

Library Roundtable Held At Shaw

Fifty years ago, a group of minority librarians from across the state assembled at Shaw University to establish what became known as the North Carolina Negro Library Association. The purpose was to aid in the development of Negro library work and promote closer relationships among librarians.

That organization, after 20 years of functioning, merged with the North Carolina Library Association in 1954 because of desegregation.

A group of ethnic minority librarians remembered that group recently when they convened at Shaw University for the first official program of the Roundtable for Ethnic Minority Concerns.

"It was an historically significant occasion," said Clarence Toomer, director of Shaw University's Learning Resources Center.

The theme for the REMCO session was "Network and Mentoring: The Impact of Cross-Generational Experiences in the Career Development of Ethnic Minority Librarians."

Dr. Benjamin F. Speller, Jr., acting dean of library and information science at North Carolina Central University and featured speaker for the session, expressed several concerns relating to ethnic minority librarians. One such concern was the underrepresentation of black faculty and administrators in traditionally white professional education programs that could impact negatively on black students.

Other concerns Speller shared with the members were black students' reluctance to participate in the networking process and the possible exclusion of blacks and other ethnic minorities from the social and educational networks. Speller said if that does develop, the effects would impact negatively on the students' career development and patterns.



CHEERFUL NEWS—Johannesburg, South Africa—A crowd of people cheer at hearing the news of Bishop Desmond Tutu's winning the Nobel Peace Prize. The black Anglican bishop is a leading voice in South Africa for non-violent efforts to end that country's apartheid policy. The award consists of a diploma and gold medal to be presented at a ceremony in Oslo, Norway, on Dec. 10 and a cash prize of 1.65 million Swedish crowns worth \$190,000.

Mrs. Naomi Debnam Hostess To Friday Afternoon Book Club

Ms. Naomi Debnam of the Friday Afternoon Book Club was the hostess Oct. 12 at 1 p.m. The president, Ms. Maude Evans, presided. The devotional service was led by Ms. Justine Davis. The roll was called and each member gave a poem of their choice. The sick report was made and the treasurer made her report. The president called for unfinished business. After it was discussed, the hostess introduced the speaker for the afternoon, Ms. Ann Hurdle. Her topic was "Tough Times Never Last but Tough People Do," by Robert Schuller.

The hostess then invited the members into the dining room where they were served a meal consisting of pork barbecue, baked chicken, early peas in a casserole, potatoes, jam, potato salad, cranberry salad, cole slaw, pickled beets, hot rolls, hush-puppies, punch, and for dessert, potato custard, coconut custard, pecan custard, ice cream, mints and peanuts.

Ms. Nora Lockhart thanked the hostess for the hospitality. The meeting adjourned with the club motto. The hostess gave each member a gift as they were leaving.

Guest was Ms. Ann Hurdle. Members present were Ms. Mary Bryant, Ms. Mildred L. Chavis, Ms. Naomi Debnam, Ms. Maude Evans, Ms. Mildred T. James, Ms. Beulah Jones, Ms. Elizabeth Jordan, Ms. Mary P. Lane, Ms. Sallie Lane, Ms. Nora E. Lockhart, Ms. Dorothy Sanders and Ms. Louise Webster.

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Child Mental Health Confab To Be Held October 18-19

A two-day conference entitled "New Directions in Child Mental Health" will be held Oct. 18-19 at the Radisson Hotel in Raleigh. The conference is sponsored by the N. C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services.

The conference, which is designed for professionals in the child mental health field, will offer specialized training in drug and alcohol treatment for emotionally disturbed children and adolescents; vocational psychotherapy; and in-home services.

A portion of the October 19 afternoon session will be televised on November 2 from 8-10 p.m. by OPEN NET, a public affairs program broadcast throughout North Carolina by many local cable companies.

The OPEN NET broadcast on November 2 will include one unedited hour of the October 19 panel discussion on "New Directions in North Carolina Child Mental Health Programs," followed by one hour of live, studio-based discussion. The live portion of the broadcast will include questions via telephone from viewers across the state. During the call-in portion of the program, citizens can call direct or collect by dialing (919) 733-6341.



