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"The Voice Of The Black Community"

Arthritis Workshop Offered

An intensive two-day workshop on arthritis and rheumatic disease for allied health professionals is being planned for May 6 and 7 at the Charlotte Area Health Education Center (AHEC). The program begins at 9 a.m. on Friday, May 6, and continues through 4:15 on that day. After breaking for dinner, sessions begin again at 7 p.m. Friday evening and conclude at 9:30. Saturday's schedule goes from 9:30 a.m. through 4 p.m.

The two-day event is actually two separate workshops which were put together, in order, to maximize their educational value and cost effectiveness. Friday's daytime program is being sponsored by the North Carolina Arthritis Health Professions Association (N.C. AHPA), a professional association of allied health personnel who have interest and expertise in rheumatology. The program includes presentations on medical management in rheumatic disease, physical assessment, arthritis in industry, and the psychological and social impact of arthritis.

The program for Friday night and Saturday is a second workshop which is a part of a statewide project entitled Community-based Arthritis Continuing Education (or CACE).

Thomas Moore To Travel

To Nigeria

Thomas Moore, educational consultant to the government of Rivers State, Nigeria, is leading a team of educational and management consultants who will be working in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, Nigeria from April 30 - May 21st.

The educators who will be advising the government of Rivers State are Bobbie H. Rowland, Ph.D., of the UNCC College of Human Development and Learning; Dorothy McKenzie, Director of Weekday School, First Presbyterian Church, Gastonia; Judith Wish, Ph.D., Pembroke State University; Jan Ann Springs, Director of Fairview Homes Daycare Center.

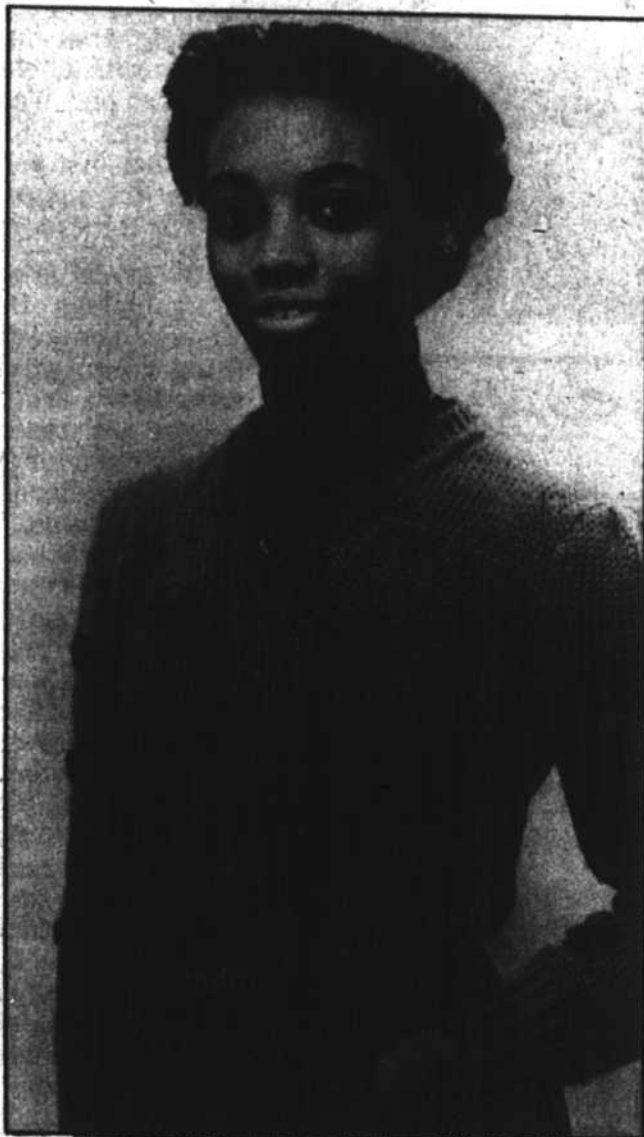
The management consulting team consists of Jim Polk, President of Manpower Management Associates and Norris Frederick, Ph.D., Partner of Reid-Frederick Associates. Along with Moore, they will be assessing needs and possibilities for more effective functioning of the Rivers State government, as well as investigating prospects for commerce with Nigeria.

On the return trip from Nigeria, Moore and Frederick will stop off in New York to meet with the national sales representatives of East Woods Press, which is publishing a book they have co-authored, "The Saturday Notebook."

