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UNCF Raises Record

\$775,000

The United Negro College Fund Drive closed its 1983 North Carolina campaign with a record total of \$775,000. This total represents a 28 percent increase over last year's campaign total. An additional \$83,000 was received in 1983 from North Carolina corporations from the Capital Fund Campaign.

The UNCF represents a consortium of 42 private, accredited colleges and universities that have a predominantly black enrollment. The Fund provides operating money and some scholarships for member schools. Six North Carolina colleges receive UNCF aid: Barber-Scotia College, Bennett College, Johnson C. Smith University, Livingstone College, Saint Augustine's College and Shaw University.

These six colleges currently enroll over 6,000 students and are constantly developing and enhancing programs to meet the needs of a more technological oriented society. In 1982, these six institutions awarded approximately 25 percent of the undergraduate degrees received by blacks in North Carolina. Thirty-five of the graduates of the six North Carolina colleges go directly to some of America's most prestigious graduate and professional schools.

Cynthia Perry, Area Director, stated, "With our outstanding support of our volunteers and many donors, which included corporations, foundations, organizations, churches and individuals, the success we achieved in 1983 would not have been possible."

Every dollar you invest in the UNCF Campaign comes back many-fold to the six North Carolina colleges. During the past decade, North Carolina institutions have received more than \$16 million from UNCF.

Minority Health Conference Set

Chapel Hill - Health and safety in the workplace is the topic for the eighth annual Minority Health Conference on Friday, February 17, at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

"Fact vs. Fiction: Crisis in the Workplace" will be from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. in Rosenau Hall (the School of Public Health) on the UNC-CH campus. The free, public conference is sponsored by the Minority Student Caucus and the Student Union Board of the School of Public Health.



Patrice Dixon
.....Shares happiness

Our Beauty Dixon Loves Every Moment Of Life

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
When Patrice Dixon walks down the runway in the N.C. National Teenage Pageant, her radiant smile and dazzling eyes will reveal the story of a 17 year-old who loves every moment of life, and lives it to the fullest.

Patrice, a senior at West Charlotte High School, is "Beauty of the Week." She is looking forward to competing in the teen pageant in April when she will perform one of three talents which she has perfected: a monologue, song or dance routine.

"Modeling and dancing are two of my biggest hobbies," Patrice pointed out. She is a member of the Belk Teen Board, a community service affiliation which also allows her to model, since it sponsored by Belk department store. Patrice's other hobbies include playing volleyball and attending football and basketball games.

The daughter of J.A. and Patricia Dixon is active in school organizations. She is co-president of the student body, a Keyette, a member of the Order of Lions honorary society and a member on the yearbook staff.

"My favorite subject in school is English," Patrice stated. "I can relate to Dr. Kiser, my instructor, because he makes the class interesting. English helps me with my communication skills." Patrice decided one of her favorite teachers at West Charlotte is her student government advisor, Eunice Pharr.

While Patrice has school work and activities on her mind as well as the upcoming pageant, many other responsibilities are calling for her attention as well. Can she cope? Apparently, yes. In fact, Patrice believes every teen and adult should accept responsibility for his or her actions.

A candidate in the West Charlotte 1983 homecoming court, Patrice spoke with anticipation about some of her upcoming projects. For example, in March, just before the teen pageant, she will participate in the Delta Sigma Theta, Charlotte Chapter's debutante

ball. All of the extracurricular activities are important to Patrice, but she always manages time for church. She attends Memorial United Presbyterian Church, where she is a member of the youth group and the choir.

Along with church, family unity is significant to Patrice also. "My family is closely-knit, and I admire everyone in my family," she expressed. However, her grandfather, Julius Stroud, is exceptional. "He has a positive outlook on life and a good sense of humor," Patrice laughed, obviously picturing him in her mind.

"When my grandfather and I are together, our days are filled with warmth," she continued. Perhaps one reason Patrice and her grandfather have an inseparable relationship is because their birthdates are exact: May 25. After revealing this coincidence, Patrice quickly added with a smile: "It's true Geminis are talkative, but we're not the only ones two-faced. That description can fit anyone."

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Ben Hooks Leads Fight With Rights Commission

Baptists Endorse Hunt And Jackson

Raleigh - The Voter Education and Registration Committee of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina endorsed Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. for the U.S. Senate and Rev. Jesse Jackson for President, during a meeting held at the convention's headquarters in Raleigh.

Hunt is running to unseat Republican Sen. Jesse Helms while Jackson, a well-known civil rights leader and director of Operation PUSH in Chicago, is in an eight-man Democratic battle for the nation's highest office.

The 24-member committee, representing an estimated 400,000 black Baptists and chaired by Dr. Jerry Drayton of Winston-Salem, was unable to agree on an endorsement for governor.

"We're still divided on the governor's race," said Dr. Drayton. "Right now, there's a lack of consensus. The other endorsements are nearly unanimous."

The convention's decision-making process began last November when a large number of candidates vying for statewide offices were invited to the convention's annual session in Charlotte where they answered questions concerning vital issues. Every Democratic candidate for governor was present except Lt. Gov. James C. Green. Green was still fighting bribery charges in court but did send a representative.



