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## STORES HIT HARD BY SHOPLIFTERS



**A 'HEALTHY' COMPANY:** The cast from **FEELING GOOD** gathering at Mac's Place, a small variety store, includes: Rex Everhart [Mac]; Priscilla Lopez [Rita]; Ethel Shutta [Mrs. Stebbins]; Ben Slack [Hank]; Marjorie Barnes [Melba]; and Joe Morton [Jason]. Premiering November 20 on the UNC-TV Network, **FEELING GOOD** conveys basic health information and encourages viewers to maintain or achieve good health. **FEELING GOOD** is produced by CTW, creators of **SESAME STREET**.

## Educator Sees Need For Black Colleges

The preservation and continuation of the predominately black college is an imperative for the nation, a noted black leader said here last Friday.

Dr. Samuel D. Proctor, former president of A&T State University, urged approximately 500 A&T alumni Friday to continue their unqualified support of predominantly black university because "black colleges represent a moral victory, a rising out of the ashes of poverty, slavery and racism."

Dr. Proctor, speaking to the A&T University Foundation's salute to the Chancellor's Council, an annual banquet honoring contributors to institutions "represent a great moral victory for this republic."

"They represent the human spirit at its best, as opposed to slavery, which was the human spirit at its worst."

Dr. Proctor, who is now senior minister at Abyssinian Baptist Church in New York

City and holder of the Martin Luther King Memorial Chair at Rutgers University, said black colleges and universities have survived in the face of tremendous odds because of their "perseverance, flexibility and discipline." He said that approximately 70 per cent of all blacks with doctorate degrees have earned those degrees at black universities, and the great leaders attended predominately black schools.

"America needs its black colleges and universities," Proctor said. "Where else could young black people be exposed to the thoughts and works of great minds and feel the spirit of emancipation, and yet not hate?"

In addition to honoring former A&T President Proctor, the "Salute to the Chancellor's Council" honored former university president W.T. Gibbs and the present A&T Chancellor, Lewis C. Dowdy.

Shoplifting seems to be the merchant's biggest problem at this time of the year besides slow business activities. To find out how area merchants are making out, the Chronicle sent out a reporter to 'shoplift' in the hope that the area merchants will benefit from such experience. The area merchants were very cooperative and seem to think that the exercise was worthwhile.

At Roses in Northgate, our reporter was able to 'shoplift' a big doll, walked out of the store and returned it before he was noticed.

On second trial at the same store, our reporter 'shoplifted' a small item and was caught immediately.

"It is people like you," a spokesman told our reporter,

who make things expensive for others."

Roses store said that the store has been hit by shoplifting recently. Big items seem to be lifted faster than small items. But the store manager said that his staff members are keeping their eyes open and will prosecute anybody caught shoplifting.

Our reporter visited the A&P store at Northgate. The store manager said that shoplifting has become a big problem recently and the big items seem to go before the small items.

Joyce & Royal Men's store said that because of their display method, shoplifting is at a minimum. "There is not too much you can shoplift when you are being watched,"

he said.

Arcade in Northgate said that shoplifting is not yet a big problem but the store is paying special attention to make sure that things are not stolen.

The manager at Hi Style said that shoplifting has recently become a big problem. "Not too much of small items are shoplifted," he said, "but we have lost some leather jackets."

At Eckerds, our reporter "shoplifted" two big items before he was noticed. The store manager, who was very cooperative, brought it to the attention of the staff and reminded them to look out for possible shoplifters.

At Grants, our reporter was told that shoplifting is a problem and that the store is doing everything in its power to stop it.

The Planning and Research Dept. of Winston-Salem Police said that shoplifting is always a problem at this time of the year. According to the monthly analysis put out by the Police Dept., area merchants lost \$2,167.54 in shoplifting during the month of October and 66 persons were caught shoplifting.

In May this year, area merchants lost \$1,652.12 in shoplifting and 68 persons were caught.

## Meat Cutters Picket Big Star Food Store

A picket line by three meat cutters was formed at Northgate Big Star Store this week. The protestors carried placards urging shoppers to support them and not to shop at the store.

The picketers were handing out leaflets some of which asked: "Are North Carolinians 2nd Class Citizens?"

A spokesman for the Local 525, Meat, Food & Allied Workers' Union, AMC & BW of NA, AFL-CIO alleged that in 1972, the Colonial Stores violated the price guideline of the U.S. Government, and was forced to refund \$118,000 to

North Carolina consumers. "We," the spokesman said "your friend and neighbors, need your help if we are to break this company from ripping off North Carolinians."

There was no black person on the picket line and our spot check shows that none of the picket lines in other stores has a black person. Does it mean that the stores don't have black meat cutters?

## Black Artist Exhibits Art

Norman Barbee, accomplished artist, formerly living in the Washington, D.C. area, and presently residing in Carrboro N.C., is currently exhibiting works at the Co-op Art Gallery in Raleigh.

Barbee is a graduate of North Carolina Central University, Durham, and completed his graduate work at Howard University, Washington, D.C. He has been

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Hard times have caused many people to seek help from God instead of the Employment office. One man recently spoke his peace about the whole situation in the heart of downtown.

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