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Danise Baynes
.....Secretarial assistant

**Danise Baynes Gaining
Insight In Business World**

By Jalyne Strong
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A 1985 graduate of North Carolina Central University, Danise Baynes is currently making the transition from college life into the "real world." She admits, "It's scary. In college you know what you're going to do from one year until the next. But now you wonder and think, 'This is life.' And you have to ask, 'What will you do next, for the rest of your life?'"

Off to a good start, this 22-year-old beauty is presently employed with IBM as a secretarial assistant. It's a summer job which Danise finds very enjoyable and beneficial to her career plans. "The job gives me a lot of insight into the business world and I'm gaining many skills and information," she relates. This is important because Danise's goal is to return to school to obtain a master's in business administration.

That is another transition for Danise since she graduated NCCU as a criminal justice major. "I viewed a lot of detective shows," she gives as her reason for majoring in criminal justice. "It's still an interesting field to me," Danise claims. "But I'm far more interested in business and computers now."

Now that Danise has decided upon a business career there's little doubt that she'll make a success of the endeavor. This young lady has a history of accomplishing the things she sets out to do. For example, she tells, "I wanted to be Miss NCCU ever since I was a freshman." Thus Danise reigned as Miss NCCU her senior year, 1984-85.

But that's only the beginning of the many activities Danise was involved

in at college. The Magna Cum Laude graduate was also a member of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society, the University Honors Program, and the Criminal Justice Club. She was vice president of the Alpha Lambda Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; a student resident assistant; secretary of the Charlotte Social Club; and a Flag girl with the Marching Band. Danise was also Miss Honorees in Action 1983-84.

"I am an active person," she describes. Additionally, she adds to her self-description: "happy, joyful, flexible." "I enjoy meeting and associating with people and making others happy," Danise reveals. Leisure activities for this pretty young lady consist of swimming, tennis, traveling and, of course, socializing.

The daughter of the late Wallace E. Baynes and Bessie Baynes, Danise assures that her mother is the person she most admires. She offers many complimentary adjectives to describe her mother. Says Danise, "She is a strong woman and she's generous, loving and always nice and courteous to others. I would like to be the type of person she is."

Danise has one older sister, Kristen. "We have a very good relationship," Danise remarks. "We're close and really relate to each other." In fact it was Kristen, also a NCCU graduate, who told Danise many great things about the college which influenced her to attend.

Glad she pursued her education at NCCU, Danise states, "I have had a lot of exposure and the opportunity to meet many people I otherwise would not have met." She points out people such as Jesse Jackson, Marva Collins, and the Rev. Tyrone Crider, among others.

"It's been a great year for me," Danise decides, reflecting back on her last year in college. And surely with her attributes, this week's beauty can look forward to many more "great" years.

And though she looks forward to a bright future, Danise is still mindful of those less fortunate. "It seems so unfair that there are countries which have so much less than the U.S.," she laments. "We should continue to help the hungry and the ill. I believe we need to help others to be more self-supporting," Danise offers. "There's the tendency to think about ourselves a lot but we need to share to make a better world together."

**Joseph Lowery Believes Ted Turner
Won't Be Jesse Helms' "Puppet"**

The president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference says he's been assured by Ted Turner, that if he acquires the CBS network that the broadcast tycoon would not be controlled by Senator Jesse Helms or anyone else.

After meeting with Turner recently, SCLC President Joseph E. Lowery said, "I believe him when he says that if he purchases CBS, that he will operate it independently from right wing interest groups."

Lowery had sent Turner a mailgram asking that Turner clarify what role, if any, conservative North Carolina Senator Jesse Helms and the Fairness in Media (FIM) group would have if Turner acquired the network. Helms and supporters of FIM have expressed an interest in buying CBS because of what they say is the network's liberal news policy.

However, Turner said in a letter to Lowery that "TBS is acting entirely on its own in attempting to acquire CBS, Inc. and has no past or present agreement or understanding with any outside group, including FIM regarding this transaction." Turner went further saying "TBS' efforts have been undertaken exclusively to meet its independent business objectives" and is acting "entirely independent of FIM or any other politically motivated group."

Lowery, who heads the Atlanta-based civil rights organization once headed by Dr. Martin Luther King, says Turner's personality won't let him be controlled by special interest. "While Turner often shoots from the lip, he has convinced me he will not be a puppet for Helms or anyone else," Lowery said.



Joseph Lowery
.....SCLC president

Some have tried to discredit Turner among blacks and minorities by accusing him of being racist. Lowery says Turner "is probably no more racist than the top officials running any of the other networks.

Turner Broadcasting has probably shown more sensitivity and fairness in placing blacks in positions of authority and in reporting black news and issues of concerns to black Americans," said Lowery.

However, the civil rights leaders does not give any of the networks high grades when it comes to sensitivity to black issues. "All the major networks have been found wanting, including Turner's when weighed on the scale of sensitivity to the black perspective on the news and adequacy of coverage of black events," said Lowery.

Officials at CBS, Inc. have publicly rejected Turner's offer and indicate they're not interested in selling the network and would fight any efforts to take it over.

