Page 4A - THE CHARLOTTE POST - Thursday, August 25, 1988 **Internship Is A Key To Success**

ORLANDO, Fla. -- "Serving an internship is one of the most valuable experiences a college student could ever have," said Miss Sheila A. Davidson, of Kinston, N.C., who has just com-pleted a summer-long internship at Red Lobster headquar-

ters in Orlando. "You can't imagine how valua-ble it has been to help me decide what it is I want to do with my future," she said.

A 21-year-old senior majoring in Environmental Health at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N.C., Miss Davidson served her internship in Red Lobster's Quality Control Division, where her job "was to ex-plore all areas of quality control inspections, technical services quality assurance," she said.

"I've been impressed with the sophisticated inspection program here," she said. "It's impor-tant because, after all, it is the quality of the seafood that keeps customers coming back."

Red Lobster, the nation's largest chain of seafood dinner houses, employs interns yearround in various departments. Besides wages, they earn credits toward their college degree.

Miss Davidson said that to-day's job environment almost requires students to have more, than a college diploma in their hand when they apply for a job.

"The successful completion of an internship can often be the 'edge' a college graduate needs to land the job he or she is seeking," she added. "In addition to the extra experience the student receives, it gives them a positive 'track record' to submit to potential employers to prove they are dependable, knowledgeable and willing to learn."

Internships can generally be arranged through college instructors and guidance counselors, she said, adding that "students have to take the lead, however. They have to have the initiative to pursue an intern-ship in whatever field they choose

"So, when students return to school this fall, it would be wise for them to begin considering an internship later in the year or next summer," she said. "You can't plan an internship too ear-

Miss Davidson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Davidson, of Kinston, was recently initiated into the Mortar Board Honor Society of Pi Sigma Alpha at West ern Carolina University in rec-ognition of her dedicated service to the university, superior scholarship and outstanding and continual leadership. In addi-tion, she is a member of the Order of Omega, a chancellor's ambassador, and president of the Pi Gamma Chapter of the Delia Sigma Theta Sorority.



Davidson

Black Colleges Report Rising Enrollments

The Chronicle of Higher edu-cation reported last month that 11 out of 12 black colleges reported admissions increases for fall semester, 1988-89. Johnson C. Smith University may very well be at the top of a national trend.

Johnson C. Smith officials admit it is one of those situations and problems any university would love to have, increased enrollment and the housing problems of a growing student body.

Fall enrollment at Johnson C. Smith University will swell to 1,200 as nearly 500 freshmen are expected to attend the university.

Moses Jones, former admis-sions director(now JCSU's Reg-istrar) says, "It's definitely the largest class we've had in a while." Figures back Jones' statement as the college re-ceived 1,965 applications this year, marking an increase of 51 percent over last year. Johnson C. Smith is certainly

not alone in its sudden growth.

While many other figures are not as dramatic as Smith's, Hampton University's Dr. Ollie M. Bowman, director of admissions, recently reported an increase of 35 percent over last year's figures. Most all predomi-nately black universities in Virginia and North Carolina are re-

applications this year. At Johnson C. Smith, Scott Scheer, Director of Public Rela-tions states, "We are real excited about the coming year. Not only are there more overall appli-cants and freshmen coming in, but Charlotte applications are

up 30 percent as well." JCSU Acting Admissions Director Wilburn Sanders stresses the role alumni, faculty and friends of the university have had in creating good public rela-tions and increased awareness about Johnson C. Smith University. The Admissions Office has also been very active over the past several months setting up booths, seminars and literally talking with thousands of po-

George Shinn To Speak At Winthrop Convocation

Rock Hill, SC - George Shinn, a successful entrepreneur and developer who is emerging as the Carolinas' sports magnate, will deliver the principal address Aug. 31 during Opening Convo-cation ceremonies at Winthrop College

Convocation will begin at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 31 in Byrnes Auditorium. The public



cially through his inspirational book "The American, Dream Still Works," to his faith and hard

works, to his faith and hard work. Shinn has written four books for McGraw-Hill publish-ers and is the recipient of five honorary doctorates.

