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Incubator Gets New Assistant



Clark

Gwen Clark has joined the West Charlotte Business Incubator as assistant to executive director Laura McClettie. Clark assisted the

incubator through her company, MGL Employment Agency before her appointment. Her key professional skills are in office administration, interactive management and training.

Save The Seed Golf Tourney

Golfers have a chance to help Save The Seed.

The mentoring/educational organization will sponsor a golf tournament May 26 at Renaissance Park Golf Course.

Play starts at 9 a.m. Participants are to arrive at least an hour before tee-off. The format is four players per team.

Entry fee is \$75 per player, which includes green fee, cart, range balls and lunch. All proceeds go to Save The Seed.

For more information, call 332-2209 or 376-7283.

Anita Stroud Radiothon

A local radio station and the Excelsior Club are putting on a benefit for the Anita Stroud Foundation.

The sixth annual WPEG/Excelsior Club Humanity Organization radiothon will be held Saturday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Excelsior Club's parking lot at 921 Beatties Ford Road. Donations are tax deductible and food and drink will be available.

For more information, call the Excelsior Club at 334-5709.

Urban League Class Reunion

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League is having a class reunion.

Graduates of the first 30 computer and office systems training center classes will reunite on May 20 at the Urban League headquarters at 500 N. Tryon St. Festivities start at 6:30 p.m. and last until 8:30 p.m.

RSVPs are asked. For more information, call 376-9834 or 379-7739.

McCrorey Y Open House

The McCrorey YMCA will sponsor a family fun day Saturday. A fish fry will be held from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and a carnival will be held from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

An open house of YMCA programs will also be held. Admission is \$1 per person, which will include four carnival tickets.

For more information, call 394-2356.

IN A CLASS BY HERSELF



PHOTO/HERBERT L. WHITE

TIMES HAVE CHANGED: Davina Hayes of Charlotte is the first African American female to be inducted into Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society at Davidson College since women were allowed on campus in 1973. Behind Hayes is a portrait of former Davidson president Rev. John Hood, served from 1941 to 1957, 16 years before women were allowed to enroll.

Campus Mail Brought A Huge Surprise: Phi Beta Kappa Honor

By Herbert L. White
THE CHARLOTTE POST



When Davina Hayes opened an envelope from Davidson College about a month ago, she thought the contents would be headed for the trash.

But there was a surprise inside. The Davidson senior had received the highest

academic honor American colleges give.

"I just got a letter saying I was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa," she said. "We're always getting mail from Davidson. I just thought it was more junk mail."

Hayes, a biology major, is the first black woman - and second African American overall - from Davidson to be inducted to the honor society since the school opened its doors to women in 1973. The honor came as a shock to Hayes, 22, who graduates Sun-

day.

"It's kind of strange since I didn't know what Phi Beta Kappa was. I didn't know how prestigious it was until I got into the initiation process," she said. "It was a lot of hard work, but it wasn't my initial goal. I just wanted to graduate. Getting into the honor society was sort of a sideline."

Hayes' induction raised eyebrows around campus, not because she didn't deserve it, but because so few

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The Wilmore Neighborhood Association, led by president Maggie Freeman and board member Willie Jeter has embarked on an effort to convert an abandoned building into a community center.

PHOTO/PAUL WILLIAMS III

Rock Still Running Program

Fired Director Heads Fighting Back
Program In A Volunteer Capacity

By Winfred B. Cross
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Nathaniel Rock may be out of a salary, but he's not out of a job.

Rock was fired as director of the Fighting Back program April 13 by Mecklenburg Area Mental Health Director Peter Safir. However, after a unanimous vote by the 27 neighborhood components of the program, Rock still serves in the position on a volunteer basis. Safir has taken over day-to-day operation of the drug-reduction program.

"We can be volunteers and work for the program, so can he," says Nate Love, a neighborhood volunteer representing Reeder Memorial Baptist Church Alcoholics for Christ. "The money doesn't make the director. It's the achievements that have already been displayed that makes him the director."

Rock attended Tuesday's weekly Fighting Back meeting but had no comment. His dismissal is being appealed. A date has yet to be set for his hearing, according to his attorney Michael Sheely.

Mecklenburg County Commissioner Don Walton says that all parties involved need to be more understanding.

"The thing is this is a new venture that requires a new under-

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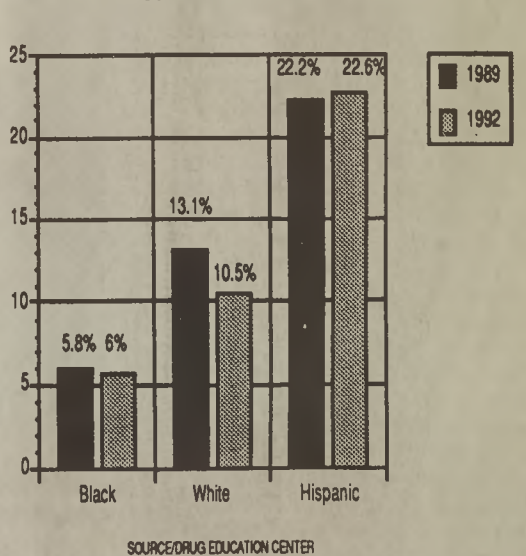
Black Kids Are More Likely To Be Up With Hope, Say No To Dope

By Herbert L. White
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Bucking stereotypes, drug use among black youngsters is almost half that of whites and dropping, according to a recent survey.

The findings, released by the Drug Education Center, paint a rarely-portrayed picture of drug use: 10.5% of white youngsters used drugs (including alcohol and cigarettes) in 1992, a reduction from 13.1% in 1989. Among African Americans

DRUG USE AMONG MECKLENBURG YOUTH BY ETHNICITY



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Wilmore Neighbors Are Confident They'll Get A Community Center

By Cassandra Wynn
THE CHARLOTTE POST

An old boarded-up building on the corner of West Boulevard and Cliffwood Place is slated to become the center of activity in the Wilmore community.

Representatives of the Wilmore Neighborhood Association (WNA) say that they are confident efforts to raise \$133,000 in operating costs

for the first year will be successful.

"We feel good about our goals because we will reach our quota," said Maggie Freeman, president of the Wilmore Neighborhood Association.

The city has agreed to purchase and renovate the site if the neighborhood raises operating costs for the first year. The neighborhood as-

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