

CALL To Teach Illiterates

Seventy-five percent of the unemployed have inadequate reading and writing skills; 85 percent of juveniles brought before the courts have the same peril to face, and so does 90 percent of AFDC mothers and half or more of all prison inmates.

A nationwide study by the Ford Foundation in 1979 revealed that 23 million Americans are illiterate and it is estimated that 44 percent of black teenagers cannot function properly unless someone reads certain signs, instructions and passages, etc., for them. These facts are data from an article authored by free lance writer Roger Williams entitled "Illiterate? Who, Us?"

It is time for not only the country but for Charlotte to stop hiding behind closed book covers. At least 50,000 people in Mecklenburg County alone cannot read or write well enough to fill out job applications. Who cares? The Charlotte Area Literacy League does and people like Nancy M. Campbell are concerned about finding tutors for those wanting to learn or improve their reading skills.

"The Charlotte Area Literacy League (CALL) is a group of volunteers who tutor illiterate adults on a one-to-one basis, teaching them to read and write," Ms. Campbell explained.

The league will hold a workshop to teach volunteer tutors how to teach reading and writing Friday, September 9, from 7-10 p.m. and Saturday, September 10, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the Charlotte Area Literacy League Office, 1520 South Blvd. (across from Harris-Hart Clothiers).

The league is a volunteer, non-profit group. Prospective tutors don't need any experience teaching. "We will show them everything they need to tutor effectively," Ms. Campbell concluded.

For more information, call 375-3433.

County Offices

To Close For

Labor Day

All County offices and agencies will be closed Monday, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

This includes all units of the Department of Social Services and the Health Department, the Tax Supervisor's Office and the Tax Collector's Office, the Elections Office and the Register of Deeds Office. The Food Stamp Office will also close.

The County's two landfills, Harrisburg Road and Polbrooks Rd., will remain open. The fields will close at 4 p.m., and the boxes at Harrisburg Road will remain open until 7:30 p.m.

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Altavia Floyd
.....Articulate and poised

Altavia Floyd Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
Being articulate and poised are certainly attributes of our beauty Altavia Floyd. The scoop is that our beauty is putting her talents to good use and is presently in the process of building her career.

Now a freshman at Appalachian State University, Ms. Floyd plans to major in communications. "My immediate ambition is to become a summer intern at WBTV and after graduation I hope to anchor or co-anchor at a local station...at least within five years."

"I enjoy watching the news," Ms. Floyd conveyed. Of all the newscasters she is impressed tremendously by anchor person Meg McDonald. During her senior high school years at Olympic High School our beauty's favorite subject was English. "I get a kick out of speaking and writing. I think that is why I chose communications as my major."

Success may come easily for some but Ms. Floyd is not expecting it to easily befall her. "My philosophy is not to wait for success to come to me, but to reach out and grab it and to live life to its fullest."

She is the daughter of Zorita Floyd and James Floyd. Ms. Floyd shared her growing space with two brothers, Derrick and Patrick. "The person who has had the most positive influence on my life has been my mother. Many of my friends did not reach the goals they had set for themselves. I am thankful that I had my mother to guide me around. I've made it this far because of her guidance."

Ms. Floyd enjoys swimming, bike riding, writing and speaking. She attends University Park Baptist Church.

School activities for Ms. Floyd were numerous. As a 10th grader she was a Junior Varsity cheerleader and a member of Project Aries. In the 11th grade she became a member of the Junior Executive Council; vice president of the Junior Class and Varsity Cheerleader.

Post Office Will Be

Closed Labor Day

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, The Charlotte Post will be closed. The office will resume operations on Tuesday, September 6. Have a safe holiday!

Volunteers Needed To Combat Housing Bias

"Meet The Candidates" Rally Set

The Democratic Party of Mecklenburg County will be hosting a "Meet the Candidates" Rally and Hot Dog Supper on Sunday, September 25, at 5:30 p.m.

The function will be held at Veterans Park on Central Avenue. (Shelter available, so it will be held rain or shine.) Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12.

Candidates and elected officials from the local and state levels will be invited to attend.

This function is being sponsored by the Young Democrats, the Democratic Women's Club and the Democratic Men's Club. Proceeds will go towards acquisition of a Democratic Headquarters. This will be the first time in recent history that these Democratic Clubs have pulled together with the senior party for a major project.

Tickets are available from board members of the three Democratic organizations, party officials, precinct captains, or by calling Terri Byrum, 527-0360, 9-5 weekdays.

Chairwoman for this function is Karen Combs. For more information, please contact Terri Byrum, 527-0360.

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Jacquelyn Morris
.....Needs small school



Sylvester Williams
.....Committee member



Gerald Holder
.....From Chicago

Classes Begin September 6

JCSU Freshmen Arrive Early

By Angela Alston
Special To The Post
Classes for Johnson C. Smith University will not start until September 6, but for approximately 300 freshmen, school has already begun.

Many arrived this past Saturday greeted by empty dorm rooms and blue and gold banners that welcomed the Class of 1987. This entire week will be spent getting used to Smith's campus and the city of Charlotte before starting classes next week.

Most of the first arrivals were from the larger, more distant cities. Jacquelyn Morris and Gerald Holder were among the first to reach the campus Saturday morning.

Morris, 18, is from Westchester, N.Y., and Holder, 17, is from Chicago, Ill. Neither had been to North Carolina or Smith before this weekend. Both had similar reasons for choosing Smith to attend.

"I went to a high school that had about 2,300 students," Holder said. "And

it was predominantly white. I felt that I wanted to go to a black college."

Continuing, he said, "Chicago was about two steps faster than here. I welcome the change of a smaller school. I kind of like the slower pace."

Holder also feels being at a black college could possibly help in his studies.

"I think I will be more comfortable here. I'll be more open-minded and will perform better."