Thelma Mingo (center) knows to shop the Vintage Girl way for that nostalgic yet fashionable look. Assisting her every

desire are Jean Albuquerque (l) and David Richards (r), owner of the shop. (Photo By Bernard Reeves)

Vintage Girl Is Special Place For Black Consumers

By Audrey C. Ladato
Post Staff Writer
When you enter The Vintage Girl, at 123 East 5th Street in Charlotte, you sense you are in a special place where time has a different meaning.

Actually two separate but connected stores, Vintage Girl specializes in new and reconditioned furs, and in vintage clothing and accessories.

As a little girl, co-owner Carolyn Richards was fascinated by the wild mink, raccoon, and beaver skins brought home by her grandfather, a trapper in the eastern part of the state. At that time, Ms. Richards could not imagine people wearing those skins as coats. Over the years, however, she began collecting pieces of vintage fur, along with old lace and

linen. Her collection grew until she was able to open her own shop almost five years ago.

David Richards, Carolyn's husband, got involved in the venture as a fur buyer, since his jewelry business often took him to New York. Now that the fur business has grown, he spends a lot more time at Vintage Girl.

The store sells a whole range of new furs at discount prices. More exotic pieces can be special-ordered.

The Richards buy traded-in furs from fine stores around the country. A master furrier works on the premises to recondition used furs. Reconditioning may be as simple as stitching a seam or as involved as restyling an entire coat. A professional finisher puts in new linings to complete

the reconditioning. The result is a luxurious fur that looks like new but is much more affordable. Prices for a cape or stole are in the \$295 to \$395 range.

Furrier services are available to customers. Mink and fox are big sellers this year, according to Mr. Richards. Also popular are coyote, lynx and fitch, an animal similar to mink.

In the other store, the collection of period clothing, jewelry and accessories reflects Carolyn Richards' love of beads, sequins and laces. Some of the pieces date from the early 1800's. Such items as flapper dresses from The Twenties and circular skirts from the Fifties are classics which will never go out of style, Ms. Richards believes. Vintage Girl sells some new items "if they're unusual and a good price."

Some of the non-fur inventory comes from estate sales, but about fifty percent is consignment merchandise. The shop will accept any type of clothing or accessory in good condition.

Purchases can be put on layaway. Vintage Girl also accepts major credit cards.

Customers who purchase what might be considered a "wearable antique" are not left to their own devices when it comes to the care of the item they bought. Sales personnel take the time to explain how to clean delicate apparel so that it will remain in good condition.

"Back then they didn't have dry cleaning," noted Ms. Richards, "so a lot of vintage clothing must be hand-washed, and then squeezed in a towel to remove excess water." Wringing breaks the fibers of the material. Many silks can simply be drip-dried without squeezing.

NAACP Head To 'Defund' Commission

Special To The Post
New York - Benjamin L. Hooks, Director of the NAACP, said recently that the 75 year-old civil rights organization he heads will "lead a national effort to 'defund' the U.S. Civil Rights Commission."

He said: "We will not stand by and allow the spending of millions of dollars by this commission that is functioning to destroy all the gains we have made in civil rights during the recent years."

The Commission's budget for the current fiscal year is \$11.8 million and it is subject to the approval of Congress every year.

Mr. Hooks, who is also chairman of the 150-member organization, the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, said, "The situation is so bad that we would be better off not having the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights at this time because of its new direction."

He said he "tried to serve a warning" on the new and more conservative direction of the reconstituted commission during the mid-December television debate with commission chairman Clarence Pendleton on the WNBC-TV show, "Positively Black," hosted by Gustav Heningburg in New York City.

A month after this debate the newly reconstituted U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, voted by a six to two margin, during their first meeting, to disallow the use of quotas in assisting minorities to gain greater access to job and other opportunities through affirmative action.

The previous commission has supported the use of quotas.

The new eight-member commission - appointed both by the President and the Congress - grew out of a compromise reached during several weeks of angry disputes over the organization's makeup. The disputes were prompted by the President's attempt to dismiss commission members appointed by the Carter Administration and to make his own appointments to the commission.

Mr. Hooks, during the televised debate, had argued that the commission had been "damaged severely" by the Reagan Administration and that its "integrity has been compromised."

Mr. Pendleton disagreed and in giving his own opinion on affirmative action, he said: "I believe in affirmative action if it limits itself to re- See NAACP On Page 12A

FLM Black Dealers Association Appoints Sam Johnson President

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
Sam Johnson, owner of Sam Johnson Lincoln-Mercury, announced he feels "more than honored" about his appointment as president of the

Ford-Lincoln-Mercury Black Dealers Association. Johnson received the news at the Association Conference earlier this month in Dallas, Texas. "I've been a member of the five year-old Association since its beginning," Johnson commented. He served as vice president for the past two years. The president is appointed by the Association's board of directors.

Johnson, 44, opened Sam Johnson Lincoln-Mercury in 1977 when he first moved to Charlotte from East St.



Sam Johnson
.....FLMBDA president

Louis, Illinois. Previously, he had owned a dealership in the Midwestern state, that had declared bankruptcy before he took over. As president of the Black Dealers Association, Johnson reported he plans to

create better communication among Association members, improve the relationship between black dealers and Ford-Lincoln-Mercury Division, attract more blacks into ownership of new car dealer-

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When a man makes it big in the fertilizer business, you call him an entrepreneur.