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## COLUMN ONE

News And Notes From Charlotte And The Rest Of The World.

### Scarborough On State Board

Charlotte City Council member Ella Scarborough has been elected to the Board of Directors of the N.C. League of Municipalities for 1991-92. Her election took place during the league's annual convention in Charlotte.



Scarborough

### College Night For Boys, Girls

The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club will sponsor College Night from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. Nov. 21 at the club, located at 2600 West Trade St. For more information, call Tonia Williams at 394-7447.

### 33rd Degree Masons

Ten Charlotte men received the honorary 33rd Degree from the United Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry in Washington. Other Davidson, Gussie Bellinger, James Dodd, Walter Easley and Macie Grady received the degree, as did Robert Harris, Johnnie Montgomery, Jeffrey Moore, Bobby Ray and Elliot Martin.

### Albright On Advisory Board

Johnson C. Smith University President Robert L. Albright has been appointed to the National Small Business Development Center Advisory Board. Albright's term will run through 1994.



Albright

The mission of the board, established in 1982, is to advise, counsel and confer with Small Business Administration officials concerning the Small Business Development Centers' program.

### Neighborhood Seminars

The Neighborhood Coalition Organization will sponsor a two-part seminar on Dec. 7 in the Government Center's meeting chamber from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Lloyd Scher at 845-5016.

### Cheering And Grooving

Former members of the Johnson C. Smith University band or cheerleader squad are invited to a meeting Nov. 23 at 11 a.m. at the JCSU band room to discuss the formation of an alumni band. For more information, call 378-1000 or 375-8376.

## DSS 'Stonewalling' Black Adoption, Says Critic

By William J. Brock  
POST CORRESPONDENT

Second of two parts.  
The head of a Charlotte community advocacy group says she might be forced to take legal action against Mecklenburg County and the Department of Social Services if her complaints continue to fall on deaf ears.  
Sylvia Grier, President of



Grier

Friends of Black Children Council, accused the DSS Permanency Planning unit of "continuous stonewalling regarding vital information necessary to facilitation of Black

### UNREST AT DSS

child adoption." Grier blames Laurie Bettinghaus, head of Permanency Planning, for creating "unnecessary roadblocks" by refusing to provide clear policy guidelines, numbers of candidate children in-

process, numbers in group home and other settings and numbers specific to racial makeup of the entire pool of available children. Grier also blasted County Commission Chairman Rod Autrey for failing to intervene on behalf of the children.

"It's another typical government cover-up," she said. "I've tried for months to get this information. I wrote Ms. Bettinghaus a formal letter,

we've had meetings--they're simply refusing to provide us the information we need to help get these kids placed in real homes. Rod Autrey won't even return my telephone calls. The problem is, most of these kids are Black--the County just doesn't seem to care about them."

Bettinghaus has declined several opportunities to address any of the accusations. See IS DSS On Page 2A

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW

HATTIE LEEPER

## Black Radio's Diva

By Winfred B. Cross  
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Hattie Leeper never dreamed her after-school job at a radio station would make her a legend.

But it did. Leeper, known in her radio days as "Chattie Hattie," was not only loved by all who listened to Charlotte's WGIV-1600 AM, but earned a spot as the only woman in the Black Radio Hall of Fame.

"It never crossed my mind that I was a pioneer," Leeper said. "If it had, I would have been scared to death. I was young, 16, when I started in the business and I really didn't know I was in the business. It was an after-school job for me. It was a supplement to getting school lunch money. That's all it was."

Leeper started at the station as what she called the "handy girl," answering the phone, opening the stacks of fan mail the deejays received and doing other odds and ends. See CHATTIE On Page 2A



Photo/CALVIN FERROUSON

"Chattie" Hattie Leeper, a pioneer in Black radio when she was a personality at Charlotte's WGIV, now heads the communications department at Gaston College in Dallas, N.C.

## It Won't Be Tall, But Habitat Home Will Be Just As Great

By Ellison Clary  
SPECIAL TO THE POST

The team developing the Carolinas' tallest tower will take time to build a house for a low-income family in Charlotte. NCNB, Charter Properties Inc., Lincoln Property Co. and McDevitt & Street Co. announced that they will work together to build a Habitat for Humanity house from the ground up in Charlotte's Belmont neighborhood.

