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BEVERLY DUNLAP  
...Working on ECE degree

## Beverly Dunlap Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns  
Post Staff Writer

Love for little children has prompted Beverly Dunlap to become an elementary school teacher. She is now in California working on her A.A. degree in Early Childhood Education. She has completed two years of study at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Alabama and is well on her way to fulfilling her dream.

Born in Charlotte December 7, 1957, Ms. Dunlap graduated from Mt. Pisgah High School located in Asheville. There she was active in various high school activities including the AYA Sorority and received numerous typing awards.

"Put God first in your life let all else follow," is not only a thought of Ms. Dunlap's but the philosophy she lives by. She is a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1801 Double Oaks Road.

There are philosophers who believe that love and knowledge are major goals in life. People, making friends, the family and home are loves of our beauty. Her parents are

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Shropshire, and she has two sisters and three brothers.

Ms. Dunlap spends as much time as possible with her close-knit family. She also enjoys bike riding, skating, gymnastics, basketball, and softball. She adores athletics, but is also fashion conscious and looks forward to long shopping sprees.

A talent for drawing has also emerged and her interest has grown. One of her favorite subjects is commercial art. Through her drawings she has found expression and a past time that will always be present in her life.

Andrea Crutch, Walter Hawkins and Stevie Wonder are a few of Ms. Dunlap's favorite entertainers. She is at ease with the stereo playing gospel and religious music.

Ms. Dunlap has mapped her future to correspond with her personality, her desires, and will. With this combination she will most likely be successful, content and effective in her pursuits. If only more people would follow her example, the world could become a paradise.

# Bob Walton's Fate Rests With Absentee Ballots Countdown

## Food Stamp Recipients Increase

Figures for food stamp assistance programs are up again according to findings released recently by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Food stamp recipients increased nationally from 19 million in August, 1979 to \$22.1 million in August, 1980.

In Mecklenburg County, participants increased from 33,113 to 33,557 in that same period, says food stamp director, Linda Cook.



PRECINCT WORKER ANN McCULOUGH checks voter registration book for record of unidentified voters at Precinct 25 at West Charlotte High School Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Thelma Brewington, another precinct worker, is seen in the background. (Photo by Peeler)

## Walton Held Slim Lead Over Booe At Press Time

By Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff Writer

Charlotte's black community may lack representation in the North Carolina House and the Mecklenburg County Commission in the next few years.

Bob Walton, whose campaign followed a two-year absence, held a slim lead over incumbent Bill Booe when "The Charlotte Post" went to press late Wednesday afternoon.



Bob Walton  
...Outcome in doubt close with a total of 67,281 ballots cast for Carter and 63,658 for Reagan.

Although Walton led with 60,439 votes to Booe's 59,500, a remaining 4,784 absentee ballots were being counted late Wednesday afternoon.

Walton is the only one of three black candidates with a glimmering hope of winning in Tuesday's election.

Dr. Raleigh Bynum lost his bid for a County Commission seat, and Dr. Bertha Maxwell holds ninth place in the North Carolina race for eight seats in the House. Both are political newcomers.

Election supervisor Bill Culp predicted a 65 percent black voter turnout or 23,000 voters. He also pointed out Mecklenburg County has a total of 33,000 registered black voters.

He was on target.



Al Bass Jr.  
...Loan Administrator

The predominantly black precincts gave Walton 16,058 votes comprising 27 percent of the total number cast for him. Only 1,815 votes or three percent of Booe's support came from black precincts.

Bynum garnered 13,828 votes in black precincts which contributed 28 percent to his total. He placed distant eighth with 48,768 votes.

Dr. Bynum said voting patterns were contrary to the expectations. He had anticipated a better showing when the polls indicated him struggling for fifth place.

In the State House of Representatives race Dr. Bertha Maxwell obtained 26 percent of her support or 14,864 votes from black precincts.

Maxwell needs a wide majority of votes in the final countdown to compensate for the 2,000 difference separating her and the seventh place candidate. It appears Gus Ecnomus will win the last available seat.

Incumbent Sen. Robert Morgan and ninth district congressional candidate Randy Kincaid (both Democrats) received heavy support in the black precincts, but it was not enough to elect them.

Morgan captured 11,131 black votes, representing 17 percent of his total.

Blacks in Mecklenburg County cast 10,714 ballots for Randy Kincaid, amounting to 21 percent of his total.

The black vote helped put four Democrats in the State Senate, shutting out Republican contender Michael Mullins.

Democrat and black district court judge T. Michael Todd who ran unopposed was returned to office.

The Presidential race in Mecklenburg County was

## With Management Techniques Data Business Center To Help Small Businesses

By Teresa Burns  
Post Staff Writer

Public information from the American Stock Exchange and the New York Stock Exchange revealed that a large number of black-owned businesses in the United States have no paid employees.

This may be an indication of a number of things: the owners may simply enjoy working or the business is not grossing enough to hire individuals. If the latter is the reason, Commercial Credit Company has established a Control Data Business Center at 3726 Latrobe Dr. to help small businesses succeed and prosper through access to advanced management techniques, services and Small Business Administration (SBA) loans.

The center is aimed at those people planning to start a new business; new companies; or generally businesses with sales volumes of under ten million dollars. The Business Center has the added advantage of diverse aid located in one centralized area.

First, your needs are assessed. Whether you need assistance in capital; assistance in general business management; availability of existing technology; and/or assistance in dealing with government regulations, help is available.

