be

Nominated For

Judgeship

Washington—President Jimmy Carter last week announced he has nominated Earl Ben Gilliam, of San Diego, California, to be a U. S. district judge for the Southern District of California.

Drug Abuse Centers Avoid Courts As A Source Of Drug Abusers?

By Susan Ellsworth
Post Staff Writer

"We against them" epitomized the differences in attitude between the criminal justice system and drug abuse agencies before the early 70s.

While courts, paroles and prisons saw drug abuse centers as a haven for people who should have been jailed, drug abuse centers avoided the courts as a source of drug abusers.

"In the late 60s and early 70s both groups realized they had the same goals - to get the person off drugs," said Dr. J. D. Allen, executive director of Open House, Inc., a Charlotte-based drug treatment center.

When drug abuse became a national priority, the two groups decided a compromise was necessary.

Drug treatment services discovered they couldn't ignore the courts without missing a large number of

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drug abusers, Dr. Allen commented.

Abusers learned that obtaining treatment would mean "a better deal out of the judge."

Allen emphasized while some drug abusers are ordered by the courts to undergo treatment, 60 to 80 percent seek help voluntarily.

Open House with its seven facilities is charged with the responsibility of drug treatment service in Mecklenburg County and is the largest center in the state.

The administrative office deals with budgets and grants.

An outpatient clinic located at 717 South Kings Drive provides free treatment for people having a drug problem (prescription drug abuse) but who don't

need 24 hour supervision. In the therapeutic com-

munity at 518 East More-

head, participants are temporarily shut-off from the outside world while undergoing "live-in therapy."

Outdoor adventure exposes drug abusers to a new environment that features obstacle courses, skiing and mountain climbing as part of the program.

Taking unsuccessful people with a poor self-image (most drug abusers fit this pattern) and teaching them skills to overcome fear breeds confidence, Dr. Allen said. This newfound confidence spreads to other areas of their life. The office is located at 2601 East Seventh Street.

The TASC (Treatment Alternatives to Street Crime) identifies abusers and aids them through therapy. Members of the criminal justice system (District Attorney, Public

Defender, lawyers) are on the drug abuse board.

Methadone treatment is offered through two programs at the 1218 Beatties Ford Road facility.

Drug abusers can receive methadone in a 21-day detoxification program using dosages continuously decreasing to zero.

Hardcore users psychologically requiring a drug for self-maintenance may receive treatment for two years or more, gradually withdrawing from the drug.

Counseling is mandatory in both programs. A small satellite office in county court is another facility.

Open House treats 300 patients daily at its combined facilities, according to Dr. Allen.

He praised Mecklenburg County as a national leader in fostering cooperation between drug treatment centers and the criminal justice system.

TURTLE-TALK



...Be KIND to your FRIENDS. If it WEREN'T THEM you'd be a total BANGER.