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Alston Named Director Of Urban League

Robert M. Alston Jr. has been named Executive Director of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League, Inc.

He became the official director Monday, October 18th.

Alston is the former director of the Staten Island Branch of New York Urban League, where he served for six years. During that time Alston was responsible for the development of a coalition with St. Vincent's Medical Center.

Other achievements include development of the New Dorp High School Community Advisory Council following the racial disturbances in Staten Island during the 1980s; and the development of the New York Urban League Teenage Pregnancy Outreach Program which led to the development of an Island-wide Teenage Pregnancy Task Force of social service providers, youth serving agencies and community-based organizations.

In addition Mr. Alston has represented the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, the New York City Board of Education Chancellor's Commission on Equal Opportunity, the National Conference of Christians and Jews Leadership Training Programs, the Staten Island Council on Child Abuse and the United Negro College Fund New York Council.

Callman To Head JCSU

NAACP Chapter

The Johnson C. Smith University NAACP Chapter has recently become an active participant of the local and state chapters of the NAACP of Charlotte and North Carolina, respectively.

The Executive Board was recently elected by the student body of Johnson C. Smith University recently. Benjamin F. Gallman III was elected president. Gallman is a native of Philadelphia, PA, vice president is Len Baxter of Charlotte; Secretary Deborah Byrd of Greenville, S.C. and treasurer is Sherri L. Carpenter of Sicklerville, N.J.

Student Government Association (SGA) is Rod Smith of Winston-Salem. Thus far the NAACP at Johnson C. Smith is off to a good start for the upcoming year and excitingly awaits the many services members can perform.

Currently members have conducted a massive membership drive on the campus. Within four days \$295 in membership dues was collected.

Rod Smith, the SGA representative and other members attended the recent convention in Fayetteville and brought back a report of what the NAACP is doing nationally as well as locally. Members of JCSU NAACP will continue to strive for the causes and the excellent reputation the NAACP has attained.

TURTLE-TALK

CPCC Plans Forum With Candidates



LOVELY MICHELLE HAGINS
...Strong "willed person"

Michelle Hagins Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor

Being a peaceful person herself Michelle Hagins wishes that same blessing upon the entire world. "Socially I would like the world to be more people oriented and less color oriented," she stated.

In addition to that calm persona Ms. Hagins is also a strong willed person. One striving for excellence with the necessary faith. "I believe one should do the very best one can with the resources you have...and pray a lot."

So far Ms. Hagins, 28, is showing that her pioneering attitude is not in vain.

She is presently working as a Lady Love consultant supplementing her education at Central Piedmont Community College. She is studying to become a nurse.

"I like the field of medicine. Maybe a little further down the road there will be a much greater need for black nurses. As the money runs out in our country we will need policemen and nurses so we will be able to take care of ourselves," she commented.

Ms. Hagins is an avid reader. She enjoys the arts, basically drama, horseback riding, needle point and the fascination of cooking various dishes.

In the musical phase of her life she enjoys the contemporary tunes of Maze and the talents of the group's lead singer, Frank.

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With Heating Bills

250,000 Low Income

Households To Get Help

Workfare Program

Announced

Special To The Post
WASHINGTON - Final regulations which will allow state and local jurisdictions the option of incorporating a job-oriented workfare program into the food stamp program were announced today by an official of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"This innovative program is designed to provide many of our food stamp recipients with on-the-job training as they improve their job skills and employability," said Samuel J. Cornelius, administrator of USDA's Food and Nutrition Service. "We are hopeful that skills learned in this program will enable more recipients to graduate to private sector employment."

Under the workfare program, able-bodied food stamp recipients between the ages of 18 and 60 can be required to do public service work in return for food stamp allotments. Qualifications for entry into the program will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If an eligible recipient refuses without good cause to comply with the workfare process, the entire household will be ineligible to receive food stamp benefits for two months.

Cornelius said workfare pilot projects, in operation since July 1979, already have been successful in training recipients for permanent employment in a variety of professions.

The recipient's work will be valued at a rate equivalent to the federal or state minimum wage, whichever is higher. A maximum of 30 hours work per week may be required of any recipient.

