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## Duke University Schedules Minority Suppliers Forum

**Special To The Post**  
Joe Alston, former JCSU basketball coach and now Coordinator of Duke University's Minority and Woman-Owned Business Purchase Program, announced that Duke's annual Minority Suppliers Forum will be held next week. Invitations are being sent to minority and female suppliers throughout the Southeast.

Alston explained, "We are hopeful of having good participation because considerable effort has been expended to make sure that the forum will be interesting and well-designed. During prior seminars and forums, only personnel from the Material Support Department have participated. However," he continued, "this year I have invited department heads from the various sections that generate large dollar requests. This type presentation will give minority and woman-owned suppliers a direct approach at hearing where there are opportunities. We also plan to have various minority suppliers who have exhibited success share this with other vendors as well. Thirdly, a certified consultant will give a hands-on approach to budgeting, cash flow, bookkeeping systems, profit and loss statements and tax recordings. This should provide for a very comprehensive program," he concluded.

Alston, who compiled an 88-42 record in five seasons as JCSU's basketball coach in the early 1970's, joined Duke University in 1981 as Associate Director of the Material Support Department. He has been involved in the Minority and Woman-Owned Business Purchase Program for the past six months. During that time, he has attempted



Joe Alston  
Program coordinator

to plan and organize a program which is both realistic and acceptable to the University and vendors alike.

According to Alston, there are no specific laws requiring the University to buy from anyone. "Nevertheless," he noted, "we do operate under Public Law 95-507 and are

committed to give all interested suppliers a fair and equal opportunity to obtain Duke's business."

Alston reported that, during the first two months of this fiscal year, dollars committed to minority and woman-owned businesses have increased significantly over the same period last year. The ratio of dollars

committed to these vendors compared to total dollars has also improved, he said. "This represents a lot of dollars when taking into consideration the millions of dollars spent by Duke University," he remarked. It is further significant, he noted, that local suppliers have received 82 percent of total dollars committed to minority and woman-owned businesses.

Alston attributed this improved performance on the part of the University to the following:

- Total University commitment to the program.
- Utilization of a "Regional Source Guide to Minority and Woman-Owned Businesses," which was put together by the Material Support Department staff and which is constantly updated.
- Utilization of the Raleigh-Durham Minority Business Development Center, which brings together minority supply firms and corporations.
- Increased utilization of Duke's small order purchase program.
- Expansion of the MWPP program to include those components of the University which perform their own procurement function.
- A "spotlight service" which assists minority and woman-owned businesses in marketing their products and services throughout the University community, and
- Presentation of seminars and forums.

Between the time he left Johnson C. Smith in 1974 and the time he began working for Duke University, Alston served as Athletic Director at his alma mater, North Carolina Central University, and was employed by Sears in their executive training program.

## SBA Begins Search For Outstanding Small Business

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has started a search for outstanding small business and small business advocates, who will be honored during National Small Business Week next May.

Members of SBA's Advisory Council will help select the "Outstanding Small Business Person" in each state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. SBA's Office of Advocacy, which coordinates Small Business Week activities, will select outstanding small business advocates.

The winners will be invited to Washington, D.C., for Small Business Week activities scheduled for May 5-11, 1985.

"Outstanding Small Business Person of the Year" will be chosen from among the 52 winners.

"Each year, the President designates a week in May as National Small Business Week, to note the contribution of the nation's 14 million small businesses and especially to honor small business persons who have excelled in their enterprises and who have made significant contributions to their communities," Gary A. Keel, Director of the SBA Office in Charlotte, said.

Keel said nominations for North Carolina's small business entrants should be submitted to the U.S. Small Business Administration, Suite 700 - Northwestern Bank Building, 230 S. Tryon St., Charlotte, N.C. 28202. Deadline for nominations is November 15.

Outstanding advocates will be chosen in the categories of accounting, financial services, media, minorities, veterans, and women in business. Special advocacy awards will be presented to a small business exporter, a large business that has supported small business, a successful young entrepreneur, and a small business owner who has promoted innovative technology. Nominations for these awards should also be submitted to the SBA Charlotte Office by November 15.

The SBA's Office of Advocacy is also supporting a contest to select the 1985 National Small Business Week poster. Students, artists, and professional designers with graphics, printing and advertising firms are encouraged to enter the contest. The \$2,000 contract for final preparation and design of the winning poster will be awarded to the winning entry. Poster entries must be submitted by December 20 to the Office of Information, Office of Advocacy, U.S. Small Business Administration, 1725 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20416.

Entrants for state outstanding small business awards will be judged on employment growth, sales increase, financial improvement, innovativeness of product or service, response to adversity, community contributions, and the firm's "staying power."

### Need Help With

### Your Heating Bills?

Charlotte's Low Income Energy Assistance Program is administered by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council. This year individuals eligible for financial help with their heating bills may apply at the following areas:

Belmont Regional Center, 8-5 weekdays; Gethsemane AME Zion Church, 531 Campus St., 8-5 weekdays; the main office of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council, now located at 1318 Clay Ave. (the old Enderly Park School of Tuckaseegee Rd.), 9-9 weekdays and 9-2 Saturdays.