Susan Hancock, executive director of Habitat for Humanity in Charlotte, said the cooperative effort is unique in the Adopt-A-Home program for the Queen City.

"We've had churches team up on a house but this is the first time corporate entities have banded together to build one," Hancock said.

Sherwood Webb, senior project manager for McDevitt & Street on the NCNB Corporate Center, and Lee G. Lyles, an NCNB senior vice president, announced the cooperative Habitat project jointly.

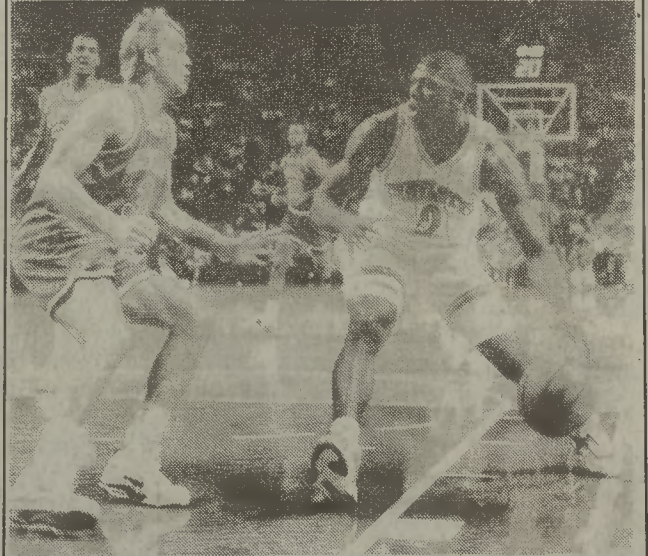
"We're putting up a world-class high-rise building," Webb said. "But we also are concerned about people who need basic housing. Adopt-A-Home lets us express that in a concrete way."

Normally, an Adopt-A-Home effort requires a sponsor to contribute \$37,000 and volunteer labor for construction.

Webb said contractors and subcontractors for McDevitt & Street on the NCNB Corporate Center will contribute materials and labor to the house. NCNB and Charter Properties will contribute the balance of the house costs, Lyles said.

Volunteers from NCNB, Charter Properties, Lincoln Property and McDevitt & Street will join the prospective homeowners to construct the house.

### Not Bad For A Rookie



Photo/FRANK WILLIAMS

Charlotte Hornets forward Larry Johnson (2) has made an impact on the team in just 12 NBA games. Everyone--from coach Allan Bristow to teammate Kendall Gill--has been impressed with his play. Please see story on Page 7B.

### Save The Seed Wants Mentors

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Northwest Area Council of Charlotte's Save The Seed program will be looking for a few good Black men this weekend.

The church-based organization, in which men act as

mentors to boys, will hold a meeting at 10 a.m. Nov. 23 at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church's Enrichment Community Center at 3239 Beatties Ford Road.

For more information on Save The Seed, call Frederick Bowman at 399-5448.

## On The Pill

### JCSU Hopes To Promote Safe Sex On Campus

By Juana Jordan  
SPECIAL TO THE POST

Johnson C. Smith University has taken a turn towards safe sex.

Last month, the Health Center implemented the issuance of birth control pills to students. Condoms were already available.

Before the first pill could be given, the Health Center had to review the legal concerns. JCSU's Vice President of Student Affairs Francine Madrey and the Board of Trustees approved the issue of birth control pills.

Taking into consideration Smith's religious affiliations, university staff pointed out the benefits of having such a program on campus. The school, founded by the Presbyterian Church, is independent but still receives church money.

"We felt that the university should intervene by providing a service to students," said Madrey. "We felt it would give us an opportunity to counsel students on health. See JCSU On Page 2A

## Christmas Bureau Registration

By Scott Wharton  
SPECIAL TO THE POST

Registration for The Christmas Bureau has begun and will continue through Dec. 6. The bureau is located in the Community Services Building at 500 Spratt St.

Hours for the registration are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; the bureau remains open for evening registration until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays only.

The Christmas Bureau provides food, new and nearly new toys to needy Mecklenburg County residents each holiday season. Sponsors are United Way of Central Carolinas, The Salvation Army, the Empty Stocking Fund and the Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services.

People registering must bring the following items to qualify for assistance:

- A current driver's license or picture identification
- A Social Security card for each family member

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