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GAC Members Publish Booklets

Four staff members of the North Carolina General Assistance Center published four booklets during the 1976-77 project year. Operating under an annual contract with the United States Office of Education, the Center's mission is to aid public school systems in North Carolina in alleviating educational problems attendant to classroom integration.

According to Dr. Clinton Downing, Director of the Center, each publication is designed to assist public school systems in professional development of teachers and administrators in areas of curriculum improvement, community relations and staff training with respect to desegregation on the basis of sex bias, sex discrimination, and race.

Each publication has been shared with school systems in North Carolina and State Departments of Education in all states. Requests for copies of each booklet have been enormous.



STELLA CHAMBLISS

Improving Reading Comprehension Through Cloze Passages and Skinny Books was published by Stella Chambliss, Curriculum Specialist in Reading for the Center. The publication is designed to assist teachers in finding ways to improve the student's reading comprehension.

The Cloze procedure offers the teacher a simple technique for teaching students to read with greater understanding. The student's attention is focused on the passages they are reading. At the same time they are reading to more accurately predict words that have been deleted.

Motivating the Reluctant Learner was published by Betty Quinn, Curriculum Specialist in the area of Exceptional Children. The booklet is a description of teacher made materials and activities that have been used successfully in secondary classes containing underachieving students. Each activity is designed to assist teachers in creating a classroom climate that is stimulating for the disenchanted student.



BOBBY PETTIS

Positive Communicative Skills Necessary in a Desegregated Society was edited by Bobby Pettis, School-Community Relations Specialist for the Center. The publication is an account of a student-adult retreat conducted by the General Assistance Center for Columbus County Schools.

The major purpose for the retreat was to improve communication and facilitate understanding between parent-child teacher-student, administrator-teacher, administrator-student, parent-teacher-administrator, and student-student.

The publication serves as a model for other school systems. Activities are designed to help participants understand themselves, and others in a more positive manner.



BETTY QUINN



BARBARA RAGLAND

How to Erase Sex Bias in Your Classroom was published by Barbara Ragland, Title IX (Sex Discrimination) Specialist for the Center. The booklet is designed in two parts. The first portion is a checklist to determine if educators have made progress in eliminating sex bias in assigning tasks to students. The second part is a compilation of specific activities designed for use in classroom to raise the level of consciousness among students as related to sex discrimination in every day life.

Minority Arts Receives Inactive Status

By JOYCE EVANS
Features Editor

Minority Arts Committee has been placed on inactive status temporarily, not canceled, according to Dennis Ramsey, president of the Student Union.

Ramsey said the committee didn't perform at all. Besides, they were on trial period.

"Due to tightness of funds, Minority Arts and Video Tapes were placed on inactive," said Ramsey.

Ramsey said he expected to hear responses from black students, but got little response.

"If black students want this committee, they must show more interest and support the black committee," said Ramsey.

Ramsey said if the black students have

good ideas and show interest he is willing to reinstate the committee.

Clarence Williams, ECU drama student, has approached Ramsey with a few good ideas. But without support of the black students, the committee will not stand.

Williams and Ramsey both agree that there must be support from the black students to make the committee worthwhile.

Ramsey said the committee had a budget of about \$4000 and he gives the chairman complete independence to work.

Coretha Rushing, former chairman of Minority Arts, discussed the problems she faced as chairman of the committee in an interview with EBONY HERALD.

Ms. Rushing said the response was low for the work that was put into the planning

of the Black Arts week.

According to Ms. Rushing, when so little interest is shown, it becomes difficult to plan other activities.

"They expect us to work with very little money," she said.

It is very difficult to plan anything to please the vast majority when the better events cost much more money than one has to work with, according to Ms. Rushing.

The rule that events must be held on campus was an obstacle, said Ms. Rushing.

"Few blacks would come to dances on campus," she said.

Ms. Rushing feels it is important to have some voice to get black representation.

"Maybe without Minority Arts, blacks will have to get on other committees," she said hopefully.

Board Fails To Act On Renaming

By TIM JONES
Executive Editor

The ECU Board of Trustees failed to act on the renaming of the Afro-American Cultural Center (AACC) after Ledonia Wright, deceased adviser to SOULS, in its quarterly meeting this Spring.

This is the second consecutive time that the issue was not included on the agenda for the board's meeting.

