

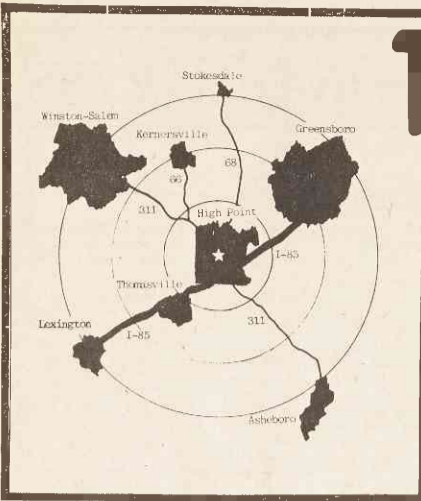
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## Citizens Participation

# MODEL CITIES PROJECT MAY BE AXED JUNE 30

by Gay Payne

**HIGH POINT** - Citizens Participation, one of the projects of Model Cities, is in danger of being phased out June 30, with the rest of the Model Cities programs.

Milton Stallings, director of Citizens Participation as well as many residents in High Point feel that the program should be kept alive.

The purpose of C.P. (Citizens Participation) is "to involve as many citizens as possible in a decision-making process on things which well affect their lifestyles, as well as a channel of information for people throughout the city of High Point," explains Stallings.

"If C.P. is cut off June 30, 1974, then Model Cities has failed because the concept of citizens participation is dead," notes the project's director. Stallings believes that Citizens Participation has helped Model Cities and without the program Model Cities would have failed. This line of thinking is understandable in as much as Model Cities is a federally funded project to help citizens of a particular target area.

What is being done to keep the program, which Mrs. Viola McCollum, a concerned citizen of High Point, terms as "marvelous," alive?

### VA Announces GI Home Loan Rate Drop

**WINSTON-SALEM** - A one-quarter percent reduction in the maximum GI home loan interest rate which became effective January 22, has been announced by H. W. Johnson, Director of the Winston-Salem Veterans Administration Regional Office.

Many hours of manpower have been in to find out if local residents feel a need for continuation of the program.

Also a petition is circulating in the city of High Point which recommends funds be available to continue the Citizens Participation project beyond the June 30, deadline. The petition will be given to the

Model Cities Commission and if approved will be sent to the City Council.

During Thursday's City Council meeting Aaron Byers spoke in favor of the program's continuation.

When asked why he favored further funding for the project, Byers replied that, "the city needs this type of project. Any city does."

"Citizens need someone to help them and involve them in what should be achieved."

"Because High Point has no middle class, there is a need to link the rich and the poor together. Citizens Participation is that link," explained Byers.

Citizens Participation has according to many area residents, performed its

purpose and has at time taken obstacles away when other agencies could not.

"A strong concern and power base is built up in the community. There is a growing concern about what will actually happen because the citizens have seen some great miracles out of Citizens Participation," said Stallings.

Exactly what will happen

to Model Cities and specifically Citizens Participation has many people stymied.

Mrs. Ida Covington, feels that there is "certainly a need to keep the people close to the city fathers" and to her thinking this is one accomplishment of Citizens Participation.



Photo by Brian Montford

Donna Walls With Escort Tom Sikes

## Black Sophomore Crowned Queen At HP College

**HIGH POINT** - For the first time in the annals of history High Point College has a Black Homecoming Queen.

Donna Patricia Walls, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Walls, Sr. of Richmond, Va., is a sophomore majoring in physical therapy at the college.

Miss Walls, elected by popular vote of the students at the predominately white institution, was crowned before the High Point-Catawba basket ball game.

After the crowning, Miss Walls exclaimed, "I feel as if I'm the most important person in the world. I only wish my mother were here."

She received a standing ovation from her many fans at the game.

One of seven children, she is cheerleader and reporter for the colleges newspaper, the Hi-Po.

She was a contestant in last year's Miss High Point Pageant. Due to illness, she was unable to compete, but received the Miss Congeniality award.

An avid fan of modeling, she enjoys gymnastics, music, swimming, traveling, creative arts and writing and meeting people.

She is the niece of Mr. and Mrs. John Green of Lamb Avenue in High Point.



Dr. C.A. Lyons Jr.

## Dr. C.A. Lyons New President of NAFEO

**HOUSTON, TEXAS** - Dr. Charles "A" Lyons, Jr., Chancellor, Fayetteville State University has been named President of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

Dr. Lyons' election came at the annual meeting of the association in Houston, Texas. He succeeds Dr. Herman Branson, President of Lincoln University in Pennsylvania.