Shinn is the owner of a num-ber of businesses, including the Rutledge College chain of pro-

dealerships, real estate, printing and publishing, and of course,

his sports teams - the Hornets National Basketball Associa-tion team and the Knights minor

Most recently Carolinians have been interested in Shinn's proposals to build a stadium in York County for the Knights

baseball team and possibly for

a future National Football League team. Governors Martin

of North Carolina and Campbell of South Carolina have spear-headed an effort to attract an

NFL team to the Charlotte met-

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tential Johnson C. Smith students.

Johnson C. Smith's Director of Residence Life, John Eaves, has been working overtime to find ample housing for the incoming throng of students. Eaves re-ported to President Robert L. Albright and the executive staff that he has been doubling single rooms and tripling doubles. Off-campus housing for other students may come from JCSU friends, area families willing to rent rooms and other possible

options Eaves adds, "Many freshmen

Futrell Elected To Head Organization

gust 24th.

Washington, DC - NEA Presi-dent Mary Hatwood Futrell has just been elected vice president of an international teachers' organization that represents 11 million members worldwide.

Earlier this month, at a con-vention in Melbourne, Australia, members of the World Conference of Organizations of the Teaching Profession (WCOTP) voted unanimously for Futrell.

"There is a natural kinship among teachers all around the world," says Futrell, "All of us -regardless of national bounda-ries or political ideology -- be-lieve that every child has the right to a quality education."

Before her election, Futrell served on the confederation's Executive Committee and



knew when they were accepted that they would be placed on a housing waiting list." Public Re-lations Director Scott Scheer

points out, "This just reflects the hard work that university offi-cials, alumni, friends of the uni-

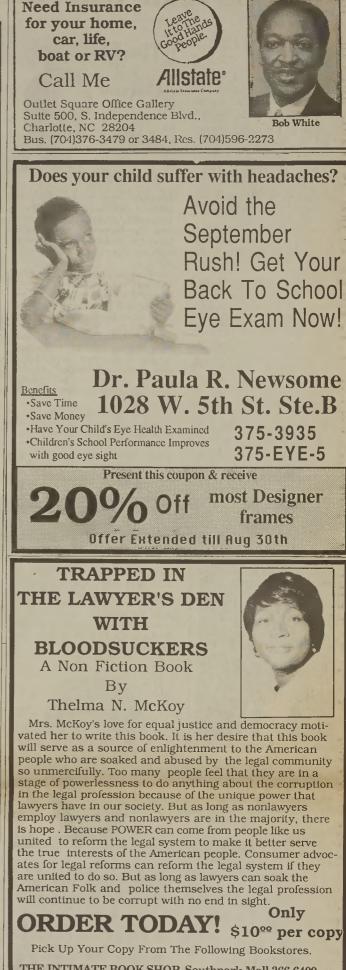
versity and even our students have been doing to let people know of the curriculum and op-

portunities the college has to of-fer. We are really seeing the re-sults of a lot of hard work."

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Additional highlights of the event will be presentation of the Winthrop College Employee of the Year Award and the James Pinckney Kinard and Lee Wicker Kinard Award for Excellence in

Teaching. Following Convocation, facul-ty, staff and students will participate in the updated version of Winthrop's traditional "Blue Line" procession. Faculty garbed In academic regalia and college students and staff dressed in blue and white, the colors of Winthrop College uniforms in years past, will follow Acting President Michael Smith from Byrnes Auditorium to the cam-pus front lawn. There representatives of area churches and community groups will serve re-freshments and the college will provide a cookout-style picnic.

"We are delighted to have George Shinn as our principal speaker at our opening Convo-cation," said Dr. Michael Smith, outing provident of Michael Smith, acting president of Winthrop College. "He is an excellent model for Winthrop's students of someone who has achieved success through hard work and a willingness to take risks."

George Shinn was only eight when his father died, plunging the family into poverty. His first job after graduating from high school was as a worker in the mills in Kannapolis, N.C. Only 16 years later he became the youngest winner of the Horatio Alger "rags to riches" Award. At that that in the school hard that that time he also learned that only one other North Carolinian had ever won the award - former N.C. Gov. Luther Hodges.

He credits his success, espe-

omen's rights cau cus and finance committee. Dur-ing her four-year term as vice president, Futrell said her priority will be the illiteracy program sponsored by WCOTP and UN-ESCO. She will also be working to strengthen and expand the

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influence of this international organization.

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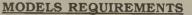
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