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LOCALITE HONORED. Raleigh W. Bynum, O.D. (left), of Charlotte, Past President of the National Optometric Association and Board Chairman of the National Optometric Foundation, presents the Optometric Student of the Year Award to Paula R. Newsome, O.D., of Wilmington, in recognition of her exemplary scholastic record while a stu-

dent of optometry. Observing the ceremony is Melvin D. Wolfberg, O.D. (second from right), President of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry, Philadelphia, Pa., where Dr. Newsome now is serving as a Resident in The Eye Institute; and Alvin J. Cuff, O.D., Philadelphia optometrist.

Economics And Racism Are Main Concerns

By Pat Bryant
Special To The Post

Fourth in a Series

Economics and racism were the most important concerns of 10 blacks who were asked, "What are the most pressing concerns of blacks in 1981?" The blacks questioned, in the informal survey, included a top official of a major black life insurance company, three grassroot community organizers, one minister, two politicians, two educators (one educator doubles as a politician), a social worker and a black newspaper publisher.

Spiraling inflation, rising unemployment and human service program budget transfers to the defense department have focused widespread public concern on economics. Six of the ten respondents in the survey said among pressing concerns is development of an economic base within the black community to provide unmet needs of black people cut from federal programs.

Asked what the role of the "national and state governments should play in eradicating poverty, disease and illiteracy," seven said jobs, health care, housing and other services should be administered from the federal government in opposition to the current trend to transfer responsibility for programs cut in the federal budget to local and state governments. Reaganomics, the popular reference to President Reagan's economic program, none agreed with, but four out of the ten interviewed said they thought the plan would unify blacks in opposition to it. The question asked was, "Is Reaganomics a cure or curse on black Americans?" Two of the people interviewed said it was a curse, two said it was neither a curse nor cure, and four said it was both.

Surprisingly, nine of the ten respondents said they are not satisfied with black leaders when questioned "Are you satisfied with black leadership at the

state, local and national levels?" Many went into great detail explaining why. Some offered alternative definitions of "leadership," pointing out that current leaders are often appointed from outside black communities and are not accountable to the community they supposedly represent. Class divisions within the black community based on education, jobs and status symbols were cited as obstacles to economic progress.

Regarding leadership, there were strong feelings summed by one of the interviewees when he said "We have leadership for the few in the name of the masses." Most said that leadership in the eighties would be best supplied by men and women concentrating in special areas of interests and accountable to mass base organizations. Some felt that the major civil rights organizations don't get enough support from blacks, but that was not a widely held view.

All of the people interviewed agreed that the state, federal and local governments have a responsibility to stop violent white racist attacks. Several were critical of what has

apparently been the participation of government in or prior knowledge of planned attacks upon black people. While all said there should be a push for governmental infiltration of white extremist groups like the KKK and Nazis. Three more went on to say that blacks should organize for their own self-defense while asking protection of government.

"Can the present political-economic system satisfy the needs and concerns of black and poor people?" Six answered "no."

Six also said they felt the masses of black people are ready when asked "Are the masses of black people ready to organize and mobilize against economic and social injustice." Four of the six said black people are always ready to organize against injustices, providing they have honest and capable leadership.

One question related to the federal charges that Wilbur Hobby, president of the N.C. AFL-CIO conspired to defraud and misapply CETA funds.

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Industrious Developer Is Achieving Life Long Goal

By Loretta Manago
Post Staff Writer

Quite like the structures he builds Sterling Chavis, president of Chavis Properties, Inc. has constructed a solid and properous business based on the foundation of hard work, resourcefulness and determination.

To become a builder had always been a dream for Chavis and a dream it remained until Chavis decided that the time had arrived for him to make his dream come true.

Once an instrumental employee of the John Crosland Company, Chavis at the time was a residential draftsman who played an active role in many of John Crosland's single family and patio homes.