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J. CHARLES JONES

...Bold and articulate

J. Charles Jones Opens Neighborhood Law Practice

By Robert Lane Jr.
Post Staff Writer

J. Charles Jones is the only neighborhood lawyer in Charlotte. He may be the only neighborhood lawyer in the U.S. for that matter. Jones resides at 2014 W. Trade Street in Charlotte. His residence is also the location for his practice.

"It's not only convenient for me," he reasoned, "it's also convenient for people in this area (Five Points community) to see me if the need arises."

It seems that Jones has spent a great deal of his life working for the best interest of others. As a student at Johnson C. Smith University in the late 1950s

he spent a great deal of his father's, who is a minister, best interest in mind. "Sure I wanted to please my father but I soon found out I didn't always need his approval," he remembered.

Looking back on those days, he explains, "Charlotte has always been progressive in the area of civil rights. And it wasn't because the governing body necessarily liked black folks," he suggested, "it was largely because Charlotte was beginning to make progress economically and the city didn't need the problems that a violent movement would bring."

While at Johnson C.

Smith, Jones majored in religious education and psychology. He decided on

religion as a major with his father's, who is a minister, best interest in mind. "Sure I wanted to please my father but I soon found out I didn't always need his approval," he remembered.

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After a year of mental and physical burn out, Jones decided it was time to reorganize his life. Albany, Georgia at that time seemed to be as good a place as any. That's where Jones met attorney C. B. King.

According to Jones, "C.B. was bold and articulate."

King also spoke the "language" very well. Jones translates this language as power. "Law appeared to be the language of power, therefore, I had to learn that language," he pointed out.

Jones' aspirations led him to Howard University where he studied law and later received a degree.

His advice to anyone with an interest in attending law school is to remember that law school is "no picnic, she is very jealous and will demand all of your time."

Although Jones graduated from law school in 1966 he waited a full decade before taking the bar exam. "I had been arrested several times in connection with civil rights situations and personally I didn't think I stood a chance before the board during that time," he reasoned.

This marks the second year Holmes has been the co-coordinator of the CIAA Classic.

Zoel S. Hargrave Jr. is a ruling elder in the First United Presbyterian Church, member of the Board of Directors of the American Cancer Society; member of the board of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and co-chairperson of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund.

He is an officer in the United States Army Reserve, a member of the Elks, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and of East Stone Wall AME Zion Church where he is a trustee.

Holmes has served as Chairman of the Shrine Youth Bowl Football game.

Married to the former Esther Y. Perkins, the couple has one daughter, Curtine.

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\$29 Million Authorized

For Program

Special To The Post
RALEIGH - An estimated 250,000 low-income households across the state will be eligible for financial help this winter through the federal Low-Income Energy Assistance Program.

Bonnie Cramer, assistant director for program administration in the Department of Human Resources' Division of Social Services, said the program provides a one-time payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills. "It is not the purpose of the program to pay all of the household's heating bills, but to provide some relief from the high costs of energy," she pointed out.

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North Carolina's share of the \$1.8 billion in federal funds authorized by Congress for this year's Low-Income Energy Assistance Program is \$29.4 million. Cramer said that since Congress has not yet appropriated any funds for the program, she hopes this amount is not reduced when funds are appropriated.

The Department of Human Resources has been designated as the state agency responsible for the administration of the program. County social services departments across the state will determine eligibility.

The only household eligible for financial assistance are those that have heating bills. Applicants also may be eligible if their heating bills are included as part of their rental payment. Households that live in public housing or receive a utility allowance from the HUD Section 8 Program will be eligible for a partial payment if their utility allowance does not cover all their heating costs.

Eligible households must have total countable income at or below the 1980 non-farm poverty level. The amounts paid for Medicare and hospital insurance premiums are deducted from income. Households that have working members may deduct work related and child care costs from their earned income. Some other types of income are not counted at all such as loans, income of children under 14 and in-kind contributions.

A one-time payment will be made in early February after all low-income households have applied and eligibility has been determined, Cramer said.



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