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## Alcohol And Drug School Is Being Held

Special To The Post  
Raleigh - The Eighth Annual North Carolina School for Alcohol and Drug Studies is being held August 11-16 at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. This intensive five-day training school is sponsored by the North Carolina Foundation for Alcohol and Drug Studies.

The 1985 curriculum is designed to provide quality training for substance abuse professionals as well as persons who have an interest in addiction and related fields. The subjects range from traditional treatment and prevention to offerings in computers, management, and criminal justice. Through a grant from the J. M. Foundation, a special track for medical students will be offered for the first time.

The featured speakers include Dr. Stephen Glenn, Director of the Family Development Institute, and a nationally known consultant on alcoholism and drug abuse; Dr. William H. Hale, a frequent lecturer on college campuses, who has been the associate director of the Georgia Center for Continuing Education for the past 21 years; and Ernest Kurtz, Ph.D., who will speak on "Why a Woman: An Appreciation of Alcoholics Anonymous."

In 1978, the N.C. Foundation for Alcohol and Drug Studies was chartered as a private non-profit corporation with a close working relationship with the N.C. Department of Human Resources. Two important associations for addiction professionals, Alcoholism Professionals of North Carolina (APNC) and the Association of Drug Abuse Prevention (ADAP) became sponsors and are represented in the membership.

For more information, contact S.S. Hall, President, Open House, 141 Remount Rd., Charlotte, N.C. 28203, 704-333-9001.

## Most Teacher

### Vacancies Filled

The first full workday for CMS teachers for 1985-86 will be Monday, August 19, and as a result of some successful changes in hiring practices, CMS will be able to fill most of its teacher vacancies by then.

"We are in excellent shape," says Diane Adams, director of elementary personnel. "In fact, we're in the best shape we've been in years."

So far, 230 new teachers have been hired. About 50 vacancies remain, many of them created by last minute resignations. However, Adams says she anticipates no problems filling the vacancies because CMS has a large applicant pool.

Adams and Dr. Lynn Smith, director of secondary personnel, say this year's smoother hirings are due to three important changes. This year, current employees who wished to apply for transfers to other jobs in the school system had to apply by June 15. Last year's deadline was September 30. Individual schools also identified teacher vacancies earlier. The third change allowed personnel recruiters to offer special contracts, called "unassigned contracts," to qualified applicants last spring before the exact positions the applicants would fill were identified.



April Blakely  
...Welcomes change of pace

## April Blakely's Favorite Activity Is Shopping

By Jalyne Strong  
Post Staff Writer

Sixteen-year-old April Blakely describes her hometown of Asheville, N.C., as "a nice place with pretty scenery and mountains. But it's small compared to Charlotte," she points out. Therefore, this week's beauty welcomed the change of pace she experienced spending the summer in Charlotte with her Godmother.

"It's fun," she says of her Queen City vacation. "The people here are very friendly and I've met a lot of people."

"I went to the malls, to the movies and for a while worked at a nursery."

April, who admits she likes to go out a lot, also went to the Lime-light, an area club for young people. There, she had a great time dancing the latest craze, the "Wop." "The music was crushing (which means real good)," she exclaims.

April loves music. "I listen to it all the time," she says, listing her favorite musicians as "Prince, Jesse Johnson, Morris Day, Ready For the World, New Edition, Luther Vandross, Sheila E., Shannon and Chaka Khan." "I tape most of the music and play it on my ghetto blaster," she smiles.

About the current controversy surrounding the suggestive lyrics of some of the latest pop music, a young expert like April says, "The lyrics do not influence me or any of my friends to do things we shouldn't. I don't really pay attention to the lyrics much, or as much, as the melody or just the fact that I like the musician."

Asked whether there should be a rating system for albums as there is for movies, which has been a recent suggestion by some parents, April retorts, "What's the purpose? Young people will still buy what they want. If there's an age limit, they'll just get someone else to buy the albums for them."

Voicing a strong opinion is nothing new to April, who describes herself as "very outgoing." She is also "nice, sweet, caring and crazy" - crazy (?). People always say, "Girl you're crazy," April explains.

Her ambition is to go into the Air Force once she graduates Asheville High School, where she will be a junior this year. April wants to work with artillery. She also chose the Air Force to fulfill her desire to travel and meet new people.

## Primitive Baptists To Hold Convention Here

By Jalyne Strong  
Post Staff Writer

More than 2,000 delegates from across the country will attend the 78th National Primitive Baptist Convention of the United States of America, which will convene at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 555 S. McDowell St., Charlotte, beginning August 18, lasting through August 24, according to Rev. James A. Frieson, pastor of Nazareth Primitive Baptist Church.

The president of the National Primitive Baptist Convention, Rev. F. L. Livingston of Dallas, Tx., will arrive in Charlotte on August 15, and he will hold a press conference at the Adam's Mark on Saturday, August 17, at 11 a.m.

"Affirming Our Commitment to the Principles of the Church" will be the theme for the convention this year. There is reported to be 3,000 Primitive Baptist Churches in the nation, 24 in the state of North Carolina and 12 in Charlotte. All totaled, the national body of Primitive Baptist is said to consist of 1.5 million members. "Each year, the national convention of Primitive Baptist is a time for setting policies for the national church," relates Rev. Frieson.

The Program of Welcome commences on Monday, August 19, and a full slate of dignitaries will be present for this occasion, such as: Congressman Alex McMillan, who will appear at the hotel at 10 a.m.; Gov. Jim Martin; Mayor Harvey Gantt; Chairperson Carla DuPuy, who will represent the Mecklenburg County Commission; Dr. Jay Robinson, superintendent of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools; Dr. Robert L. Albright, president of Johnson C. Smith University; the Rev. Harold S. Diggs, pastor of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church; and Kelly Alexander Jr., state chairman of the NAACP. They will all offer greetings and will be followed by Elder F. L. Livingston's deliverance of the "president's expressions."