Though she attended a much smaller school than did Holder, Morris had similar reasons for choosing Smith.

"I went to a school of about 400 students. I mean, that was grades one through 12. Smith is a small school and that's what I wanted. I didn't want to undergo the drastic change and go to a large university."

She continued, "I feel that a small university would care about its students more...encourage them in their studies."

What was the initial re-

action to Smith?

"I had imagined it as being very big," Holder said. "I thought you'd have to run as fast as you could to get to your classes and still be 20 minutes late. The brochures made me think it was larger and I was kind of surprised when I got here. But I'm glad that it is smaller. Everything will be easier to find."

Morris expressed her views. "It's a lot better than I expected. Maybe I expected the worst. It's really nice and I'm not disappointed."

After arriving and inspecting the campus, it was time to settle in.

"The first thing I did was unpack," Morris said. "I bought some things from home. A lot of Michael Jackson posters, some records and a T-shirt from the Diana Ross concert in Central Park."

"I only brought personal items and necessities," Holder explained. "I didn't have the room. I'll bring some other things later."

Morris and Holder agreed that bringing items from home does not get rid of homesickness and doubt of being in new surroundings. What will be other ways to dispel their fears?

"I realize as soon as I look around and my mother's not here, I'll probably cry," Morris said. "But I realize that I have to use my freedom wisely. It's good that the people here are so friendly. That will make things a lot easier."

Morris looks at her responsibilities of being on her own. "I'm just going to try. I'm looking forward to being on my own. This time will be a growing experience for me. I get to try things out on my own. So I know I have to be wise."

Holder gave his view on his newly found independence. "I know I'll miss home. I'll miss Chicago. But I have a new home now. I'll adjust. I plan to get into and stay into my books. This will be a social and educational experience for me. Besides, I know home is always there if I really need it."

Adjusting will not be left entirely up to the freshmen alone. Each year an orientation committee is formed to introduce the new students to the campus.

Sylvester "Scipio" Williams, a junior at Smith, is a member of this year's orientation committee. He explained his role as committee mem-

Reagan To Strengthen Enforcement

Special To The Post
Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Samuel R. Pierce Jr. told the National Association of Real Estate Brokers that voluntary efforts alone "cannot effectively combat the unworthy and too-often subtle" practice of housing discrimination.

That is why, he said to some 350 members and guests attending the 36th Annual Convention of the Association at the Capital Hilton Hotel that President Reagan has proposed amendments to the National Fair Housing Law that will greatly strengthen its enforcement.

"I have been working on the initiative since taking office," he said, adding, "I am proud that the amendments we propose keep the burden of enforcement where it belongs: on the Federal Government, rather than the individual victim."

Under the proposal, HUD will investigate and attempt to conciliate a complaint filed by an individual. If the conciliation effort fails, the Department would be authorized to refer the complaint to the Justice Department with a recommendation that the Attorney General commence a District Court action for equitable relief or civil penalty. The proposal authorizes a civil penalty of up to \$50,000 for a first offense, and up to \$100,000 for a second offense.

The Secretary thanked the Association, recognized as the oldest and largest minority trade group, for its past support in furtherance of fair housing, particularly for its contributions to HUD's first conference on Community Housing Resource Boards which aided the Department in meeting its objectives. He also complimented the Association for the role it played in the recent series of symposiums designed to encourage and support public-private partnerships for Fair Housing.

HUD earlier this month awarded nearly \$2 million in grants to 87 Resource Boards in 31 states to promote the rental and sale of housing on a non-discriminatory basis. Secretary Pierce said the Association was "a vital part of this process."

"We must also work for equal opportunity that goes beyond housing and employment," Secretary Pierce added. "It is imperative to encourage and promote equality of opportunity for minority business, as well." He said HUD had established minimum goals for minority business participation in the Section 202 programs for the elderly and handicapped and noted that the Department is seeking a minimum minority participation goal this year of about 17 percent.

Mrs. Mary Selden Tells What It's Like To Be In Political Arena

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer

This week The Post interviewed another woman who is married to a mayoral candidate. She is Mrs. Mary Selden, wife of Republican candidate George Selden.

Following is Mrs. Selden's story of what it's like to be in the political arena. She began, "I must be available to go with George to various functions; I must meet people," and laughing, she added, "I must also help George remember names."

Admitting those are just a small number of her responsibilities, Mrs. Selden explained she enjoys the responsibilities that come along with being a politician's spouse. Since her husband has served as a Charlotte city councilman for six years, Mrs. Selden believes she is accustomed to the many activities to which she must contribute.

"I must be as knowledgeable of George's issues as he is," Mrs. Selden expressed. "Some people will talk to me about their concerns. I like people and I



Mrs. Mary Selden
.....Cares about people

like to try my best to help them," stated the recording secretary of the Republican Women organization.

Because of a personal concern for the welfare of all Charlotte Mrs. Selden has developed a few of her

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own issues which she would like to see addressed. "I don't want to see Charlotte experience a growth spurt as rapidly as Atlanta did," she stated.

"That city wasn't prepared for the rapid development that is underway."

Mrs. Selden projected Charlotte has grown considerably since she first moved here shortly over 40 years ago. She hopes the city will continue to progress; however, she wants to see it occur through accurate city planning. Another issue which attracts the attention of Mrs. Selden is public housing.

"Public housing is not always a provision for those who should have it," Mrs. Selden insisted. She believes that before a family of four with an annual income of \$20,000 or more receives public housing, it should be made available to the poorer people.

"I care about individuals and I just want to see them have what they need to survive," assured Mrs. Selden. Mrs. Selden usually helps others basically through church work at Christ Church of God and through the Crisis Clothing Ministry.

Sewing is one of Mrs. Selden's biggest hobbies, and since the three Seldens