



Dr. Robert L. Albright
...Receives honor

Albright Attends

Foundations

Projects

Johnson C. Smith University President, Dr. Robert L. Albright, will join other recently appointed presidents and chancellors of historically black colleges and universities in a conference sponsored by the Johnson, Charles F. Kettering and Charles Stewart Mott Foundations. The three-day meeting will be held January 4-6, at the Wingspread, the conference center of the Johnson Foundation in Racine, Wis.

The purpose is to better acquaint recent presidents (three-year tenure or less) with the foundation sector of philanthropy and to help increase their effectiveness in soliciting aid on behalf of their institutions. The conference is in cooperation with the Council on Foundations and the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education (NAFEO).

James Joseph, president of the Council on Foundations, will keynote the conference.

Dr. Duval

Named Assistant

Vice President

Dr. Gloria Miller Duval, executive assistant for program evaluation and assistant professor of medical education, School of Medicine of Mercer University in Macon, GA, has been named assistant vice president for development at Johnson C. Smith University.

President Robert L. Albright announced that Dr. Duval will assume her duties in early January. In the new position, Dr. Duval will be the University's federal relations officer, United Negro College Fund coordinator, and director of non-alumni annual giving.

Dr. Duval has served concurrently as a consultant with the Evaluation Center of Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo where she was a member of the case study team assigned to the program for historically black colleges at the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation.

The new appointee is a 1969 graduate of Paine College, August, GA, with her master's of Art degree from American University, Washington, DC, in 1972, and a doctorate of Education from W. Michigan in 1983. At Western Michigan, she was an editor in the department of educational leadership and an instructor in the College of General Studies.

Previously she was director of social sciences at the Institute for Services to Education in both Washington, DC, and New Orleans at Dillard University.

Knox Calls For Changes In Homestead Exemption Act

Eddie Knox, Democratic candidate for Governor, calls for changes in the Homestead Exemption Act, which assists North Carolina's senior citizens by exempting the first \$8,500 property tax valuation.

Under our present law, a senior citizen who has an income of \$9,000 or less doesn't pay property tax on the first \$8,500 valuation," Knox explained. "I feel that the valuation level and the income figure should be raised substantially."

Knox pointed out that

revaluation of real estate for taxation goes on every eight years in all counties and has just been completed in many counties, including Wake. "In most cases the tax valuation of property was increased. Without changes in the exemption law, those increases could work an additional hardship on elderly people, many of whom live on limited or fixed incomes," Knox said.

At the same time, inflation and increases in Social Security payments, such as the 3.5

percent increase expected in January, means that some persons originally eligible for the exemption will now no longer be able to receive it. Thus, their tax burden will increase.

"For a person trying to live on a fixed income or near the poverty level, such additional tax burdens would be difficult or impossible to bear," Knox said.

"All of us, including our elderly citizens, must pay our fair share of taxes. But, imposing greater burdens on these people just isn't

fair."

Knox pledged that as Governor he will urge the legislature to study the situation and raise the valuation exemption level and the income eligibility

level.

"There can be considerable inequities that develop in the Homestead Exemption Act as a result of property tax revaluation.

This problem needs careful study and something needs to be done to remove those inequities which adversely affect the elderly," he said.

Red Cross Schedules Health Courses

Red Cross health courses in January include: "Family Health and Home Nursing," "Babysitting," and "Preparation For Parenthood."

"Family Health-And Home Nursing" focuses on

maintaining good health, preventing illness and performing simple nursing skills in the home. Two courses are being offered, both meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays. One class meets from 9 a.m. - noon.

The other class meets 6-9 p.m.

These health courses will be held at the Red Cross, 2425 Park Road, Charlotte. For more information, call 376-1661, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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