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DR. CLIFFORD JONES
...Faced major decision

As Full-Time Pastor

Dr. Clifford Jones Assumes Friendship Baptist Church Duties

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
Making the move from First Baptist Church in Clinton to Charlotte's Friendship Baptist was certainly a major decision for Dr. Clifford A. Jones Sr. and his family. During the month that Dr. Jones has served as pastor of Friendship Baptist the transition has been both busy and successful.

Standing in a pulpit facing about 1,000 members, Dr. Jones seems to have forgotten the decision making but not the ties and people of his past...not the congregation or community he served for 10 years in Clinton. The pulpit at Friendship, however, is a natural place for him and even strangers feel comfortable listening to his booming voice and his aura of self-confidence.

Members of Friendship are even more relieved perhaps to have a leader for their flock.

It's still too early for Dr. Jones to explain his exact plans for the church and community. "I have to have time for observations...to see what the community needs." Through various agencies such as the Mental Health Board, Public Health, and Crime Prevention, Dr. Jones wants to reach out into the community to aid senior citizens, child care institutions and youth programs.

"I believe that a church should be active in the local community. There should be more than a Sunday morning service. We should have the realization that we are our brothers' keeper."

"I believe in expressing love to all segments...of being active practitioners of our Christianity," Dr. Jones continued.

Through various circles Rev. Jones feels that not only Friendship, but Christians in general, can make positive changes

through jobs and their social lives. Through group solidarity, through the recognition of change events, and even through voting participation, a community can be changed only for its betterment, he stated.

Dr. Jones is married to Carolyn Brenda, formerly of Asheville. She is a graduate of Bennett College and obtained her master's in counseling-career at Campbell University. They are parents of Michelle, 14, and Anthony Jr., nine.

Dr. Jones has been an ordained minister since 1969. He received two

master's; one in divinity and the other in theology. He also earned a Doctorate of Ministry from Boston School of Theology and studied the history of Galatians abroad in Oxford, England, at Oxford University. He has also taught school and his last ministry was at First Baptist Church in Clinton.

He is Recording Secretary for the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina which is composed of 1,700 black churches serving 360,000 members across the state. Dr. Jones has also volunteered time to prison ministry.

9 Blacks Named To Coliseum Committee

Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox has appointed a Coliseum Committee of 100 to assist the City staff and a consultant in evaluating the need for a new coliseum in Charlotte-Mecklenburg.

Among those asked to assist in this evaluation include Leroy "Pop" Miller who will serve as vice-chairman of the Executive Committee; Gwen Cunningham, Elizabeth Randolph and Jim Richardson, all to serve on the Executive Committee.

A few of the committee members include Mack L. Davidson, Betty Harris, Phyllis Lynch, Eddie McGirt and Myra Dockery.

In making the announcement, Mayor Knox informed: "The Coliseum Committee of 100 represents all segments of the community and will be involved with every stage of the study. I am confident that all community concerns will be addressed through this comprehensive citizen participation process."

Local businessman Johnny Harris will serve as committee chairman. The committee will be subdivided into an executive committee of 15 persons with other subcommittees assigned by the chairman.

The executive committee will work with the City staff and the consultant to help develop a joint recommendation on the need for a new coliseum. If a new facility is needed, the group will also provide information on facility size, location, cost and possible methods of financing.

When the study is complete, the Coliseum Committee of 100 will review the recommendations and through Chairman Harris make a presentation to the Mayor and City Council

regarding their position on the report and other recommendations. The full committee of 100 will meet as needed throughout the consultant's review. The Executive Committee will meet as required to review the work of the consultant and to assist the staff in obtaining public input.

If a new coliseum is recommended the Coliseum Committee of 100 will be charged with the responsibility of implementing the approved plan.

Dr. Cobb Says:

New NCAA Requirements

Are Racially Motivated?

650 Seek 68 Positions For Head Start Program

The Board of Directors at the Bethlehem Center is working diligently to enroll its first group of children by February 14 for the new Head Start Program.

According to the Center's executive director H. Douglas Boyd, the first step is to choose a staff for the Head Start Program. "We expect to fill 60-68 positions and already we have received 650 applicants, nine times the number of people being sought," Boyd stated in an interview Tuesday afternoon.

He expects to be selecting children eligible for Head Start by next week. "Since the school year ends in June all 400 youngsters who would normally enroll for Head Start will not be

able to do so. Instead 120-125 students will be selected for February's enrollment, with priority being given to those children who will be entering kindergarten in September of this year. The remainder of children will be enrolled on a phased-in basis.

The Bethlehem Center Head Start Interim Transition Team met with Head Start officials in Atlanta last week where they discussed the gearing-up schedule.

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"Without the support of our subscribers we would not be experiencing this growth; and we want to continue to provide them with a quality service," he noted. The telephone number at The Charlotte Post is 376-0496.

Homecoming

Barber-Scotia College alumni and friends celebrate the school's homecoming February 4-5 in Concord. A variety of activities have been planned for the two-day observance including a basketball game pitting former members of the school team against students, an alumni dance and "soul food" dinner.

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Joe Black Appearance Rescheduled

The Hidden Valley Optimist Club was forced to cancel its banquet in celebration of its third anniversary, last Saturday, due to inclement weather.

Gerald Johnson, president of the Optimist Club, announced the banquet, which features Joe Black as keynote speaker, will be rescheduled at a later date. Black is Vice-President of Special Markets of The Greyhound Corporation.



SHENITA BOST

.....Concord High senior

Shenita Bost Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
Shenita Bost, a junior at Concord Senior High School is an active individual determined to make a positive change in the world.