NAFEO is composed of more than 100 predominantly Black colleges and Universities enrolling over 200,000 students in undergraduate, graduate and professional schools.

In his acceptance remarks, Dr. Lyons stated that he was gratified at the trust his peers had placed after serving as Dean of Elizabeth City State University for three years.

Under Dr. Lyons' leadership, Fayetteville State University has experienced

"These are very crucial times for NAFEO - member institutions and I solicit your cooperation and support as we face, together, the challenges ahead of us in higher education in general and in Black higher education in particular. Dr. Lyons said, "I pledge to you that I will utilize all of the leadership talent we have in this association as we move forward to meet these challenges."

Dr. Lyons has been the chief administrator at Fayetteville State University since 1969. He came to the post from Howard University, where he was Director of Admissions.

Prior to going to Howard University he was Execu-

## \$195,000 Grant Is Awarded A&T State

**GREENSBORO** - A&T State University has received approval for its second major foundation grant in two weeks, this one \$195,000 from W.K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Mich. to strengthen its business and economics program.

The grant, largest ever received by the fast growing School of Business and Economics, was announced by Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy, chancellor.

Dowdy said the new funds will be extremely valuable in assisting the school with faculty development, library services, teaching aids and student scholarships.

"At a time when the School of Business and Economics is pressing for national accreditation by the American Assembly of Collegiate Schools of Business, this manifestation of faith and commitment to our program is even more significant," said Dowdy.

He pointed out that it was the Kellogg Foundation which awarded the university \$200,000 five years ago, which greatly assisted A&T in achieving national accreditation of its schools of engineering and nursing and department of chemistry.

"Kellogg's commitment to providing educational opportunities for the predominantly black colleges and universities, including the public institutions, is one of the most heartening developments in the nation today," said Dr. Quister Craig, dean of the School of Business and Economics.

Easily the fastest growing program on the A&T campus, the School of Business and Economics today enrolls more than 1,000 students.

### Discrimination Charged In Chair City

**THOMASVILLE** - Dewitt White, a leader in this city's black community, has charged discrimination in city hiring practices. Wilhite made his charges before the Thomasville City Council at a meeting last week.

Wilhite told council members that the NAACP had requested that he appear before them with his grievances and that the organization was prepared to intercede should there be no action on the part of the governing body.



Kevin Gibson

## THS Senior Appointed House Page

**THOMASVILLE** - Kevin Gibson, 17, son of Mrs. Dorothy Renwick, has been appointed a page to the State House of Representatives for one week.

Gibson, a Thomasville High School senior will be the first black youth from Davidson County to serve as a General Assembly page.

Davidson County Rep. Bill Long recommended Gibson for the post and House Speaker James Ramsey sent notice of the appointment to Gibson last week.

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## Millions Depend Upon Black Press

The Black Press in the 70's faces, along with all black



By Vernon E. Jordan Jr. Executive Director National Urban League

people, a time of testing. That fruitful period of social reform and advancement of black citizens' rights we have called the Second Reconstruction seems ended, although it is as unfinished as the First Reconstruction of over a century ago.

In times such as these there can be no substitute for a dynamic, free press that exposes inequities and educates its readers.

It was the Black Press that led the fight against lynching, against police brutality, against employment discrimination and for desegregation of schools and universities long before these causes were even thought of by white publishers

and editors.

The role of the Black Press in this new era of struggle continues to be crucial. It bears the major burdens of the effort to educate the black public to new issues. It will have to explain what revenue sharing is, what the local process in deciding expenditures of funds will be,

where the local power-levers are and how they can be moved, and what the black community must do to get its fair share of the funds.

It is upon that basic institution of a free black press that the hopes of millions of our black brothers and sisters will rest in this crucial decade of the 70's.



**SCHLITZ SUPPORTS UNCF** - A major supporter of the United Negro College Fund each year, the Jos. Schlitz Brewing Company recently contributed \$10,000 to the 1974 drive. Schlitz Chairman and President Robert A. Uihlein Jr. (left), presented the check to Bernard W. Been, assistant vice president of the urban affairs department of the First Wisconsin National Bank and vice chairman of the UNCF effort in Wisconsin.

**"We must give our children a sense of pride in being black. The glory of our past and the dignity of our present must lead the way to the power of our future."**

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL