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Democrats Schedule Workshop

The North Carolina Democratic Youth Council will hold its biennial winter seminar February 1 at Meredith College in Raleigh. The seminar includes workshops in campaign organization; publicity, fund raising and membership for youth organizations; get-out-the-vote and voter registration. The luncheon speaker will be Senator Paul Simon (D-IL).

North Carolina Young Democrats President Kathy Wilson said she expects over 400 Democrats to participate. "For the first time, young Democrats, including Teen Dems, College Dems, and YDs, will be assigned specific roles in targeted congressional and legislative races. We're getting ready to do our part."

Wilson expressed appreciation for the Democratic leaders who are supporting the seminar. Attorney General Lacy Thornburg is providing a continental breakfast from 9-10 a.m. before the seminar begins at 10. The North Carolina Democratic congressional delegation and Democratic congressional candidates are sponsoring a luncheon at noon. Lieutenant Governor Bob Jordan is hosting a reception from 5-7 p.m. Due to the support of these Democratic candidates and officeholders, all events are free to seminar participants.

College Democrats President James Vann said that there was much enthusiasm about the luncheon speaker, Illinois Senator Paul Simon. "Senator Simon has led the fight to protect college loans and grants, and he has always involved young people in his campaigns," said Vann. "He's probably one of the smartest people in Washington. It's a great opportunity to get to meet him and hear him talk."

For more information about the seminar, call Harry Kaplan at 919-821-2777.

Golden Bulls Face Winston-Salem State Saturday

The Bulls are on the road Saturday at Winston-Salem State in a 7:30 p.m. hookup with the Rams.

The Rams are on top of the Southern Division and have emerged as a top challenger to the Bulls and St. Augustine's.

The Bulls are led in scoring by Dante Johnson 19.0; Vincent Brown 15.9; Jeff Erwin 11.1; Rodney Richardson 9.0; and Reggie Moses 6.6.

Vincent Brown is one of the leading three point shooters in the CIAA with 17 of 28 including a fine four of five performance at St. Augustine's.

The leading rebounder for the Bulls is Dante Johnson with 9.1 per game.

Vincent Brown is leading in assists with 5.5 per game.

The leading field goal shooter on the team is Jeff Erwin with a 62.0 percent average.



**14-Year-Old Iesha Gist
...Partial to Whitney Houston**

Iesha Gist Spends Fun Time Shopping At Eastland

By Jalynne Strong
Post Staff Writer

Fourteen-year-old, Iesha Gist is this week's beauty. An eighth grade student at J. T. Williams Junior High School, she's a member of the Eighth Grade Chorus; an assistant to her physical education teacher and she plays junior varsity girls' basketball.

Iesha has played basketball since she was in the seventh grade at J. T. "I went out with a friend and liked it, so I stayed," she recalls of her first experience with the game. Her position is forward and "shooting from the free throw line" is the best part of the game to Iesha. "It's the easiest shot to make," she admits with a smile. Iesha informs, J.T. Williams girls' varsity has won two games and lost four. But who's counting?

This young lady also enjoys the sport when she's not in school. "I play with friends at Sugaw Creek Park sometimes," she tells. The boys give the girls respect on the courts -- in a way, according to Iesha. "But then again they don't," she counters. "They find some of the things we do to be funny. Such as, walking all the time and playing wild," she laughs.

When Iesha and her friends put down the basketball, they like to spend more fun time at Eastland Mall for shopping. Iesha says she likes buying shaker sweaters and stretch pants. "Sometimes dresses," she adds.

This week's beauty also likes to go to the movies and walk around her neighborhood visiting friends.

Her musical enjoyment is provided by New Edition; "They're cute guys plus they can sing," Iesha praises. She's also partial to the "nice voice" of Whitney Houston.

These days, this young lady is weighing the options of a career in modeling or one in architecture. "I like clothes and have been told my small size would be good for modeling," Iesha relates as her assets for a fashion job. As for architect-

Election Board Meets

A meeting will be held at the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections on Friday, January 31, at 3 p.m. for a demonstration of CES Voting equipment and an update on the new facility.

For additional information or questions, please contact William B. A. Culp Jr., Supervisor of Elections, at 336-2133.

Jacob: Economic Recovery Fails To Reach Blacks

The present economic recovery has failed to reach black America where the income level now is lower than it was at the start of the 1980 recession leaving it in the grips of the most severely depressed economic condition of the past-war period, John E. Jacob, President of the National Urban League (NUL), declared here last week as he released the NUL's annual report on the status of blacks, "The State of Black America-1986."

Speaking of the mood within black America, Mr. Jacob said:

"There is a growing movement within this community that emphasizes doing more for ourselves. And it is not a movement of despair, but rather one of high hopes borne out of the conviction that while we cannot change some circumstances, there are many things that we can do to set our house in order."

Mr. Jacob pointed to growing community activities in the areas of teenage pregnancy, education, crime and the plight of female-headed households, but he also warned that there are clearly definable areas in which government assistance is "indispensable such as hunger, poverty and unemployment." He added:

"A major challenge in the coming year will be to reorder national priorities, for we can't allow people to suffer more--they've already been driven to the wall by earlier cuts in survival programs that helped increase poverty and hunger in this rich land."

To deal with unemployment--and specifically black male unemployment which Mr. Jacob said has had a "devastating" effect on black America--he proposed (1) the establishment of a National Youth Employment Program that includes

Special Service Planned For Visually Impaired

Duke Power Company this week announced a special service for the visually impaired.