Another highlight on Monday will be the Youth Luncheon, which starts



Rev. James A. Frieson  
...Primitive Baptist minister



Rev. F. L. Livingston  
...Convention president

at 1 p.m. Attorney Patricia A. Russell, of Patricia A. Russell Consultants in San Antonio, Tx., who is said to be a "speaker's speaker," will deliver messages of information and inspiration.

The recipient of numerous awards and achievements, Russell was the 1983 awardee of the Honorary Doctorate of Laws degree presented by the historic Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla., becoming the youngest person in the history of that institution to be voted by the Board of Trustees for this presentation. She is said to be "articulate, substantive and thought-provoking."

Youth Congress President Kenneth Duke, Rev. Roderick Armstrong, Queenie Brown, Lawson Langford, and President Livingston will also appear on program at the Youth Luncheon. The price of the luncheon is \$15 per person.

Another special feature of the week will be the President's Annual Address, which will occur on Tuesday morning, August 20, at 10:30. Communion will be served Thursday evening, August 22, at 7:30. The Communion will be followed by a sermon by Rev. R. L. Payton of

Huntsville, Al., and music will be furnished by the Alabama State Delegation. Also, a \$100 march and the coronation of the Queen will both take place on Friday, August 23, at 7 p.m.

Throughout the week there will be several visitors of merit and also spiritual songs will be rendered by numerous choirs from Charlotte and from across the country. A few of the choirs who will be presented are: the Israel Bethel Church Choir, Miami, Fl.; the Youth Congress Choir; the California State Choir; and the Youth Choir of Greater Mt. Moriah Church of Charlotte.

Mt. Moriah Primitive Baptist Church, where Elder T. W. Sarnuels is pastor, along with the State Convention of Primitive Baptist, is hosting this 78th National Primitive Baptist Convention.

The Adam's Mark Hotel will serve as headquarters for the eight-day session, which begins with a meeting of the Church School Congress at 9 a.m. Sunday, August 18.

The public is cordially invited to participate in the convention and also to welcome the many out-of-town convention visitors to Charlotte.

## Needs Immediate Help!

# Bills And Other Problems Mount For Potts

By Loretta Manago  
Post Managing Editor

In the summer, Senior Drive is a quiet street. West Charlotte High School, which is located on that street, at this time of the year, lacks the vivacity and the chatter of the young. Right across from the high school is the home of Eugene and Ethel Potts. Their house, from a distance, looks well-maintained. The neatly cut grass paints that picture. Up close, the peeling paint on the shutters and the door tells another story.

It's a chore that owner "Genial Gene" Potts would gladly undertake if his health permitted it. But he can't. At the Potts' household, there are far more pressing problems than peeling paint.

With failing health and outstanding financial debts to face, every day has become a mountain for the Potts to climb. Gene Potts, one of the Original 13 (the first group of full-time black radio announcers in the South), has diabetes. Because of the seriousness of his condition, Potts is usually found in his bed. He wears a catheter, in addition to this he takes insulin shots and an abundance of pills.

His medical condition has created a monetary deficit that he and his wife's limited income cannot meet, not to mention the fact that he receives no Medicare. The expenses not only include the insulin shots, the medication, but also must allow for the services of an in-home nurse. Because Potts spends more time in bed, a hospital bed with cranks and a lift would better suit his need. But the cost of that piece of equipment



Eugene "Genial Gene" Potts  
...Needs immediate help

which ranged in price at \$645, for the more basic model and increased to \$1,400 for a deluxe style, not including the mattress which was estimated at \$113 or the side rails (full length) priced at \$153, is considered a luxury. Also, a luxury, considering the Potts' financial standing is a lift that would greatly ease the process of Potts' mobility.

Not all of the Potts' financial problems stem from Potts' health; a monthly mortgage payment to meet and the utility bills that never fail to come have all combined to make a bad situation worse.

That is one reason why a group of friends and admirers have planned a testimonial dinner and radiothon for Potts on Saturday, August 24. An-



Cal Thornton  
...Soliciting support

other reason the two events are planned is to say thanks to Potts for his contribution to the community. All proceeds from these functions will be used to defray the living and medical expenses for the Potts. Tickets for the dinner are \$25.

Cal Thornton, of WGIV, is working very closely with this project. He said that since the word has gotten out that Gene Potts has certain needs, organizations and church groups as well as individuals have held fundraisers and intend to bring the money to the station on the day of the radiothon.

"I think it's great. That's what we want people to do. Because the immediate, greatest need of the Potts is money. We would hope that people would collect money throughout

their neighborhood and turn the money in on that day," spoke Thornton.

If you would like to make a contribution to Gene Potts, please send them a check to: The Eugene S. Potts Fund, WGIV, 2520 Toomey Ave., Charlotte, N.C. 28203.

## More Minorities

### Should Study For Business Careers

The situation? Not enough qualified minorities studying for business careers.

The solution? A unique program co-sponsored by the University of Arizona and IBM that brings 30 top minority high school students to the University of Arizona (UA) for an intensive, month-long study - everything from economics and computers to how to manage a professional basketball team and a national park.

The students spent July in Arizona as part of the nationwide LEAD (Leadership, Education and Development) Program, in which major universities and corporations are teaming to attract top minority students to careers in business.

LEAD is a network of 10 business schools across the nation, each with its own summer program. This is the second year that UA and IBM have joined in sponsoring LEAD there.

Students are chosen for outstand- See MORE On Page 18A

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