

Job-Finding Service Facing Cuts

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RALEIGH - It is ironic that the same sort of economic policies that cause increasing unemployment in North Carolina across the nation also brings a budget squeeze that could close offices that help people find work.

This comment came from Senator Russell G. Walker (Democrat, Randolph), chairman of North Carolina's Democratic Party. "Our own North Carolina Employment Security Commission is considering closing 48 offices, reducing its service to people hunting jobs, and even seeking free office space in the face of budget cuts caused by President Reagan's program. The employment service is a federally funded program."

The chairman continued: "At the same time North Carolina's unemployment rate moved up to 6.8 percent in December from 6.4 in November. And while the rate for January is not yet established, we can see a continuing trend in the wrong direction. For the week ending January 8, 191,820 North Carolinians filed claims for unemployment compensation, up sharply from 114,000 claims during the first week of December. And December was the third month in a row with higher unemployment."

"That's why a lot of people are calling it Reagan's Recession."

Senator Walker said joblessness was widespread in North Carolina's important textile, apparel and furniture industries, "and we all know the story in construction," where employment has been in a continuing decline. Farm employment was 49,500 in December, a drop of 10,100 from November and 3,800 fewer than December 1980.

He added that the trend is widespread geographically. "Western North Carolina is probably hit the hardest, but the coastal area is close behind. Tyrrell County, near the coast, has the highest jobless rate of all at 27.6 percent."

The chairman noted that "Even those still on the job were working less than a full week. Manufacturing employment in December was averaging a workweek of 38.4 hours, with average hourly earnings of \$6.17 in December. A year ago, in December of 1980, they were averaging more than the full 40-hour week."

Senator Walker said that the Reagan program has been described as friendly to business "and it's true that his income tax package gave corporations much more of a bonus than it did to individuals. But the economic trend affects a lot of people."

"During 1981 a total of 9,228 North Carolina businesses and individuals filed for court protection under federal bankruptcy laws, up 8.6 percent from 1980 - the year before President Reagan began his program. A tax break is not much help if you're not doing the business."

He quoted Reagan as saying that if you don't like conditions where you are, "you can vote with your feet." You can go somewhere else where things are better."

"But most of us would rather stay right here in North Carolina. We'll vote with our ballots when the time comes."

WSSU Rams Meet

A&T Aggies

Sunday Afternoon

The Winston-Salem State University Alumni Association and the WSSU Athletic Department are co-sponsoring Alumni Family Afternoon Sunday, February 7, at the Winston-Salem Coliseum. The WSSU Rams will meet the North Carolina A&T State University Aggies in a 4 p.m. basketball contest.

There will be door prizes, balloons and candy. Children 14 and under will be admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. Rams and Aggies fans are encouraged to wear red and white.



Thomas Burton, Anthony Norris and Andre Anderson - JCSU Upward Bound students. Burton and Anderson will represent North Carolina at the All State Scholars Bowl Competitions in Winston-Salem February 10th.

JCSU Upward Bound Students Chosen All-State Scholars

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer

There were only four spots available on the All State Scholars Bowl Team and now that the competition for those seats are over, two will be filled by Charlotteans, Thomas Burton and Anthony Norris.

Both Burton and Norris are Johnson C. Smith University Upward Bound students. Burton, a junior at Myers Park High School is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Burton. He could not be contacted for comments.

Anthony Norris, son of Mrs. Tina Norris expressed his excitement about competing in the All States Scholars Bowl coming up February 10 in Winston-Salem and reflected about how he made it to that point:

"I wanted to do good because my Upward Bound director, Donald Bowen, got so involved with us. I wanted at least one of us to be chosen."

Burton and Norris along with Andre Anderson, also a JCSU Upward Bound student and Garinger High School senior, competed against 30 to 40 individuals.

Through hard work the four slots representing North Carolina will be filled by two Charlotteans. Norris explains that it will be difficult to prepare for it.

"For the first competition (held last November at Shaw University) we were given questions on mathematics, science, current events. We also had to answer general questions in biology and chemistry. This time we will know the categories but we won't be able to prepare with specific questions."

WE ERROR'D

A statement contributed to Mrs. Thelma McKoy in last week's edition of The Charlotte Post was in error.

The statement read "I went to the ministers. They considered me dangerous." It should have read "The ministers have been very helpful to me."

The Post regrets the error.

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logic while suggesting that self-help and self-love would have done a lot more for brotherhood and prosperity.

