

UNCC To Sponsor Winter Skills Seminar January 29-31

The Internal Revenue Service will offer assistance to taxpayers in 10 North Carolina cities during the 1982 filing period, the IRS has announced.

The office will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. in Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, Raleigh, Wilmington and Winston-Salem.

The Charlotte office will be at 222 South Church Street.

Assistance is also available from the IRS on the toll-free telephone number, 1-800-822-8800.

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With winter's icy grip on the Carolinas in recent days, many people don't like the idea of being in the great outdoors. But for the brave hearted, the University of North Carolina at Charlotte's Venture program is sponsoring a winter skills seminar which will focus on cold weather camping and backpacking, January 29-31.

Venture provides food, transportation and group gear for this strenuous, but rewarding, winter outing in the Mt. Rogers Recreation Area in southwest Virginia. There will be backpacking along the Appalachian Trail between Elk Garden and Country Road 603, near Troutdale, approximately 24 miles. If there is adequate snow-cover, the group will try some cross-country skiing in the beautiful alpine meadows of Mt. Rogers.

The cost is \$55 for students and \$66 for others. Enrollment is limited to 24 people.

For registration and other information, call the Venture Office at 597-2521 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

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Robert E. Range of RCA Automated Systems was recently selected for the 1981 edition of "Who's Who In Black Corporate America."

Mr. Range is manager of Government Procurement Programs at RCA Automated Systems and also serves as a small and minority business coordinator.

"Who's Who In Black Corporate America" lists professionals who have made meaningful contributions and progress in the corporate world.

The criteria used for selection are job position, career progression, professional responsibilities, academic background and community involvement.

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Mr. Range joined RCA Automated Systems in 1975 as senior buyer and was promoted to buyer specialist in 1979. Before joining RCA, he was procurement manager for Fisher Scientific Co.

Mr. Range and his wife, Gayle Margaret, live in Holbrook, Mass.

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Secretary of Agriculture John R. Block announced plans to implement President Reagan's authorization of the release of 30 million pounds of cheese to states for distribution to non-profit organizations for households in need.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service regional offices will respond to state requests for commodities for schools and institutions.

"The Food and Nutrition Service distribution network for commodity programs will be used to the maximum extent possible," Block

said. The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service will ship the cheese in trucks or railroad car lots to central locations serving as delivery points.

Charitable, non-profit organizations, including food banks, will make the cheese available at the local level. Churches and other non-profit groups customarily operate food banks.

These groups will be eligible to participate in the cheese distribution program, if they have adequate storage facilities and record keeping ability as determined by the states.

Additionally, under the farm bill signed by President Reagan, the Food and Nutrition Service has authority to distribute cheese and other bonus dairy commodities, non-fat dry milk and butter, to the Title III elderly program and child care facilities.

On December 16, 1981, Senators Charles Mathias (R-Md.), and Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), introduced a bill to extend the Voting Rights Act of 1965. Sixty-one senators co-sponsored the bill, identical to H.R. 3112 which passed the House on October 5, by a vote of 389 to 24.

Twenty-one Republicans—including eight committee chairmen—joined 40 Democrats in co-sponsoring the legislation. A good number of Southern Democrats were included. Senator Russell Long, Democrat from Louisiana, told National Public Radio correspondent Nina Totenberg, "I think it's good legislation. If the law has the effect of denying people their right to vote, it should be stricken down and people should be protected. I think the way the House bill passed is correct, and I support that position."

Senator Mathias told a packed press conference on December 16 that, "This legislation has the enthusiastic support of the majority

of the Senate. We have the determination to carry the effort through, to provide an electoral process of which discrimination has no part."

Noting that some members would actually "prefer stronger guarantees," Senator Kennedy told the press conference that he felt sure "This legislation will satisfy the goal of full voting rights for all American people."

Kennedy also pointed out that the list of co-sponsors is double the number of co-sponsors of an extension bill introduced earlier. "This

indicates that people across the country feel that the Voting Rights Act is a fundamental, national legislative commitment," he said.

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