The daughter of Connie E. Bost and Stencil Bost, our beauty has taken the initiative to become involved in many community activities.

In school Ms. Bost is a member of the French Club; Gold Key Society; Varsity Football cheerleading squad; and played basketball in her ninth and 10th grade years. She also sings alto in the Advanced Chorus.

As a member of Grace Lutheran Church where Rev. Fredrick Hedt is pastor, Ms. Bost is president of a youth organization entitled the Lutheran Youth Fellowship; member of the Youth Choir and occasionally teaches Sunday School.

Ms. Bost also enjoys participating in the community projects sponsored by the Acronettes, a youth group organized by the Zeta Sorority.

"I also help with the circulation of The Charlotte Post in Concord," Ms. Bost stated. This gives her experience in various phases of business.

"It's my ambition to one day own my own business. I'll probably major in Data Processing and computers when I attend college," she continued. Ms. Bost has narrowed her choices to three universities: Winston-Salem State, University of North Carolina at Greensboro or the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Our Libra beauty has always been taught by older and wiser members of her family to be independent. "Sometimes you don't know who you can trust. So my mother and grandmother have always taught me that there is nothing wrong with being by yourself at times."

Ms. Bost says one of the most influential persons in her life has been her grandmother, Lurean Gamble. "Any problem my mother can't handle my grandmother is there with the solution. She never gives a wrong answer and whatever she says always helps me to make a decision and helps me to solve my problems. And more importantly she sticks by me."

When Ms. Bost is not conversing with her family members, including her seven year old sister, Tania, and her athletic brother, Stanley, she is See BEAUTY Page 2

On Tests Blacks Score Lower Than Whites

By Dr. Charles E. Cobb
Special To The Post
The recent action by the National Collegiate Athletic Association requiring that college athletes achieve a minimum score of 700 on the college entrance examination is undoubtedly racially motivated. This decision has come on the heels of a report by the college board that Black students score on the average 100 points lower than whites on the scholastic aptitude test. In addition to the test requirement, the NCAA is also requiring that students maintain a 2.0 high school grade point average while taking a "core" curriculum. This curriculum consists of three years of English, two of mathematics, two of social sciences and two of physical or natural sciences.

It is interesting to note that the NCAA is concerned singularly with college entrance requirements. For in addition to the resolution passed, they had the opportunity to impose a 2.0 grade point average standard during college eligibility years and refused to do so.

Such a move would have compelled academic institutions to address the academic needs of their Black athletes which they have traditionally ignored. Most Black athletes attending predominantly white institutions never receive their Baccalaureate degrees.

However, this is not the first time these issues have been raised in college sports; heretofore, they have been raised in a much more selective posture. For example, during the early 70s Howard University won the NCAA National Soccer Championship. This championship was immediately scrutinized and rescinded by the NCAA on the basis of Howard athletes not having taken the SAT I find it interesting that this was only raised after Howard had won the National championship which smacks of selective enforcement. Certainly, the application of the rule was out-come oriented. Yet, consistent with the currents of the NCAA, Howard athletes had more than proven themselves academically at the Phi Beta Kappa level.

The obvious conclusion is inescapable: The NCAA is attempting to decrease minority participation in college athletics. Of the Black high school students across the nation who have taken the racially biased SAT, less than 50 percent have scored as high as 700.

While this is a sad commentary on the American educational system, it is unlikely that the scoring in the 700 range represents significant numbers of our best Black athletes.

Temporary Agencies May Solve Unemployment Problems

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
The 6.6 percent of unemployed people in Mecklenburg County should remember to seek assistance from temporary job agencies.

Approximately 40 temporary job agencies exist in the city; and according to Brenda Goodman, manager of Step Up Temporaries, "about 90 percent of the companies in Charlotte seek temporary employees at some time."

Since December, 1982, Goodman and her staff located at 4705 Park Road, Suite 205, have been training applicants in word processing, typing and other skills most often required by employers who need people for temporary positions.

Companies that depend on Step Up Temporaries for employees can be certain they will receive competent and well-qualified workers to enhance their business. Goodman ex-



Brenda Goodman
...SUT manager
plained her clients spend almost three hours receiving basic office training. Soon they are demonstrating their expertise on IBM equipment which is used at Step Up Temporaries; however, Goodman provides her clients with reference manuals which relate to many other brands of computers. "Once the clients master those skills they are ready to be sent out on assignment," assured Goodman.

There is no fee for the service rendered at Step Up Temporaries. Goodman's idea to start the business evolved after she had spent nearly one year working as a temporary employee.

"My skills were very good, but seldom would the job agency refer me to a company that had a challenging assignment," she revealed. Goodman saw this happening to many other people as well, particularly blacks.

She had 16 years of secretarial experience and a first-hand concept of how to manage a temporary job agency. As a result, Goodman decided to open the doors of opportunity for all those not receiving a deserving chance in the job market.

"In September I set the goals for my business. Then I proceeded to design brochures ad to publicize my desire to help others find a job," Goodman stated.

The first week she received 17 applicants and the number has increased considerably since then. Not only is help to find a job a free service at Step Up Temporaries, but Goodman strains at her applicants' convenience. "Some of my clients are unable to come in and be trained on different machines during the regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. Therefore, I allow them to make appointments for more suitable times," she noted.

Undoubtedly the opening of Step Up Temporaries will benefit Charlotteans. Of course a permanent, full-time job may be preferred over temporary employment; however, today's economic situation does not leave too many people with a choice of pay or workhours.

Goodman encourages all people unemployed to give her a call at 523-5845.

TURTLE-TALK



A handfull of good life is better than a bushel of learning.

Learning makes a good man better and an ill man worse.