**VA Home
Loan Rate
Drops**

The Veterans Administration announced this week that it will lower its maximum home loan interest rate from 12 percent to 11 1/2 percent; the lowest in more than two years.

The change was effective June 5th and is the second decrease in less than three weeks and the third this year. The last change occurred on May 21, when it was reduced from 12 1/2 percent to 12 percent.

VA Administrator Harry N. Walters said the drop will lower monthly payments on an average VA loan of \$64,000 by about \$25. This is about \$125 less than the payment required on monthly payments at 14 percent which was the rate in August 1984. Walters said the drop in the interest rate reflects continued investor confidence in a stable economy and the elimination of high inflation.

The VA will also decrease by 1/2 percentage point the maximum rates for Graduate Payment Mortgages (GMPs) to 11 3/4 percent and home improvement loans to 13 percent. In addition, the rate for manufactured home loans were also reduced to 14 percent for unit-only loans and 13 1/2 percent for a loan to purchase either a unit with the lot, or for loans to purchase a lot on which to place a unit already owned by the veteran.

The rate change does not affect existing loans, whose interest rate remains the same for the life of the agreement. VA home loans may be used to purchase, construct, alter, improve, repair, or refinance a home. This includes the purchase of condominiums and manufactured homes, with or without a lot.

**Neighborhood Grants
Program Offers
\$50,000 In Grants**

The Foundation For The Carolinas announced the second year of a Neighborhood Grants Program which will again offer \$50,000 in mini-grants to low income areas of Charlotte and the Metrolina area.

Interested neighborhoods must submit applications for mini-grants by July 1. Grants may be used to assist neighborhoods in addressing a variety of problems in their communities.

Information about how to submit a grant application can be obtained by calling Dr. William J. McCoy or Mary Perdon at the Urban Institute at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte at 597-2507. The Urban Institute provides technical assistance to the Foundation in administration of the grants program.

The Neighborhood Grants Program was initiated in 1984 as a joint project of the Foundation For The Carolinas and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation of Flint, MI. In its first year the program awarded more than \$50,000 to 10 neighborhoods for projects ranging from beautification to crime prevention.

Of New Headquarters

Democrats Set Grand Opening

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer

The Mecklenburg County Democratic Party will host the Grand Opening of its new, permanent headquarters Friday evening, June 14, beginning at 5:30. The offices are located at 1601 South Boulevard, across from Family Dollar.

Lieutenant Governor Bob Jordan will address the gathering at 6 p.m. Mayor Harvey Gantt and Mecklenburg Democratic Party chairman Ron Harper will also speak.

Harper, who was elected party chairman in March of this year, is enthusiastic about the new offices. Noting that the local party has had only temporary headquarters from time to time, the chairman related that a two-year lease has been signed for the new headquarters. Harper himself put up the money for the first month's rent. Rent for the second month is coming from the party treasurer.

Harper, entrepreneur and businessman, is optimistic about the party's ability to come up with the money to pay the monthly bills. Not only is there the office rent to take care of, but rental fees for furniture and the salary of a new full-time executive director, Dotty Coplon.

Admitting it's a risk, Harper pointed out that risk-taking is a primary element of success. The plan is based on his business experience and entrepreneurial approach, and he is confident he will be able to encourage enough assistance to meet the bills.

"What we intend to do," he explained, "is ask certain individuals to commit for one month's rent" for the office space or furniture. He said he hopes to have some sort of recognition system, such as name plaques. Letting individuals know exactly what they are contributing to will encourage contributions, he predicted. When Harper was elected to the chairmanship, a number of well-known business figures offered their support, and he intends to follow



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through on those offers.

The new Democratic facilities include a conference room, rest rooms, and a large open area which will be partitioned to serve as office space for candidates on a first-come, first-served basis. Along with the office space, candidates will have use of the conference room and support services, such as receptionist, telephone, and typing assistance. There will also be an area for seminars and large meetings.

Harper hopes that everyone who wants to see the Democratic Party "turned around" in Mecklenburg will come out for the Grand Opening. "Somewhere between giving all to everyone and giving nothing to anyone, there's a compromise," he stated. "We've got to appeal to the public as one big 'special interest' group. We need to look at the problems of different groups, but we have to approach in moderation," he explained. "Nobody wants to be on

welfare. We have to create opportunities and inspire people. We've got to let people know life has more to offer if they just step forward."

Up until four years ago, Harper admitted, he and his wife, Katherine, "just voted in presidential elections." Then the couple was introduced to Jim Hunt, "the first real live governor I ever met." Hunt asked for their help. Later, they met with former mayor Eddie Knox, who asked for help in his gubernatorial campaign.

The couple's subsequent involvement in politics has shown them "a lot of wonderful, honest, hard-working people who truly want to see better government." Politics, he continued, is "full of hard-working, average people."

Harper remarked, "Too many people out there are like Katherine and I were a few years ago. They think politics is a dirty word."



He who trusts all things to chance, makes a lottery of his life.