But for Chavis there was more to do. Realizing this Chavis returned to Howard University to obtain his degree in architecture. Chavis graduated in 1977. Already a licensed contractor in North Carolina, Chavis was nearing his lifetime achievement.

N.C. A&T State University. A registered architect, McMullen assists in architectural and design applications as well as all-business affairs.

Chavis Properties quickly escalated from a mere beginning of a \$20,000 room addition in Raintree. Two single family homes were constructed for Drs. Tolly Kenyon and Wesley Clement in the Fourth Ward market. They contracted with Leaf-Trent Developers to construct the Poplar

Place Condominiums and Seventh Street Commons, a nine-unit condominium.

Presently Chavis Properties is the owner, builder, developer and designer of Graham Court Townhomes, a 16-unit project located at Ninth and Graham Streets.

Chavis Properties continues to make its mark on and in Charlotte's urban development representing Chavis' realization of a lifetime aspiration.



Sterling Chavis
Local contractor

When Sterling Chavis returned to Charlotte he began working for the firms of O'Dell and Associates and Little and Associates. After three years Chavis terminated his association with Little and Associates to achieve his personal ambition and life long goal of being a builder and developer of single and multi-family residences.

Chavis was soon joined in business with Timothy McMullen, McMullen, a native Charlottean, serves as vice president of Chavis Properties. He is a graduate of

Small Business Getting More Than They Banked On

According to a survey conducted by "Inc." magazine to bank officers of the nation's 150 large and regional banks responsible for small business accounts, undercapitalization and too much debt are the major reasons cited for rejecting small business loan applications (32 percent of respondents). When asked the major problems in dealing with small business, the answer given most was again, undercapitalization (19 percent of respondents).

The survey, published in the November issue of "Inc.", is part of a special report, "Banking in the 80's." The 80's hold good promise and good news for small borrowers. American banks want small business customers more than ever.

For the first time, banks are designing cash management products and other electronic services specifically for small firms. In fact many banks are offering better rates and extending longer term commitments for their "good" customers in an effort to compete for small business dollars. An explosion in the variety of services and products available to the smaller firm is well on the way and may force small businessmen to shop around for the best deals their credit can buy.

The giant banking institutions may pose a threat to the small banks but renewed completion is going to give the small businessman a choice.



DIANNE SULLIVAN
.....JCSU freshman

Dianne Sullivan Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

Elementary Education is the path our beauty, Dianne Sullivan, has chosen to take.

As a freshman at Johnson C. Smith University, Ms. Sullivan enjoys working with children and feels she will be most effective teaching them.

"One day I may offer them the start they need in order to build up their education."

A member of the Black History Month Program she is helping to plan several activities that start in December at JCSU. Most of the programs will be held in February.

Black History Month - to commemorate the many achievements and contributions of the black race.

"I'm interested in black history," our beauty began, "because it helps me find out about my background - where we have come from and where we can go."

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Sullivan of Greenville, S.C., are the parents of our Virgo beauty.

"My mother, Florida, is my favorite person. She has had the most influence over me. If it wasn't for her I wouldn't be where I am today. She has stood by me and understood me."

Richard Pryor, "...the man that gets his point across," as Ms. Sullivan describes him, is to her the most intriguing entertainer.

Easy going, determined and friendly are the adjectives Ms. Sullivan uses to describe herself.

She enjoys meeting new people, reading and bike riding. She was chosen "Ms. Valentine" at her high school, Hillcrest Senior High, and was honored in "Who's Who Among American High School Students" two consecutive years.

In her hometown she was a member of the Cedar Grove Baptist Church. She has held office of president of the Youth Choir, president of the Youth in Action and assistant secretary to the young people.

"Live for today because tomorrow is not promised" is a thought cherished by Ms. Sullivan. She takes this motto seriously and strives to do her best with each challenge.

One of her dreams is to see a black man fill the seat of president of the United States.

Following her heart is what Ms. Sullivan intends to do. Her concern and love for children and people in general has taught her not to wait until tomorrow to accomplish what she can complete today.

