

Conference Will Discuss Critical Issues Facing Male Adolescents

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The critical issues facing male adolescents will be examined and discussed during the day-long conference entitled, "Male Adolescence: Growing Up in a Changing World," which will be held on November 25, at the Cone Student Center, UNCC, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The workshop is sponsored by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League, Planned Parenthood of Greater Charlotte, the Mecklenburg County Health Department, and the Mecklenburg Council on Adolescent Pregnancy. Robert Alston, president of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League, will give the welcoming speech. Keynote speaker will be Luther Bellinger, Director of Community Affairs for the McDonnell Douglas Company.

Rev. Clifford Jones, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church, Debra Taylor, M.S.W., and Robert Barrett, Ph.D., will conduct concurrent morning sessions on such topics as: "Toward a New Definition of Masculinity: A Psycho-



Robert Alston
Urban League president
Social Perspective," "The Absence of Men from the Family: The Socio-Economic Consequences," and "The Socialization of Young Men: Guidelines to Assist Mothers,"

respectively.

Following a noon lunch, Dr. Douglas Davidson, sociologist and assistant professor of Afro-American - African Studies, will present "Retrospect and Outlook for Male Adolescents."

Finally, an afternoon panel discussion on "Adolescent Needs and Community Response," will be moderated by B. Stanley Graham, health educator for the Mecklenburg County Health Department. The panel will consist of Richard Kenney, M.D., with the Charlotte Memorial Hospital; Paul Moore, executive officer of Boy Scouts of America, Inc., Mecklenburg County Council; Rev. Dale Mullennix, youth director of Myers Park Baptist Church; and Michael T. Todd, attorney at law.

The cost for the conference is \$12.50, which includes lunch and parking.

This conference on such an important and timely issue of our time is open to the public. Call the Mecklenburg Urban League at 704-376-9834 for more information.



Members of the Charlotte Organizing Project Board will be sponsoring the first annual "Neighbors of the Year" Awards Dinner on Saturday, December 14. The event will take place at the Metro Center. According to CHOP's chairman, Mildred Taylor, awards will be given to one person from every neighborhood chosen by his or her neighbors. To qualify, a neighbor must

have shown strong commitment to improving the quality of life within that neighborhood. D. G. Martin is slated to be the guest speaker. The cost to attend this affair is as low as \$6 per person. For more information about tickets or about nominating someone from your neighborhood, call 332-0022.

CPCC's High-Q Bowl For Preps

IBM has saved the popular HIGH-Q Bowl for high school students from extinction as plans were under way to discontinue the annual competition.

HIGH-Q was to be cancelled this year as a result of state budget cuts. In 1985, more than 390 students from 59 high schools in 27 North Carolina counties participated in the competition sponsored by Central Piedmont Community College.

"High school principals, coaches and parents had been calling for weeks because students were eager to start training," said Mike Myers, CPCC's Vice President for Community Relations and Resource Development. "But we'd had no luck in finding someone willing to foot the bill for HIGH-Q. We're grateful IBM understood how important the competition is for these students."

IBM's donation will cover such costs as program rights from College Bowl, Inc., trophies, certificates, and other awards.

Dewey Olson, IBM's Manager of External Programs, said, "IBM is

committed to support quality in education. We're pleased that with the HIGH-Q Bowl we can show our support to secondary as well as higher education through CPCC's excellent program."

The 1986 HIGH-Q competition will begin on Super Saturday, February 1, and will end with a televised contest between the top two high school teams on April 6, with WBT's Mike McKay as host. Last spring, a team from South Mecklenburg High School won.

HIGH-Q is an annual tournament modeled after College Bowl. Contestants must race members of the opposing team in sounding buzzers to earn a chance to answer questions about history, mythology, geography, literature, current events, music, sports, and other topics.

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