TURTLE-TALK



Those fortunate enough to escape drowning during the swimming season will now run the risk of skating on thin ice.



ENGAGING VANESSA JACKSON
.....South Mecklenburg senior

Vanessa Jackson Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
For our beauty, Vanessa Jackson, there is a special meaning in the cliché "People helping people." "For instance," she began, "something should be done about the starving in the world, like people in Cambodia. All the unnecessary money being used on welfare could be given to people who are starving."

A senior at South Mecklenburg High School, Miss Jackson has concentrated not only on her studies but also on the affairs of the world and the various perils facing us. Her plans are to attend Winston-Salem State University and major in Mass Communication with a minor in Airline Travel.

"My first choice is Radio and Television Broadcasting. I enjoy working with the public." Ms. Jackson has also thought about becoming an airline stewardess or trying her luck in the world of fashion modeling. Actually she has plenty of time to try either or all occupations. Presently, however, she is vice president of the DECCA Club at South Mecklenburg; voted to the Homecoming Court of 1982; nominated for Valentine's Queen of Hearts and is a Letter Girl.

She attends Second Calvary Baptist Church where Rev. Dr. Lemar Foster is pastor.

When she is not working

at her part-time job at Bojangles, she enjoys swimming and softball. "I'll play softball this summer with the Salvation Army Boys Club," she commented. Reading is also a favorite hobby of our beauty. She also enjoys novels and magazines.

Ms. Jackson most admires her mother, Doris Jackson, and Diana Ross, the superb entertainer many feel our beauty favors physically. Myra and Anthony Jackson are the sister and brother of our beauty.

Her musical taste lands on the waves of Prince, and DeBarge. "I really enjoy the music of Prince. Since he is young his music explains a lot about the mentality of teenagers. He is very open with his music."

Studying has always been important to Miss Jackson. She remembers her favorite teacher from Quail Hollow. "He was John Montgomery and he was my English teacher. English is still my favorite subject. Mr. Montgomery was a father figure to me and we became friends."

A Gemini, Miss Jackson states that she is two opposites wrapped into one individual. She is a person who knows how to enjoy life, but she is also one who never overlooks the pain others endure. These are qualities that will benefit her well both personally and professionally.

Winston Lecturer Says:

Lack Of Public Support Responsible For Cuts

Communities To Share \$15 Million

Special To The Post
North Carolina communities will share \$15,454,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as part of the emergency jobs bill recently signed into law by President Reagan, it was announced by Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Samuel R. Pierce Jr.

The \$4.6 billion jobs bill which includes \$1 billion in CDBG funds is designed to provide humanitarian assistance to indigent and jobless persons. Funds to North Carolina were determined by a formula which is used each year to allocate CDBG funds to states. This standard formula was modified to take into account both current and long-term unemployment rates statewide.

The final allocation of funds provides \$6,924,000 for North Carolina's largest (entitlement) cities and \$8,530,000 for small cities and towns.

"I am very pleased that the Southeast Region received \$143,701,000. This money will not only be used to expand the job market but also respond to our country's call for funding necessary to maintain economically and socially viable communities," states Clifton G. Brown, HUD's Regional Administrator for the Southeast Region.

In fiscal year 1983, the 15 entitlement cities in North Carolina received \$19,585,000 in CDBG funds and the State's smaller cities and towns received \$43,868,000. The funds announced today are new appropriations awarded in addition to the fiscal year 1983 CDBG.

Both entitlement cities and the State of North Carolina which administers the CDBG program for small cities and towns must meet normal submission requirements for receipt of the emergency CDBG funds. These requirements include a public hearing and submission of program objectives to HUD. Communities may begin to use the funds within a few weeks, but all will have until July 1.



MS. BESSIE HEMPHILL
.....mother to many

100-Year-Old Bessie Hemphill

Post's Mother Of The Year Has "Remarkable Memory"

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor

Remember cooking cornbread on an openfire in the house? The common knowledge of course was to pour the batter in a pan and place hot coals on top of a lid to cook the cornbread. Chances are you don't remember...that was 100 years ago when the cooking technique was used. But our "Mother of the Year," Bessie Hemphill, can tell you all about those good old days. Ms. Hemphill turned 100 years old April 24th.

"If anyone had told me when I was 25 that I would live to be 100 I would not have believed them," Ms. Hemphill smiled.

