

JCSU Offers New Doorway To Teaching, Learning

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Many Charlottean students may be contemplating which college has the most to offer. As for Johnson C. Smith University, it is more than an institute of higher learning. Under the program of New Doorways to Teaching and Learning, the weaknesses of students can become strengths.

Divided into five distinct components the program offers a wide range of aid. The Doorways to Composition Skills, Reading and Language Skills, and Mathematics Modular Studies are primarily for freshmen. There is also a Freshman and Sophomore Study Center for both academic and social problems. A full time counselor is available at this center.

The fifth center, which will be focused on is the Writing Center. It is under the direction of Brenda Bilal and the assistant director, Rena Blake.

According to Mrs. Bilal

students are usually referred by their instructors, but some come on their own. Students have a regular schedule for attendance and are given a diagnostic pretest to detect weaknesses.

"Most of the time a student can get through the program in a reasonable amount of time - about one semester," Mrs. Bilal remarked. Students are also given a post-test before they exit the program.

"The Writing Center is open to anyone on campus," Mrs. Bilal commented. "We have audio-visual aids, cassettes, filmstrips, transparencies, and records to help improve student's communication skills. The support of the faculty and the administration has been helpful in making this program a success."

"Several people have come back and thanked us," Mrs. Bilal continued. "Student teachers for example, have returned and

told us how it has helped them deal with classes. Sometimes students even bring their papers back with marked improvement."

Students who have problems with phonetics, spelling, speech, vocabulary, punctuation, or any English communication skills can benefit from the tutoring and attention given in this program. Others interested in creative writing are also invited to grow and learn at this center.

Located between the Health Center and the Education Building, the center's hours of operation are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

"We enjoy preparing our students for the challenges ahead because they are tomorrow's leaders," Mrs. Bilal remarked. "It is important that they know how to speak and write correctly."




Workers at Woonsocket Spinning Co. welcome back their chief steward, Don Holt, who was fired for union activity 7 months ago. The Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union Local 2351 won back Holt's job with full pay.

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Foundation Gives UNCC \$300,000

The Foundation of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte has allocated approximately \$300,000 to the university to provide for programs not funded by state appropriations, according to Dr. William M. Britt, vice chancellor for development.

Dr. Britt added that the \$91,500 allocated as undesignated funds brings the total of such monies to more than a million dollars since the foundation was organized in 1960.

"More than \$200,000 of the foundation's money is designated by the donors for specific programs such as scholarships, professorships and library additions," he said.

The foundation has also re-elected David Taylor of Chinese as chairman. Taylor in accepting his nomination for re-election said that he was doing so because of the opportunity to continue some crucial liaison between the foundation and the University Research Park Board, which he also serves, in the development of the northeast quadrant of Mecklenburg County.

Major UNCC programs to be funded out of the allocation of undesignated funds include faculty research, \$30,000; visiting lecturers and performers, \$8,000; the Celanese Professorship, \$6,000; faculty salary supplements, \$10,000; study abroad for students, \$4,500; faculty development projects, \$7,000; a dance scholarship to the American Dance Festival, \$1,500; graduate assistants, \$5,000; and mini-grants for faculty, \$6,000.

UNCC Chancellor E. K. Fretwell Jr. expressed particular appreciation for the support of the new mini-grants program. He said it allows faculty to apply fast, get an answer fast, and get started on their projects fast. In many cases, he indicated, these small grants are used as seed money for application for major research grants from foundations and the government.

Dr. Fretwell presented Dr. Virginia Geurin of the College of Business Administration to describe her use for the mini-grant. She told the foundation board that she is doing a study of what UNCC's College of Business Administration might do to provide management programs for the Charlotte business community.

The Chancellor also presented Dr. Paul Escott, a historian, who thanked the foundation for making possible the writing of a book, "Slavery Remembered," which won for him the Mayflower Cup, the top state literary award for a work of nonfiction.

The foundation board has

also re-elected Irwin Belk of Belk Stores as vice chairman; Dr. Britt as secretary; Leo Ellis, vice chancellor for business affairs at UNCC, treasurer; and Sarah Cullen, assistant secretary.

New board members elected are Dr. Robert Poole, orthodontist; Harold Hoke of Wachovia Bank, N. K. Dickerson, Monroe contractor; Edward Crutchfield of First Union National Bank; Bland Worley of Barclays American; Robert I Dalton of Dalton-Fonville & Co.; and R. Stuart Dickson of Ruddick Corp. Re-elected to the board were Irwin Belk and Edward J. Snyder Jr. of Albemarle.

Chales Myerly is executive director of the foundation.

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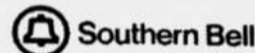


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