Just as the African Constitution that governed the entire continent is a beacon that inspires hope, Dr. Williams suggests a new beginning that offers promise for the future...a future that would hopefully uplift the entire race in a studied, systematic manner that would match the permanence of the Pyramids.

The challenging question is whether Blacks can recover enough of their vision and strength to understand that pro-Blackness is not anti-Whiteness.

"Tony Brown's Journal," the television series, will start on public television Saturday, February 6, on Channel 42 at 8 p.m. It will also be seen on Channel 58, Tuesday, February 9, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. and Mrs. Vernon M. Herron of King of Prussia, PA announce the engagement of their daughter, Leila McPherson to David Ray LaMont, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allie LaMont of Burgaw, N.C. Miss Herron is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University, and is a health planner with the Delaware Health Council at Wilmington. Born in North Carolina, Miss Herron is the niece and name sake of Mrs. Leila McPherson Davis who taught in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System for 42 years. Mr. LaMont is a graduate of Burgaw Institute and is currently transferring to a position with the Union of the Affiliated Trade Council in Chester, PA. The wedding will take place in April at Philadelphia.



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Metrolina Rideshare Schedules Displays

Did you know that a person commuting thirty miles daily in a four person carpool can save \$696 annually? That a member of a 12-person vanpool traveling fifty miles per day can save \$588? That the Metrolina RideShare Program has thirty-eight designated park and ride lots available in a seven county area?

Charlotte's uptown employees can receive this information while being treated to a unique video experience during the months of February and March. Beginning the week of February 1 at the Radisson Plaza, the Metrolina RideShare Program's new display will be scheduled for five uptown locations. While visually similar to a video game, the display is by no means a toy - it is RideShare's newest approach to publicizing its free services to Metrolina commuters. Once attracted to the flashing lights and bright colors of the display, individuals will have the opportunity to learn more about the savings available to ridesharers.

The display was constructed through a special projects grant received as a part of North Carolina's National Ridesharing Demonstration Program. It represents a move away from static informational displays to a participatory approach. By actively involving the viewer as a participant, the display message stressing carpool savings is made more meaningful.

The display consists of two parts, a six foot tall electrical unit and a two

Recognize Elders In Public, Private

"Everyone has a need to be recognized, to feel that he counts on this earth, that he has value and is important," says Isabelle Buckley, extension aging specialist at North Carolina State University.

"People who lead active, busy lives get the recognition they require naturally from what they do in their jobs, in their family relationships and in their community activities," she adds.

But it is much more difficult to obtain these satisfactions if you are confined to home or bed or can no longer participate as actively in life as you once did.

This is a problem for many North Carolina senior citizens, the specialist says, and she suggests that they merit both private and public recognition.

Private recognition means respect and acceptance from friends and family.

Use respectful terms of address, Miss Buckley suggests, to let the older person know you still recognize his dignity.

If an older person lives in a home for elders, be sure his private life is respected.

Senior Citizens

The Retired Senior Volunteer Program in Charlotte-Mecklenburg offers older adults a meaningful life in retirement. If you are 60 or older, you can contribute your experience, knowledge and interest to others who need you and your commitment. You can help children in school, drive older adults to the doctor or grocery store, or make someone's day by just calling to say "hello."

You can also give tours, work at hospitals or libraries, or share professional skills in some way.

For more information, call the Retired Senior Volunteer Program at 376-4706.

Small windows can be made to look larger by the use of wider or longer shade or drapery treatments.

Even though he may have known his roommates for years, personal discussions should still be kept private.

"When people discuss their affairs in front of others who have no reason to hear, they have a part of themselves taken away," Miss Buckley warns.

Another simple way to recognize old people is to have respect for their concerns, anxieties and fears.

"This acceptance increases their confidence in you and gives them strength to deal with their own problems," the specialist notes.

Another private form of recognition is respect for the treasured possessions of the elderly. Sometimes they are all the individual has salvaged from an entire life.

There are more public forms today, too, for recognizing the retired person. Organizations like the American Association of Retired Persons have focused attention on active retirees.

And actual awards are available for achievements of senior age people, Miss Buckley says.

One in particular, the Second Wind Award, inducts people in the "Second Wind Hall of Fame," of Hendersonville, N.C. Second Wind actively seeks seniors "who continue life with zest and imagination."

Miss Buckley says the efforts of such groups are important for bringing needed recognition to senior citizens whose contributions continued long after retirement.

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Monday Night, February 8, 1982 Virginia State

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