"From January 27, customers who are visually impaired will be able to receive billing information and valuable energy saving ideas printed in Braille," said Fred West, vice president for Duke's Charlotte division. "This service, called Ener-



**John Jacob
...NUL president**

education, training and work competency--(2) a Universal Employment and Training System that would guarantee the unemployed productive work and the skills training necessary to obtain and hold a job; and (3) the establishment of a full employment policy that would have a multitude of elements including macro-economics policies and tax reforms that stimulate expanded economic activity and encourage maximum use of the less skilled and educated workers.

Describing the Reagan Administration's civil rights record as "voodoo civil rights," he said that while professing to be supportive of civil rights, the Administration has shown by its deeds that it is actually against civil rights and deserves the observation of the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights that it has "the worst civil rights record of any

administration in more than half a century."

This year's edition of "The State of Black America" contains eight papers prepared by outstanding experts in their fields. The papers and authors are:

"The Case For Social Policy," Dr. Bernard E. Anderson, Visiting Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University; "National Housing Policies and Black America: Trends, Issues, and Implications," Professor John O. Calmore, Associate Professor of Law, North Carolina Central University, School of Law; "The Black Middle Class: Past, Present and Future," Dr. Robert B. Hill, Visiting Professor of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania; "Teenage Pregnancy: The Implications for Black Americans," Dr. Joyce A. Ladner, Professor of Social Work, Howard University.

"Beyond Civil Rights," Dr. Glenn C. Loury, Professor of Public Policy at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; "Equity and Excellence: An Educational Imperative," Dr. Charles D. Moody Sr., Professor of Education and Director of the Program for Educational Opportunity, and the Center for Sex Equity in Schools, University of Michigan; "Political Choices: A Realignment in Partisanship Among Black Voters," Dr. Dianne M. Pinderhughes, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Afro-American Studies and Research Program, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; "Economic Status of Blacks 1985," Dr. David H. Swinton, Director, Southern Center for Studies in Public Policy, Clark College.

ture, Iesha says, "I want to be able to do blueprints." Her dream is to build her own home, one which is "sort of big with plenty of windows."

Describing herself as "quiet at times and sometimes wild," Iesha says the best thing about being 14 is "being able to get boy phone calls." Laughing, she reveals that she spends a lot of her time thinking about "school and boys."

Yet, Iesha's mother has nothing to worry about, she's still her daughter's favorite person. Iesha admires her mother, Caroline, she notes, "because she holds a job and takes care of her family and it doesn't bother her at all."

Iesha's siblings are Tanica, 12, and Mike, 17. A middle child, this week's beauty says the position suits her fine. "I would have liked to have had an older sister, though," she confesses.

Iesha attends New Hope Baptist Church.

Right Rev. Ruben Speaks Is CMF Guest Speaker

By Jalynne Strong
Post Staff Writer

Right Rev. Ruben L. Speaks, presiding prelate of the Eighth Episcopal District of the AME Zion Church, will be instructor and key speaker for a three-day seminar and worship service, sponsored by the Christian Minister's Fellowship of Charlotte, February 4-6. The program will be held at C. N. Jenkins Memorial Presbyterian Church, located at 1421 Statesville Ave. Rev. George C. Goodman is host pastor.

The Christian Minister's Fellowship, an interdenominational organization, sponsors the seminar annually. Dr. H. S. Diggs, pastor of Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church, is president of the Fellowship. Rev. J. T. White of Walls Memorial AME Zion is vice president. Dr. William Lee Jr., pastor of Silver Mount Baptist Church, is the organization's reporter.

On Tuesday, February 4; Wednesday, February 5; and Thursday, February 6, the seminar meetings will begin each evening at 6 p.m. and worship services will follow, commencing at 7:30 p.m. The general topic for the discussions will be "Stewardship."

Pastors, ministers and lay persons of all denominations are encouraged to attend. Registration for the seminar is \$25 per person for the three sessions or \$10 for one. Payment can be made upon arrival.



**Dr. H. S. Diggs
...CMF president**

Local church choirs will provide music for the worship services.

Bishop Speaks is recognized as one of the nation's leading scholars and sermonizers. He was born in Lake Providence, Louisiana, where he received his earliest training. Later, he received his A.B. degree from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa, his master's of divinity degree from Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N.J., and S.T.M. degree from Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Bishop Speaks served as an in-



**Bishop Ruben Speaks
...Seminar instructor**

structor of Systematic Theology at Hood Theological Seminary, Livingstone College, Salisbury, N.C., and has pastored a few of the major churches of the AME Zion denomination.

In 1972, he was elected the 76th Bishop of the AME Zion Church and for eight years served as presiding Bishop in West Africa.

A regular contributor to several religious journals, Bishop Speaks has also authored the following books: "Higher Catechism for Ministers and Lay Leaders," "The



**Rev. George C. Goodman
...Host pastor**

Minister and His Task," "The Church and Black Liberation," "God in an Age of Scarcity," and "Prelude to Pentecost: A Theology of the Holy Spirit."

Additionally, he is affiliated with many religious and civic organizations including the Greater Community World Methodist Council, World Council of Churches, National Academy of Arts and Sciences, the National Council of Churches, and the NAACP. He is chairman of the Overseas Mission Board of AME Zion Church.

TURTLE-TALK



Happiness makes up in height for what it lacks in length.