

For Scholarships

# Housing Authority Youth Services Raises \$50,000

The Charlotte Housing Authority has made it possible for students living in public housing in Charlotte to extend their educational horizons.

John Crawford, the director of Youth Services at the Housing Authority and the 21 Board members could not have accomplished this feat alone.

Many individuals contributed to a special fund entitled the Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Fund. To celebrate and honor citizens who "Gave Youths a Chance" the scholarship committee will sponsor a victory celebration May 30 at 5:30 p.m. at the Strawn Acti-

vity Center, 1225 South Caldwell St. "This project began last November," informed Crawford. "We set the goal at \$50,000 and now that we have reached it we want to have a victory celebration."

The slogan for the committee is "Give A Youth A Chance." The funds are handled by the Greater Charlotte Foundation, Inc. "This foundation handles a number of other funds, about 250, this is one reason we have the connection with them." Crawford indicated that the Greater Charlotte Foundation was extremely instrumental in reaching the

goal due to the proper handling of the funds raised and excellent management of the endowment funds.

The purpose of the scholarship is to increase the awareness, motivation, and opportunities for post-secondary education through providing scholarships and stipends to individuals residing in public housing in Charlotte.

The eligibility of receiving the scholarship requires: 1.) that the person be a resident of the public housing, and 2.) he/she must be a high school graduate. "If the person is over 21 he or she can still apply," Crawford stated. "If someone is over 25 they must have already completed their freshman year to qualify for the scholarship."

If you would like to aid deserving residents who without this kind of assistance would be unable to attend college, send your donations to Greater Charlotte Foundation, 301 South Brevard St. All contributions are tax deductible.

Although the vast majority of the 3,756 families in public housing aspire to improve their chances and their children's chances for an education and subsequently a better way of life, this aspiration is often frustrated by certain economic realities:

- an average net family income for public housing residents of \$4,359 per year.
- a national reduction in grants and scholarships for higher education, and
- a high rate of unemployment in public housing complexes (66 percent).

The guiding philosophy of the Scholarship Fund is that public housing residents deserve the chance to live, work and achieve their maximum potential.

Your gifts in whatever size or form, increases the opportunities for low income residents to achieve constructive goals in their lives. By making a donation now, you are making a significant investment in someone's future.

and judicial branches so that we continue reducing the deaths and injuries.

"The Safe Roads Act certainly provides a good basis for a continuing reduction in the problems caused by drinking drivers. And it's not just drunken drivers that cause the problem. Often one drink can cause some people to be impaired to the extent they shouldn't be driving," he said. "That's why the problem is drinking drivers, not just drunken drivers."

"For example, one of the mitigating factors allowed in evidence under the Safe Roads Act is 'slight impairment, solely from alcohol with an alcohol content in the blood not exceeding 0.11.' Even slight impairment could contribute to an accident. As all of us should know, driving an automobile requires full attention and unimpaired faculties at all times. Split-second occurrences can cause an accident at any time," he said.

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Father Edward King (left), shown with Diocese Bishop Estill (right), is Vicar at St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church. Father King replaced temporary Priest, Father Joe Coulter. (Photo By Peeler's Portrait Studio)

## Committee Seeks \$800,000 To Restore Church

The campaign to raise \$800,000 to restore the old Little Rock AME Zion Church to house the Afro-American Cultural Center is off in grand fashion.

When the campaign kicked off at a news conference, chairman Rolfe Neil announced that more than \$100,000 had already been pledged to the campaign which ends June 30.

"We have the campaign volunteers organized now and we are out there throughout the Charlotte-

Mecklenburg community trying to make our goal," says Deedee Murphy, campaign coordinator. "We have had people from all segments of the community come forward and offer to 'help,'" adds Murphy.

The Afro-American Cultural Center Restoration Project will have its first reporting session at one o'clock, Tuesday afternoon, May 29 at the Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce located at 129 West

Trade Street. While details of the total amount raised or pledged so far is being withheld until that reporting session, campaign officials have announced that NCNB has pledged \$35,000.

For more details, call Deedee Murphy at 374-1565 or 394-4033.

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## West Charlotte Alumni To Dedicate Auditorium

Students who attended West Charlotte High School during the span of the 28 years in which Clinton L. Blake was the principal, surely got a good taste of life.

"Blake was not only an outstanding educator, but was also known as a staunch supporter of the fine arts, especially drama," stated Rudolph Torrence, president of the West Charlotte National Alumni Association. To keep his contributions to West Charlotte alive, the alumni have decided to dedicate and name the high school's auditorium in Blake's honor.

The principal was more than the leader of the school for nearly 28 years. Blake was the first principal at West Charlotte. He was guiding and instilling

determination into the minds of young people when West Charlotte was located at the site presently known as Northwest Junior High School, according to Geraldine Powe, an alumna of West Charlotte High School.

"West Charlotte relocated to 2319 Senior Drive around 1954," Powe informed. "Once again, Blake was in the forefront. He encouraged academic achievement at all times."

The dedication will be held May 27 at 9 p.m. in West Charlotte Auditorium. The West Charlotte Alumni extend an invitation to students, parents, friends, graduates, former and present faculty members. The community is also invited to attend. A reception will follow the program.

## Drinking Drivers Continue To Kill

Special To The Post  
Drinking drivers continue to kill and main others on the roads, but North Carolina now has better laws to deal with them.

"And there are encouraging signs that last year's publicity about the problem and the law's passage have reduced the death and injury toll caused by drinking drivers," said B. H. Parker, a spokesman for the North Carolina Insurance News Service. He is Raleigh-based vice president-regional manager for Nationwide Insurance Company.

"We must insist that state and local law enforcement officers continue to use the provisions of the Safe Roads Act to save lives and property," Parker said.

"In other states and other countries tough new laws have brought reductions in the mayhem caused by drinking drivers, but then the public has grown complacent. When apathy has set in, the deaths and injuries have risen," he said.

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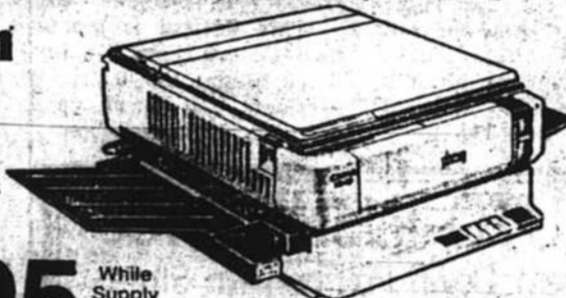
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Karen grew up in the Bronx, New York, but decided she'd settle in Charlotte when she visited here at age sixteen. "I've been a Charlottean for six years, and I like the quality of life," Karen says. "I've also compared Republic Bank to the big ones, and I feel more comfortable and secure with the smaller bank. They remember my name. They know I'm the one who accidentally drove away from their window with the tube and brought it back the next day!"

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