Who is eligible: A person must be at least 18 years of age to apply. You must not have over \$2,200 in ready cash. This does NOT include house, car or jewelry or other possessions. You can still apply even if you are living with your parents and See NEED On Page 4A



Ynique Allison  
Independence senior

## Ynique Allison Is A Very Special Person

By Jalyne Strong  
Post Staff Writer

"My mother loved the word 'unique' so she decided to name me Ynique," explains Ynique Allison about the origin of her lovely and special name.

Maybe her mother knew that Ynique would turn out to be a special person. At 17 years of age, she is a dancer, and aspiring fashion designer and a lover of travel with hopes of going to Paris.

Ynique began taking dance lessons when she was seven years old. Now in her tenth year of attending the Miss Donna School of Dancing, she has mastered tap, ballet, and jazz. "I feel good about myself when I dance," related Ynique. "Especially during recitals, I know I've done something important for me."

Street dancing or "Break-in" is all the rage for some and this beauty states she likes it but has never tried it. She laughs, "I don't break or pop anything."

Though dancing has been her first love, and will hopefully always be a hobby, Ynique has also grown to love clothes. It is this interest that she wants to parlay into a career. "Clothes are my life," enthuses this young lady. Ynique doesn't design her clothes now, yet reveals her secret is putting them together well. And she gets her fashion savvy from magazines and watching soap operas, she reveals.

The infamous Alexis of television's "Dynasty" is her most admired model. "I love her dress and her positive attitude," confessed Ynique. But Ynique concedes, "Alexis does seem to be hated by a lot of people. I doubt if I really want to be like her."

Ynique's plans are to finish high

school, she is a senior this year, and then attend the American Business and Fashion Institute in Charlotte. There she will study fashion designing for men and women but basically concentrating on women's clothes.

In her more immediate future, Ynique is excited about being a Delta Sigma Theta Debutante. Her debut at the Cotillion next year will be for her, admits Ynique, "The first time I'll be looked on as someone important."

Ynique has a little sister who might not agree with that statement. Tenitra Allison is nine years old and already following in her big sister's footsteps. "She dances and she's a cheerleader," tells Ynique. "She's also into clothes. She won't wear anything without a designer label. We're very close. I love her to death," Ynique admits.

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## Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church Sets Homecoming And Revival Services

Annual Homecoming and Revival services will be held at Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church Sunday, October 28 and October 29 - November 2.

Homecoming will be observed on Sunday beginning with a Fellowship Dinner immediately following the morning worship service. The dinner and services will be held at the church located at 2400 Greenland Ave.

All former members from in and out of town, along with the many friends of the church are invited.

Homecoming will conclude with a worship service following dinner. Rev. L. D. Mayes will be the special guest speaker. He will be accompanied by the members of Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Gastonia.

At 7 p.m. Rev. Dr. Preston Pendergrass, pastor of Antioch Baptist Church, Stratford, Conn., will deliver the message for the worship service kicking off the Annual Revival Services.

Annual Revival Services will be held at the church beginning each evening at 7 p.m. Rev. William O. Johnson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Stratford, Conn., will be the evangelist for the week. Rev. Johnson, a native of Philadelphia, Pa., is a graduate of Virginia



Rev. William O. Johnson  
Evangelist for the week

Union University, Richmond, Va., where he received his B.A. degree. He earned the M. Div. degree at Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa., and the M.R.E. degree at Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Conn.

Rev. Johnson's sermon themes will include Monday - "Way Back When..."; Tuesday - "Just Yesterday..."; Wednesday - "Right Now..."; Thursday - "J-O-D-A-A-T..."; and Friday -

"Someday - After A While - By and By."

Rev. Johnson is presently serving as the Executive Director of ABCD, Chaplain of the Stratford Police Department, member of the Governing Body of the Park City Hospital, president of Stratford Federation of Churches, Adjudicator of Ecclesiastical Disputes of the Connecticut Missionary Baptist Convention and for Courts in the Judicial System, Adjunct Professor and Area Director of University Without Walls for Hofstra University and Shaw University. He also serves on the Board of Directors of Black Pride, Inc.

### Ruth Clarke Is CBL Banquet Speaker

Ruth Clarke, president of Clarke Unlimited Personnel, will be guest speaker for the 7th Annual Charlotte Business League Awards Banquet Saturday, October 27, at 7 p.m.

Ms. Clarke, a native of New York, N.Y., formed Clarke Personnel in 1974. It was the first temporary service to be owned and operated by a black woman in New York.

At the close of 1982 the corporation grossed \$2 million with client

He is a recipient of many awards including "Man of the Year," Schaefer Award from the National Council of Negro Women, the First Baptist Church Outstanding Service Award, to name a few.

His hobbies include bowling, fishing and writing. Rev. Johnson has been married for 30 years and is the father of three children.

Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church is pastored by Rev. Tommy G. Davis. The pastor and congregation of the church cordially invite you to the homecoming celebrations and revival services.

te, among others, consisting of CBS, ABC and the New York Telephone Company as well as Chase Manhattan Bank.

The Charlotte Business League will present the "Rookie of the Year Award," "Business Man of the Year Award," and "Hall of Fame Award."

The Charlotte Business League, a non-profit organization, invites the public to attend this banquet.

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