According To Poll

North Carolinians Approve Of Reagan

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President's Power Base Largely Among Whites

Special To The Post
CHAPEL HILL - North Carolinians think Ronald Reagan is doing his job all right, according to a statewide public opinion survey conducted last month.

Sixty-two percent of those polled gave the president a favorable job performance rating, a higher mark than the 57 percent he received in a nationwide Louis Harris poll conducted in August.

The Carolina Poll results also suggested that the president had picked up some support in the state, where he won an electoral victory last year with only 49 percent of the vote.

But Reagan's political power base appeared to be largely among whites. The poll found 26 percent of the whites questioned said Reagan was doing an excellent job, compared to five percent of the blacks.

The random-sampling telephone poll was sponsored by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Journalism and the UNC Center for Public Television.

Persons surveyed were asked, "How would you rate the job Ronald Reagan has been doing as president - excellent, pretty good, only fair or poor?"

Twenty-two percent of the respondents rated Reagan's performance as excellent, 40 percent as pretty good, 23 percent as only fair and 13 percent as poor.

Among the complaints about the president was his budget-cutting drive aimed at social programs. A 26-year-old black woman from Durham County said she favored Reagan's efforts to decrease inflation, but, she added, "I don't agree with cuts in federal spending and welfare programs."

She said she felt those were important in keeping crime down.

A white Chatham County woman agreed.

"Carried to extremes," she said, "cutting social programs can cause crime."

"I think it's very hard for a person who's poor, a 27-year-old Mecklenburg County woman said, "especially for the elderly."

When asked if they favored or opposed cuts in a wide range of social programs, 62 percent of the whites polled approved, compared to only 25 percent of the blacks.

David Flaherty, Republican state chairman, said black support for Reagan had increased some since the president took office, despite what he called a liberal press telling everyone that the president was trying to balance the budget at their expense.

"Maybe some of them believe it," Flaherty said. "But I frankly feel that we're not going to try to buy the black vote by trying to establish programs to keep them on welfare."

"Our goal is going to be to try to make the quality of life better by reducing inflation and providing equal opportunity for everyone."

Reagan's proposals to increase defense spending

also received more support from whites - 62 percent - than blacks - 25 percent.

A 21-year-old Watauga County man had a good reason for supporting the president on defense spending.

"Reagan's giving the military a pay raise," he said, "and I'm going into the military in three months."

When Reagan outlined a second wave of budget cuts, totaling \$13 billion, at the end of September, NEWSWEEK magazine reported that a survey it conducted showed a nine-point drop in Reagan's job rating to 51 percent. This drop occurred in one month.

An early October Gallup Poll showed that 44 percent of those surveyed approved of the President's handling of the economy. This was down from August when 53 percent approved.

The UNC-CH survey, conducted by more than 40 journalism students between October 5-12, reached North Carolinians in 99 of the state's 100 counties. The students used randomly selected telephone numbers provided by computers to ensure a fair representation of people in the state. They figured the sampling error to be no more than four percent.

Communication Society Plans Meeting Here

The Charlotte segment of the Piedmont Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication will hold an informal meeting on Tuesday, November 24, 5:30 p.m. at Steak and Ale Restaurant, Sharon Road off Fairview. Technical communicators, writers and editors are invited to attend.

Freelancing for the technical communicator will be the topic at the regular meeting of the Piedmont Chapter of the Society for Technical Communication on Wednesday, December 2, at Slug's Choice Restaurant at SouthPark, 7:30 p.m.

Black Political Caucus To Sponsor Disco

The Black Political Caucus is sponsoring a disco on Friday, November 20, at the Beacon Club, 3029 Beatties Ford Road. Donation is \$2.

"Come out and support the Caucus in its efforts to foster progress in Charlotte and surrounding areas," president-Rebecca Taylor urges.

For further details, contact Rebecca Taylor, 399-5265 or Eugene Prince at 393-2315.

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