Those first 25 years or so were spent living the farm

life. Born and raised in York County, S.C., Ms. Hemphill remembers well the work of picking cotton, pulling corn and raising the food that she, her brother and sister and mother, Jane and father Hugh Hemphill would have to eat.

"I moved from the farm when I was about 35 or 40 and began to work for a white lady. I tended to their children and raised their children. That was around 1928 and I believe Hoover had been elected president and Franklin was the vice president."

With this remarkable memory Ms. Hemphill proceeded to explain what may be the reasons for her longevity. "I really don't know what to think about it myself. I do know that my granddaddy lived to be 107 or 108, all my uncles and aunts lived to be in their 90s and my mother was in her 80s before she passed."

Whatever the reason Ms. Hemphill is glad to be alive, and in the same breath she will tell you that she is not afraid to die. "Just as long as I am right with the Lord and do His will I'm not afraid to die. If I don't go to church I'll read my Bible all day. Sometimes I feel like I'm going to pass away and then it leaves me."

What has Ms. Hemphill faced in her 100 years? More recently death has resided a little closer to her home in Piedmont Courts. She has had to have cataracts removed from her eyes, she broke her leg and

Support For Program Has Eroded

Current cutbacks in social welfare programs are the result of shifting political and social values since the 1960s, and are not just the result of the 1980 election, a national public welfare leader said at North Carolina State University.

Edward T. Weaver, Executive Director of the American Public Welfare Association, spoke on current trends in welfare policy in the first lecture of the Ellen Winston Lecture Series, a program which has been established at NCSU to annually bring prominent speakers on social welfare to the campus.

His lecture was entitled "Promoting the General Welfare: Social Welfare Policy in the 1980s."

Weaver, who heads a national membership organization of 1,500 social welfare agencies, briefly traced the history of social welfare in the United States since World War II.

After the Great Depression and World War II, he said, "The government was seen as a shining knight which could save the world from totalitarianism and cure social problems at home."

But since the 1960s, which he described as representing the "zenith" in social welfare programs, public support for welfare programs has eroded. He attributed this shift in attitude to "a lack of money, a lack of consensus and a lack of confidence" in the ability of government to make a difference in poverty cycles.

He characterized the 1980s, with inflation, high unemployment and tight budgets, as a period of transition between "an era of affluence and the unknown future."

The welfare executive said that when money is tight, people become conservative, but that the current extreme emphasis in government on efficiency in welfare programs is harmful to the people who need services.

Weaver said a small portion of taxes should be set aside to provide the basic necessities for the poor, the old, children, the disabled and the unemployed.

The Helen Winston Lecture and Development Fund in social work as established last spring by the Humanities Foundation of North Carolina State University to support a lectureship and to provide support for faculty and curriculum development in the Bachelor of Social Work program at NCSU.

The fund honors Dr. Ellen Winston, a former N.C. Commissioner of Public Welfare and the first U.S. Commission of Welfare in the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

She also was an adjunct professor in the NCSU social work program and is a member of its advisory committee.

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Max Robinson Is Guest Speaker For J.C. Smith Commencement

Max Robinson of ABC's "World News Tonight" will be the keynote speaker at commencement exercises to be held at Johnson C. Smith University May 15.

More than 180 students are expected to receive degrees at the ceremony which begins at 2:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

Robinson has become a prominent figure in network news coverage as anchor for the national news segments of "World News Tonight" as well as for ABC News special reports. Beyond his princi-

Max Robinson
.....Keynote speaker

ple role of national desk anchor in Chicago, Robinson also covers major stories ranging from the maiden flight of NASA's Space Shuttle Columbia to

the murders of black children in Atlanta.

Robinson is the recipient of two national and two regional Emmy Awards, the Capitol Press Club Journalist of the Year Award and the Ohio State Award, as well as an award from the National Education Association. His most recent national Emmy was in the News and Documentary category, 1979-80.

An accomplished painter, Robinson has taught communicative arts and television production at Federal City College. The recipient of the 1981 Martin

Luther King Jr. Memorial Drum Major for Justice Award is listed in "Who's Who in America," "Who's Who in Black America," and "Who's Who in the Midwest."

He is married to the former Beverly Hamilton and has four children.

Republican Women

The Mecklenburg Evening Republican Women's Club will hold its annual Attie Sale on Saturday, May 7, at the Memorial United Methodist Church, 4012 Central Ave., Charlotte.