

BUSINESS IN THE BLACK
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The black community is in a depression. Unemployment for us exceeds the white 1930's level. Government made jobs should be given to the needy. The new 95th Congress will be dealing with the funding appropriation for the Job Bill Act. Black Congressional Caucus members must call for an affirmative action program. Write and remind them.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SOCIAL SERVICES AT UNLV

Esther Langston believes strongly that every person has a right to human dignity and to achieve his potential in life.

That's why you'll find the tenured associate professor of social services at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas on practically every board and agency in the city that helps the poor and the victims of racial discrimination.

Ms. Langston, who joined the UNLV faculty in 1970, states that the blacks have made gains in the number of elective office holders in the community from none to five.

But there is a long way to go, she says, in placing blacks into management jobs. The unemployment rolls are still too high, especially in the black community with the youths.

Ms. Langston teaches classes in "Social Work with Black Families," "Community Organization," "Integrated Practice Methods," and "Social Policy Evaluation of Aging Programs." But it is her work off the campus that is never ending.

As a field instructor at Operation Life, "D" Street and Jackson, she not only teaches university students how to help the poor, but does a great deal of social work herself through the women, infants and children programs, its early development screening efforts and its general counseling programs. She is also field instructor at the Intertribal Council and Boy's Parole.

She works in conjunction with Clark County's Legal Aid office, Nevada State Welfare, the United Way, Clark County Juvenile Court, and various other community agencies to explore alternatives for eliminating such problems as unemployment, hunger, family turmoil and housing. The goal, she says, is to help the individual and the social system meet basic human needs.

"It's hard not to get involved," she states. "There's too much to be done to ignore the plight of so many people."

"Social work puts you in the real world, out where you can make some real changes," she commented. "But it doesn't come easy. You've got to make your voice heard in an era where basic human needs are not the number one priority."

Four years ago, Ms. Langston was elected to the House of Delegates, a policy-making board for the Council on Social Work Education in the United States and Canada. She has served as member of the accrediting body which evaluates curricular standards and admission policies for schools seeking accreditation.

Now in her second three-year term, she is required to travel all over the country to attend to the committee's mandate of maintain-high standards in the nation's schools of social work.

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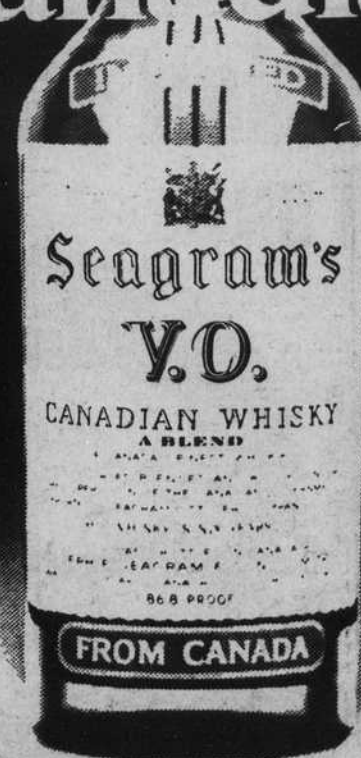
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