James Tucker, Dean of Student Affairs, said that he could not imagine why the resolution from SOULS, requesting the renaming, was not mentioned at the meeting.

Tucker, a non-member of the Board, did acknowledge, however, that the board had devised a special committee, in its meeting last winter, to review the matter and present recommendations.

According to Dalton Nicholson, former SOULS President, the board had assured him that the presidents of SOULS and the SGA would each receive a letter, informing him of the board's spring quarter meeting and probable actions on the renaming.

Neither Neil Sessoms, SGA President, nor Doneil Croom, SOULS President, received such a letter.

Sessoms, who attended the meeting, said that he did not remind the board of the issue, because he knew nothing about the SOULS resolution.

Recently installed in office, Sessoms did not know Mrs. Wright or anything about her work with SOULS, but said that he would support the resolution, because of the black students' interest in the matter.

"As far as I'm concerned, you can call it (AACC) anything you want to," he commented.

Sessoms said that he would contact Troy Pate, chairman of the board, as soon as possible to find out about the issue.

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Editorial

Jenkins Vetoes Recall

By TIM JONES
Executive Editor

ECU Chancellor Leo Jenkins sent a letter to Ricky Price, Speaker of the SGA Legislature, last week officially cancelling a recall election.

According to Jenkins, Neil Sessoms and Reed Warren, SGA President and Vice President should not have to defend their right to hold office, by a recall election.

Jenkins said that the new offices were properly elected, and the election by plurality stands, as the official act of the Elections Committee and the administration.

As chancellor of the university, Jenkins has the right to override any decision by the legislature that he feels detrimental to rights of any students.

I hope that with Jenkins' decision the conflict that has plagued our student government will immediately cease.

As a supporter of Tim Sullivan and the recall election, I feel that the students should put away their hostilities toward our new executives and begin to work with them, aiding them in running a successful administration.

Personally I believe in Tim Sullivan's "Students First" policy, and I am impressed with his actions in office. He was and is my choice for SGA President, but Jenkins' word is the final word, and we, the losing team, need to begin working on behalf of the students.

During the past few weeks tempers have soared on both sides, each person believing that his opinion was right. Members of the legislature, SGA and FOUNTAINHEAD have been slandered, threatened and extorted.

As long as such childish instances continue to occur our SGA will remain handicapped.

The war is over. Sessoms and Warren are in office for the remainder of their terms, and those who have fought so hard to defeat them must out of loyalty to their positions and the students, work with the new student executives to provide an effective student government.

Sessoms' supporters have claimed that the new student president could not work well with the hassles of the opposing forces surrounding him.

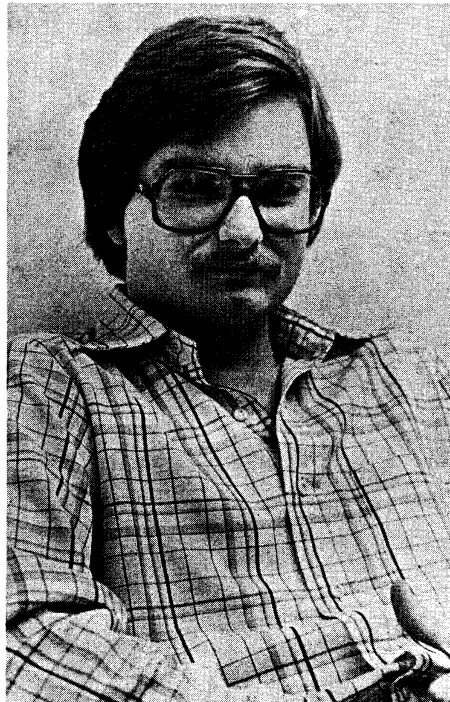
Now is the time that these binds should be released, and the students will know for sure if they have elected a competent president.

We (EBONY HERALD) will not hesitate to help Sessoms in any way possible to carry out programs in the students' behalf. Neither will we be reluctant to criticize actions that we or the student body may deem as unfavorable.

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Speaker Criticizes FOUNTAINHEAD



RICKY PRICE
Speaker of SGA Legislature

By TIM JONES
Executive Editor

Ricky Price, Speaker of the SGA Legislature, denied accusations of misusing his office, and criticized FOUNTAINHEAD Editor Jim Elliott for printing misleading articles and refusing to print certain editorials, in an interview, Sunday.