Commercial Credit became the first non-bank, non-regulated lender on a nationwide basis in January of 1980 and has the power to issue loans guaranteed by the Small Business Administration (SBA) - up to \$500,000. The Charlotte Center has two loan officers.

In addition to the loan officers, the center also provides the services of an accountant, a marketing and insurance specialist and a Learning Center. The Learning Center is equipped with a sophisticated computer system entitled Plato. Various lessons such as purchasing, taxes, employer-employee relations, sales, just to name a few, are taught by the computer, Plato. This computer also quizzes the student in order to find out the owners' employees and-or business weakness.

Large companies such as Exxon take advantage of the Plato system to train employees in various areas. The system provided high quality individualized instruction. In addition to the many topics offered to enhance any business, Plato also provides self-paced instruction; one-on-one learning; and immediate and erroneous feedback to answers.

The system also provides tests. This process makes it easy for trainees to be certified.

Communication of the computer is not limited to words and numbers. Plato can incorporate pictures, charts, graphs, and animation as well as text. The typewriter-like keys can be redefined to represent math symbols, creative designs or a new alphabet... whatever is necessary for the training program.

Anytime the terminal is operating trainees are invited to learn. (In Charlotte Monday through Thursdays, from 9-8:30 p.m. and Fridays 9-5:30 p.m.) Schedules of employees who have limited time can be accommodated. When a student leaves his lesson he can return at any time and continue from the same spot.

In addition to the Plato system, printed materials, audiotapes, videotapes, and filmstrips with sound are also available to induce a creative learning environment. In fact, there are 52 various learning services available at the center.

Charlotte's center is the ninth built in the U.S. Areas showing plentiful new business starts will be sought. Tentatively, 12 Business Centers were scheduled to open in 1980 - nine have already been opened in Baltimore, Los Angeles, Atlanta, Denver, Minneapolis, Chicago, Dallas, Cleveland and Charlotte. Centers are scheduled to open in Tampa, Louisville and Kansas City this year. Plans are to open 400 throughout the U.S. within five years.

## Cleveland County Blacks Plan Protest Rally

Cleveland County blacks will protest injustices against them in city and county government with a march on Saturday, November 8th.

The 1,500 to 3,500 expected protestors will rally to heighten public awareness of the main issues, according to a spokesman.

Starting at 10 a.m. from Shiloh Baptist Church in the heart of Shelby's black community, protestors will march to the County Courthouse where they will hold a rally led by local black leaders.

Complaints range from a lack of appointed black magistrates in the county judicial system to inconsistent hiring and firing practices in city and county government.

## Sexual Assault Against Women Will Be Discussed

By Eileen Hanson  
Special To The Post

Charlotte Women United, a new women's rights organization, will sponsor a discussion and film on "Sexual Assault Against Women" on Saturday, November 8, at 2 p.m. The meeting will be at the Metrolina Independent Living Center, 909 South College St. (next to Piedmont Natural Gas). Child care will be provided.

The program will feature the film "Rape: Victim of Victor?", followed by a discussion on sexual assault with representatives from the Rape Crisis Center, the Battered Women's Shelter, and the Victim's Assistance Program.

The film depicts four typical situations where women are assaulted - shopping alone at night, opening the door to strangers, hitch-hiking, and walking alone in deserted areas. It illustrates preventive measures women can take to prevent assaults.

"The assaults on women in the downtown area these past few months are only part of what we're talking about," according to Judy Vaughan, member of Charlotte Women United. "Sexual assault is not unusual, it happens everyday to women. It takes the form of wife beating, sexual harassment on the job, and verbal harassment on the street....Women are victimized because of the unequal position they occupy in our society."

On urging women to attend this first program of Charlotte Women United, Vaughan added, "Alone we are victims, but together we are strong."

The purpose of Charlotte Women United is "to empower southern women of all nationalities with education our political, social and economic status, and to help us lead struggles for justice and equality for all working people, on the job and in the community," according to member Geraldine Mayhew.

The program will feature some of the services available to women who are victims of sexual assault.

The Battered Women's Shelter offers temporary housing and counseling to battered women and their children (332-5213).

The Victim's Assistance Program provides professional

## 320,000 Youth Tried Alcohol Once Last Year?

RALEIGH - In 1979, 320,000 North Carolina youth between the ages of 12-17 tried alcohol at least once. More than 169,000 are current users. In addition, almost 66,000 youth between the ages of 13-19 are considered heavy drinkers, drinking at least once a week and typically five to seven drinks on each occasion.

In the 18-25 age group, 760,000 had used alcohol at least once and 600,000 are current users.

"One of the chief problems that young people experience when drinking is that they cannot judge their capacity to hold alcohol," explains Steven L. Hicks, state deputy director for substance abuse services.

For youth, both alcohol and drugs have increased effect, due to the biological and psychological effect of puberty. Adolescents can develop addictions more quickly than older people.

David Abernethy, substance abuse services coordinator for Forsyth-Stokes Mental Health Center, notes that both the outpatient clinic and the residential facility in his town have seen an increase in the number of youth who are admitted for alcoholism.

"It used to be that the youngest person who might show up would be 25, now it's down to 17 years," Abernethy explains.

He cites parental referrals, especially those who have recovered from alcoholism, referrals by attorneys and from the Alcoholics Anonymous community, as the ways most teens get help.

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