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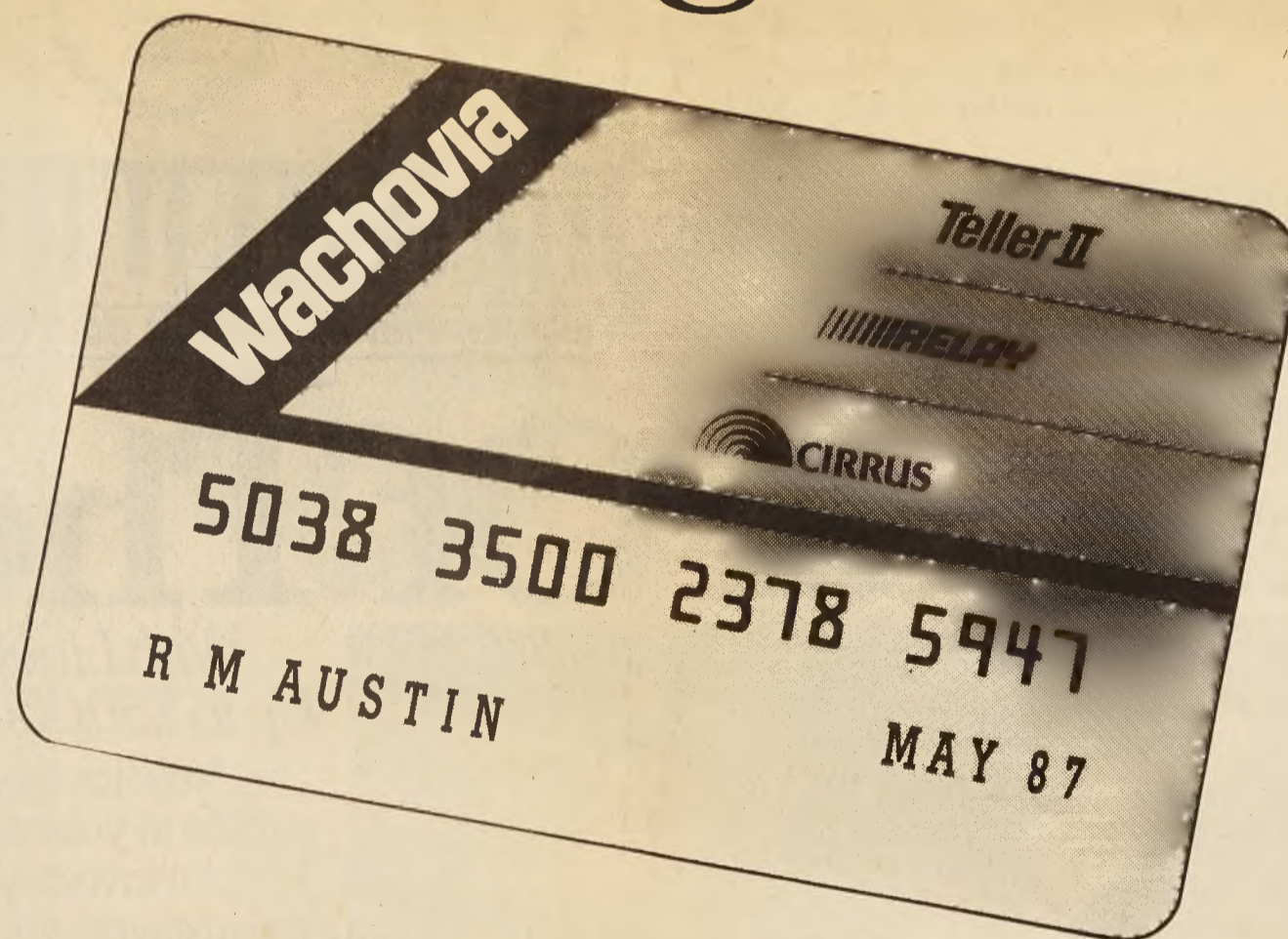
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