

BEST Promotes The Best

When my editor sent me to "do lunch" with the 1988 BEST Program last Friday, I was a little bit apprehensive. You know how it is. Rubber chicken, mashed potatoes that somebody has been using to hang wallpaper--covered with gravy that looks and smells like tobacco juice.

Well, it didn't turn out that way. I was impressed. Especially by the young people I met at lunch.

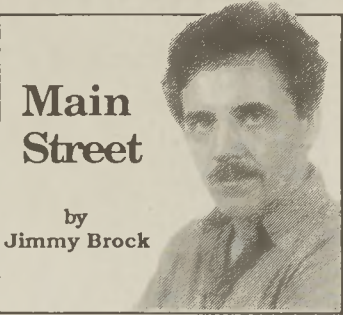
The 1988 BEST Program is a joint project of the Charlotte Business League and the UNCC College of Business Administration. The acronym means Black Enterprise Summer Training.

The goal of BEST is to get black university students interested in small business ownership and entrepreneurship.

Qualified black student "fellows" are placed with successful business owners from the Charlotte Business League. The young people will receive a salary--paid by grant funds through UNCC. Each student will work closely with the business owner. Thus they will get a chance to work in the real-world marketplace.

The luncheon I went to was the kickoff of BEST. Many luminaries were there. Some were people connected with BEST, others were there to observe.

The BEST kickoff luncheon belonged to its founders and the kids, though. They are onto something that's been needed a



Main Street
by
Jimmy Brock

long time in Charlotte.

The 1988 BEST mentors from the Charlotte Business League are Lawrence Harris, Darrell Jackson, D.J. & Barbara James, Vincent James, Sam Johnson, Omar Leatherman, Bobby Lowery and Floyd D. Young.

The student fellows are Tonya Anthony, Deta Franks, Jonette Harper, Chanelle Michael, Samuel Miller, Karin Moore, Brian Murphy and Freda Powell.

UNCC College of Business Administration professors who are working with BEST are Bob Hornaday, D.B.A., Stella Nkomo, Ph.D. and Ben Nunnally, D.B.A.

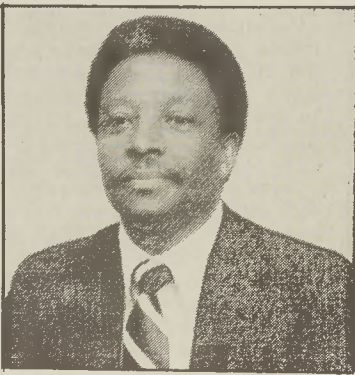
"This is a great opportunity for the students," says Vincent James, who is board chairman of the Charlotte Business League. "We are looking to making this an annual event. We are grateful to Dr. Nunnally for helping to put this together."

As I said, I was impressed and

pleasantly surprised. The kids were bright and eager. Speeches weren't too long. And the food was great!

The Blue Room at McDonald's Cafeteria was jammed with people sparking ideas off each other. I talked with the students after it was over. The UNCC and CBL honchos might learn as much from these guys as they think they can teach them.

I hope I get invited to their next fling. I'll do lunch with the likes of them anytime!



Bobby Lowery
...BEST Mentor

Mechanics And Farmers Shows Steady Growth

At its shareholders meeting on March 28th, Mechanics and Farmers Bank reported after-tax earnings of \$1,065,107 which represents an increase of 0.23 percent over 1986 earnings. The return on equity was 14.26 percent with 1.34 percent return on average assets.

The Bank's assets on December 31, 1987 were \$84,196,641, representing a 12.48 percent increase over the same period in 1986.

The bank's operating results continue to show strong and consistent growth. Deposits increased by 12.65 percent and loans increased by 15.84 percent.

At the Board of Directors meeting held on March 29, 1988, Julia W. Taylor was re-elected Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, with W.J. Kennedy continuing as Vice Chairman of the Board.

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VOTE, ARTHUR GRIFFIN TUESDAY, MAY 31st Pull lever 6B

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Closings On May 30

Mecklenburg County offices and agencies will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

This includes all branches of the Public Library, Health Department, Department of Social Services, Tax Offices, Register of Deeds Office, and Elections Office.

Harrisburg Road Landfill and the Recycling Area will be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The County's parks -- including McDowell, McAlpine Greenway, Latta Plantation, Ramsey Creek, Idlewild, Coulwood, and North Mecklenburg -- will be open on Monday, as well as on Sunday, May 29.

The Main Library will be closed on Sunday and will remain closed on Sundays until September 11. The Main Library stays open on Sunday after-

noons during the school year, September through May.

All County emergency services, including MEDIC, the County Police Department, the Mental Health Services, and Seventh Street Center, will operate on a normal schedule.

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If you do, we're interested in hearing from you. Your news tips are welcome at

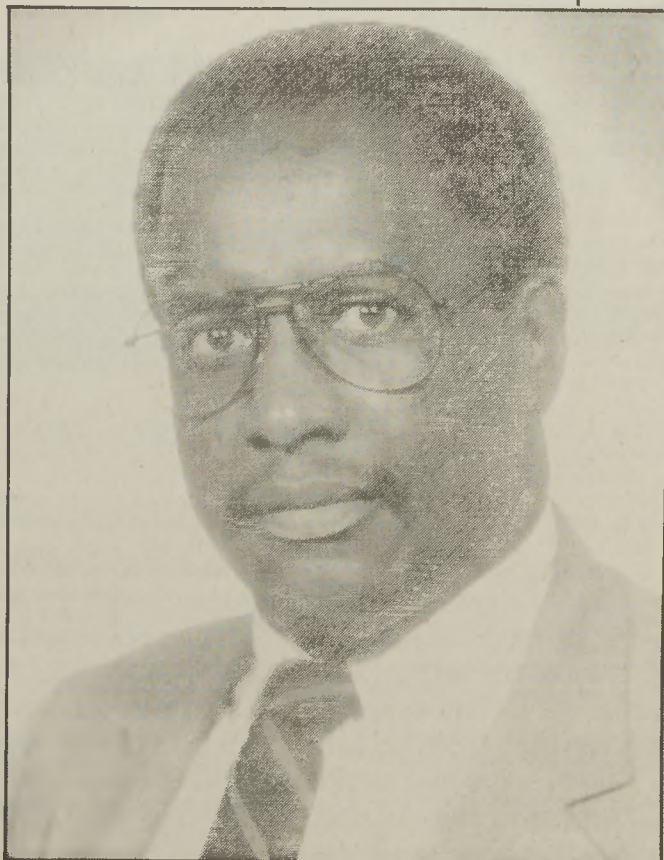
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May 26, 1988

Dear Citizens of District Two and of Mecklenburg County:

On Tuesday, May 31, I, respectfully, ask for your vote and support to become the Democratic Nominee for the District Two Seat on your County Commission.

My decision to run for re-election did not come easy. It came after a lot of prayer and consultation. I do not seek to return to the District Two Seat for selfish reasons. I am offering myself because of my sincere desire to serve my fellow citizens.

Regardless of the incorrect information being put out by my opponent and his supporters; regardless of what many in the media would have you to believe, I know within my heart and soul of my effectiveness as your County Commissioner. I am and can continue to be effective. For those who doubt this or would like to challenge this statement, I invite them to review the official minutes of the County Commission which are located in the Clerk to the Board Office located on the fifth floor of the new City-County Office Building on South Davidson Street.

You, along with myself, have invested too much time and energy in my nearly ten years of service on your County Commission. These years have provided me an opportunity to gain valuable experience and an indepth knowledge of County government. I do not believe you want to throw this experience and knowledge out of the window.

At a time of dealing with a county budget of approximately 390 million dollars and the complex problems of county government, experience is needed and experience counts.

Again let me express my sincere apology to you and the entire community for the regrettable situatuon in which I found myself. I thank God and all of you for your love and forgiveness. Also, let me thank the many hundreds and thousands of you who have shown your love and support for my family and me during a most difficult period in our lives.

Let us move forward together as we continue to struggle to build for a better Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Again, I ask for your vote and support on May 31, 1988.

Thank you and God bless,

Rev. Bob Walton

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