Price, who has been attacked numerous times in the FOUNTAINHEAD "Forum", said that Elliott has abused the editorial column by printing mainly articles, turned in from students who agree with FOUNTAINHEAD on the SGA conflict.

Price said that Elliott has on several occasions refused to print letters from members of the legislature and Elections Committee, criticizing his editorials.

Elliott also used the student paper to campaign for SGA President Neil Sessoms, Price said, by printing articles to politically destroy former SGA President Tim Sullivan, who at the time was seeking reelection.

Sessoms is the former Co-News Editor of FOUNTAINHEAD.

"Many students didn't know that Neil worked for FOUNTAINHEAD, and took what they read as the gospel," Price commented.

Price said that the legislature has always been fair, and he has not attempted to manipulate parliamentary procedure in favor of either of the opposing sides.

He did say, however, that over three fourths of the legislature are in agreement on the recall issue, but it is not because he has pushed them in that direction.

"The legislature is the representative body of the students representing student ideas," Price commented.

He added that his actions, just as those of the legislature, are on the behalf of the student body.

Cadet Explains ROTC Programs

By RICKY LOWE
Staff Writer

The ROTC program offers a considerable amount of financial assistance, with no bearing on family income for eligibility.

An ROTC cadet can expect full payment of tuition, incidental fees, textbooks, plus a one hundred dollar a month allowance and payment of travel fees.

"The ROTC program offers a man a lot of leadership training and experience," said Walter Hooker, an ECU ROTC cadet. "It's well worth the time if in you're interested in leading."

Hooker said that the financial benefits are really good but he believes the experience is a lot more valuable.

Hooker also stressed the fact that a cadet will usually have an advantage over the average person, because of the reputation of training and discipline that the program has.

"When people find out you were a cadet, they automatically know you are capable of leading," he commented. "They know you can work with people. ROTC develops the character of a man and shapes his future."

ROTC offers two programs, one for the traditional four years and another for two years.

Recruiting for the four year program usually begins in high school, even though candidates may apply after entering the college or university of their choice.

A candidate for the program must be at least seventeen years old (eighteen for women), and he must be able to complete all commissioning requirements by the age of twenty-five.

He must be a full-time student at the institution that he will attend.

All applicants are required to pass an ROTC aptitude test and medical examination.

After meeting these qualifications, the student must satisfactorily complete a six-week summer field training course at an ROTC base.

The two year program or Professional Officers Course (POC) consists of three hours of classroom instruction and a one hour leadership lap each week.

The POC is limited to rising juniors, to be completed in the junior and senior years.

The subject matter in the junior year is concerned with the nation's security forces. In the second year the POC concentrates on leadership and management problems, to prepare the student for the professional and individual aspects of commissioning.

Throughout the POC particular emphasis is placed on oral and written communication.



CONTESTANTS for "Miss College Bound, 1977"

Deltas Crown "Miss College Bound"

By Joyce Evans
Features Editor

Grossie Ella Smith was crowned "Miss College Bound, 1977," by the Greenville Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Saturday, April 2, at the West Greenville Recreation Center.

Miss Smith, a D.H. Conley High School senior, received a \$660 scholarship and a silver trophy.

Paulette Hill was first runner up and Kendall Gallopes was second runner up.

Thirteen contestants competed by raising money. Smith raised \$1,060, the highest amount of money, and was crowned "Miss College Bound."

All the contestants received a scholarship amounting to 60 percent of the money they raised. This represents a recent change in the program, according to Lillie Powell, sorority president.

Previously, only the winner received a scholarship.

Delta Sigma Theta is a service sorority and has sponsored scholarship aid to more than 100 girls over the past 18 years, remarked Rebecca Norcott, a sorority member.

All the young ladies wore a long white evening gown and carried a long-stem red rose.

Miss Smith was draped with a floor length red cape and she was given a bouquet of red roses. Then she marched down the aisle. She returned and sat on a mock throne.

Music and the red and white color scheme created a soft mood leading up to the spectacular event of crowning the queen.

"The Way We Were" was the theme for the evening. Mrs. Saline Forbes played the theme song while Rebecca Norcott recited the words.

The Tarboro Jubilee Singers entertained with spirituals from "Life Every Voice and Sing to "Jesus is a Listening All Day Long."

They harmonized with soul stirring songs and without music. These young men and women had a dramatic effect upon the audience who later gave them a standing ovation.

Mr. Walter Plummer directs the Jubilee Singers.

Recognition to visiting sororities and special thanks were given to businesses supporting "Miss College Bound" by Eleanor Hagans, sorority sister.

Miss Smith plans to attend Howard and major in psychology.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Smith, Jr. of Winterville.

Jones Appointed Editor

By C.R. KNIGHT
Staff Writer

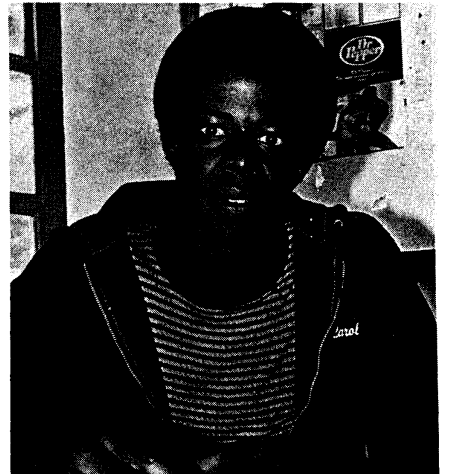
Tim Jones was appointed editor of the EBONY HERALD by the SGA Communications Board during its screening for 1977-78 publications.

Jones was temporarily appointed editor of the HERALD at the end of winter quarter when Kenneth Campbell, the past editor, graduated. As temporary editor Jones said, "There was a lot of news in the edition that was pertinent to both blacks and whites."

Jones feels that being editor of the paper is a challenging opportunity and that it has helped him to expand his own interests.

"Being editor of the EBONY HERALD is academically beneficial to me," he said. "It gives me experience in the area of my concentration of study in addition to experience in the field that I plan to pursue as a lifetime career."

Jones says that he enjoys getting into news. "It is an interesting field," he said.



TIM JONES, EBONY HERALD Editor
Photo by Kirk Kingsbury

"My interest in journalism stemmed from having been on the FOUNTAINHEAD staff as a freshman."

Jones worked as News Editor of EBONY HERALD during the past school year.

Student Wins Magazine Scholarship

By JOYCE EVANS
Features Editor

Betty Scott Lane recently won \$2,700 in scholarship awards from McCall's Life Pattern and Soroptimist International of the Americas.

Ms. Lane received a \$200 award from the local competition making her eligible to compete for the regional award.

From among 200 applicants from the southeastern states, she won a \$2,500 scholarship award.

Ms. Lane was chosen on the basis of application, course of study, grades, financial need, and maturity.

Along with the scholarships, she received an expense paid trip to Ocean City, Md. during the weekend of April 15 to 17 to accept the award.

With the excitement of the event still evident, she talked briefly about what the scholarship meant to her.

"This award will enable me to graduate

next year. I can supplement my income and take more courses," she said happily.

Ms. Lane said this was a "by chance thing." She came very close to not applying for the award.

McCall's Life Pattern Fund is geared toward mature women who want to continue their education. It is administered by a group of business and professional women.

Soroptimist International gives 23 regional awards and have several clubs overseas.

Ms. Lane is an ECU accounting major and she plans to be a CPA. She graduated from Greene County High School as salutatorian of her class.

She is a resident of Snow Hill and the mother of two children. The ambitious young woman is a pretty divorcee working to being a new life as a professional career woman. And with all she's got going for herself, she'll succeed.

Socio-economic Situations Influence Black Crime In Greenville

By TIM JONES
Executive Editor

Local sources active in the black community believe that economic and psychological problems are the major causes for high crime rates among Greenville blacks.

Such crimes usually involve assault, rape or larceny.

Court cases charging a black with assault practically always involve a black versus another black, according to Robert L. White, a Greenville attorney.

White said that assault cases often result from frustration due to job oppression and frustrations in everyday transactions in the predominantly white world.

The victim of suppression, said White, may release his anxieties by striking out at his family and peers (other blacks), and then may wind up in court facing charges of assault.

Unemployment and poverty are among the leading reasons that blacks commit larceny, the most common offense affecting whites in Greenville, according to White.

"More thefts are committed interracial, because blacks have nothing to steal,"

White said.

Many blacks are arrested for the use of drugs, especially marijuana.

The sentences for possession and use of marijuana are not as strict, White said, now that it is as popular among whites as it is among blacks.

White accused the County Courts of being discriminatory, implying that the courts give heavier sentences to blacks involved in interracial offenses than to blacks who commit crimes against other blacks.

"The average black who kills another black gets less time than another black who assaults a white," White said.

Many black youths fulfill their needs by committing crimes, and many do not consider their actions wrong, said Mrs. Eve C. Rogers, Pitt County Family Court Counselor.

Rogers, who works mostly with black and white juveniles, said that black youths faced with court prosecution are usually from culturally deprived homes and feel victimized by society.

Rogers said that, with some exceptions, most black juveniles do not blame racial situations for their problems.

Usually they feel that this is the way it has to be, because it has been this way for generations," she noted.

"We are careful not to look at juvenile delinquency as a whole, but view each case separately," she added.

The purpose of the juvenile court is to serve the needs of the child, Rogers said. The delinquent act is secondary.

Rogers said she has observed many instances of discrimination in adult court, but claimed that little racism is found in the juvenile program.

Several juvenile judges here are attentive to the socio-economic situation of a child, Rogers said, and this results in discrimination.

Children from well-to-do families get more lenient treatment than those children (usually black) from impoverished homes.

Judges often feel that a child of educated parents who own a comfortable home will receive the necessary rehabilitation at home, Rogers said.

"On the other hand, a child from a poor family goes before the judge, and he (the judge) feels that we have to take care of this situation here," she commented. "He won't receive any guidance at home."

Reverend L.L. Thorbs, a Greenville

merchant and a local minister, said the reasons why blacks become involved in crime lie mostly within themselves.

"In the first place they don't have Christ in their lives, and they have no purpose for living," Thorbs stated.

Thorbs, who operates his florest shop in one of Greenville's black sections, said that many of the city's young blacks refuse to work and are willing to get by in the world in any way possible with no consideration for infringing on the rights of others.

Thorbs said he has realized that many young blacks are involved in drugs, a habit they cannot afford.

Church attendance among black youths in Greenville is poor, according to Thorbs. He estimated that 60-65 per cent of the area's young blacks are not church goers.

Many of the churches in the black community are lacking in their attempts to appeal to the young, Thorbs said. However, some churches here initiate programs such as sports teams, rap sessions, and fellowship dinners to attract youths.

The main problem between the church and the youths, Thorbs feels, is that the churches invite young people in and give them no responsibilities.

WITN Hires Black Program Director

By JOYCE EVANS
Features Editor

When Henry Lee, former master control engineer, was recently promoted to program director at WITN-TV, Washington, he became "a first."

Lee, a 22-year old black man was hired at Channel 7 last April. And now, for the first time in eastern North Carolina, race did not prevail.

The handsome young man speaks with a slight northern accent and is seemingly in control of himself in every way.

Lee admitted that in high school, he wasn't really interested in communication. But then he entered Shaw University, Raleigh, to major in business. He became interested in radio and TV and changed his major.

Lee's credentials for employment are numerous, for he set out to learn everything he could and to accept anything that challenged him.

He was program director at WSHA, a student run station in Raleigh and one of the top collegiate stations in the country.

Lee said he enjoys directing because he has more responsibility and it is a daily challenge.

"Even though you know the work, you can still make the same mistake," he said thoughtfully.

"On the larger market scale, it (directing) is more difficult."

Lee worked as a news correspondent for Mutual Black Network News during the Joann Little trial.

Several months ago, Lee attended the annual conference at Howard University.

Lee said the conference is for minorities who are interested in communications. Their aim is to give minorities an idea what to expect in the broadcast job market, briefing them on what goes on in the industry.

The conferences are long and take up

much of one's time, but they are worthwhile and interesting, according to Lee.

At the conference, Lee talked to several employers and recruiters from universities. He had several good offers, but the one initiating plans to further his education appealed to him more.

Next August, Lee will attend Marquette University, Milwaukee, to get his masters in broadcasting management.

He has accepted a teacher's assistance from Marquette. Lee said it is a real good deal, for he will be working in a major market.

He'll be getting free tuition and pay plus, it's another challenge for him.

Thinking of how little money he has worked for to get the experience he now has, he philosophizes.

"Don't be too proud to work for free," he stressed.

Lee tried to do everything he could, but he said he was not much interested in news because he was not a "get out and walk the beat" person.

He prefers working behind the scenes.

He doesn't necessarily wish to be on the air. Yet he has worked as a DJ. Believe it or not, he worked for a country western station in Durham.

Lee said he worked from 12 to 5 a.m. He did a half hour talk show, played country music, gave the news, had a two-way line conversation with people on the air, talked to truck drivers on the radio, and then more music.

Lee said he enjoyed that too. Anything that challenges this ambitious young man seems to delight him.

If that's the way to bright lights, Lee will shine, shine, shine. He has already covered a tremendous territory since his birth in Mullins, S.C. and his growing up in Bridgeport, Conn.

"From Connecticut to North Carolina and from North Carolina to Milwaukee. And then, who knows?" said Lee.



QUIET ECSTASY II [Photo by Larry Surles]

Local Band Active On Campus

By TONI HARRIS
Staff Writer

Reggie Day, Thomas McLaurin, Ricky Wartof and Robert Lee Burford unite and produce the smooth rhythmic sounds of Quiet Ecstasy.

The group was organized in December of 1976, and has been moving on since their appearance at the Delta Talent Show.

They recently played for the Coffee House in Mendenhall. Quiet Ecstasy is the first black group from the area to perform for the Student Union.

In order to play for the Coffee House, the band had to audition. The event was

held in the Multi-Purpose room, and received the largest turnout ever.

Quiet Ecstasy also appeared downtown at "Thursdays" for the Phi Mu Alpha Scholarship. There they were the highlight of the show.

Reggie Day, the group manager, has written two songs entitled "City Girl" and "Love Song." Thomas McLaurin has written a song entitled "Ladin's Magic Lamp."

The group was formed because there is no black entertainment on campus, except for the Cultural Center activities.

"We offer more than just head music," said Reggie Day.

Announcements

WECU

WECU offers listeners two special "soul" shows on Sundays: Louise Roseborough's special on Black Female Vocalists (7-9 p.m.) and Brinn Wilson's Soul Revue, featuring popular black artists (9-12 p.m.)

Talent Show

The Gammettes of Sigma Gamma Rho are sponsoring a Talent Show. All persons interested in participating should contact Joyce Mourning at 758-8831.

Staff Meeting

EBONY HERALD staff meeting Wednesday, May 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Mendenhall Student Center.

Graduation Party

Upsilon Zeta chapter of Omega Psi Phi will sponsor a "Graduation Party" on May 28, 1977 from 9:00 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at Wright Auditorium. Entertainment provided by "Funky Broadway, Inc." Admission is \$1.00.

WRC Observes Women's Awareness

By TIM JONES
Executive Editor

Seven black women were awarded at the annual Women's Awareness Night, April 19, sponsored by the Women's Residence Council (WRC).

Over one hundred women were selected based on academic achievement, athletics, and extra-curricula activities.

According to Regina Thompson, WRC representative, women were selected by responses from letters sent to each department chairman, asking for recommendations of outstanding women students in his respective department.

Academic awards were presented by Chancellor Leo Jenkins to Betty Scott Lane

(Accounting Department) and Patricia Jones (Business Department).

Ruth Fulghum, Dean of Women, presented non-academic awards to Pam Cathy (Service), Sheila Bunch and Sheila Scott (Who's Who), Debbie Freeman (Athletics) and Regina Thompson (WRC).

The program was in honor of the chancellor's wife, Mrs. Lillian Jenkins.

This was the first year that the WRC had sponsored a Women's Awareness Night instead of Women's Awareness Week. Thompson said that a week devoted to Women's Awareness has not gone over successfully in the past.

The WRC decided that the affair would be more effective and more beneficial by devoting one night to recognize outstanding women students.

ECU Co-op Offers Summer Employment

Entry-level jobs, in the parks, are still available at Kings Dominion (Ashland, Va.), Carowinds, (Charlotte, N.C.) and Bush Gardens (Williamsburg, Va.), according to Dr. Betsy Harper, coordinator for ECU's Cooperative Education program.

Kings Dominion is a one hour's drive from Richmond, Va. and one and one half hours from Washington, D.C.

According to Dr. Harper, recent conversations with personnel from these recreation employers indicate that students who perform well during their first summer

are given supervisory jobs in following years.

Recruitment for permanent personnel will be given to people familiar with total operation.

Applicants are warned, however, that housing is scarce. One should select a location with relatives or friends to save expenses since minimum wages are usually paid for these entry-level jobs.

Interested persons should contact members of the Co-op staff in Rawl 311 for further information.

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