

# Black Boycott

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Northside manager, said the only statements she had been able to get on slow business from merchants was that January was a slow month anyway, the weather has been a factor, and that bad publicity from the boycott had kept a lot of customers away.

Big Star food store, usually a busy establishment had been running only one check out counter. There had been very few cars in the Paul Rose parking lot or in the center area generally.

displaying the confederate flag, their signs, and playing a tape recording blurring racial slurs. The police were on hand both times and no physical clashes were reported.

The picketing had not gone without incident, however, Tuesday morning and Tuesday night, the center and the picketers were payed a visit by the so-called "Invisible Nation", otherwise known as the Ku Klux Klan.

One picketer was reportedly threatened by what witnesses said was a "drunk white man wheeling a broken bottle." Others there say that shots were fired Saturday night but attempts to confirm that report could not be substantiated by police.

The Klan reportedly rose through the parking lot

Wiseman appealed to the black community in particular to come and support his restaurant now that he will be able to operate it again.

Northside at present is gearing up for its annual Bargain Days Sale, to be held this Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Asked whether the boycott would have affected the sale, Hipple said, "I really don't know."

## Housing Authority

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the "confusing literature" sent out by the authority. "That was part of the problem with Ms. Rawls. She didn't understand everything that was happening." He suggested that all tenants exercise their right to a hearing is a problem exist with the authority that can not be resolved. He said if any further help was needed they should seek legal help.

said the reason her rent had increased was because she had a job.

No other details concerning the negotiation were made by any of the parties concerned. Wiseman, however, was visibly happy:

"Ms. Rawls did not report to anyone that she had been out of work so long," he said. "No one had been told that she had been out of work because she was ill," he said.

## Black Lawyers

## Support J.P.

## Stevens Boycott

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the National Labor Relations Act. "Over the past 13 years," the resolution read, "the J.P. Stevens Company has been found guilty 15 times by the National Labor Relations Board of unfair labor practices, more than any other American company, and that these convictions have been upheld on appeal eight times by the Circuit Court, and three times by the U.S. Supreme Court. We conclude, therefore, that the J.P. Stevens Company has refused to recognize the legal right of its employees to organize and bargain."

The lawyers' resolution also points out a series of discriminatory employment practices, "including hiring on the basis of race; reserving almost exclusively for whites supervisory, weavers' and fixers jobs; reserving for black employees the low-paying job of warehouseman; and discrimination against black males in job assignments."

Federal Judge Franklin T. Dupree sitting in the Eastern District of North Carolina ordered in August 1976 that Stevens' seven Roanoke Rapids plants begin to affirmatively hire blacks and cease discriminatory practices. That decision has been appealed by Stevens to the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals.

## WSSU Co-ed Visitation

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needed the consent of at least 2/3 of the 1100 students living on campus before the measure could be approved. Of the 859 students who voted, 734 approved. The general vote passed by only two votes.

Dr. Haywood L. Wilson, Jr., Director of Student Affairs, said he did not foresee any major problems that could not be handled. Wilson admitted the possibility that some problems would come up but said the university would take immediate steps to ensure the program is conducted properly.

The second vote, involving the dormitories, was pretty evenly matched in sentiment. Of the university's eight dorms four voted for it and four against WSSU's male dorms, Brown Hall and Third St. passed the measure 166 to 4, and 87 to 6 respectively.

There are at least 22 different procedures and guidelines to be followed. Among them are: Visitation will be on Tuesday through Saturday, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

While the votes in each dorm indicated that most were for the plan, each dorm had to have the approval of at least 2/3 of the people living there. Four dorms did not get 2/3, with the widest margin of defeat by 12 votes.

Students must present and leave college I.D. and sign in.

The S.G.A. also proposed that each dorm should vote each new academic year of whether or not the occupants will have coed visitation and study. The program in individual dorms after implementation can also be stopped with a 2/3 of the majority voting against it.

Guests must be escorted by host or hostess from lobby at beginning of visit and must return with guest to lobby at the end.

S.G.A. president, Hazel Mack, said the vote of the consensus of the students demonstrated "adult-like" attitudes. She said students will be handling the program and responsibility for it rests with the students.

The door of the room visited shall remain open (at least 6 inches) during the course of the visit.

Guests must leave the building to use bathrooms and showers, and must follow same procedure to reenter the dorm as though he were just entering.

Each resident is responsible for actions of his or her guest.

There is to be no sexual relations, petting, consumption of alcoholic beverages, intoxicants, or other illegal drugs of any nature.

Any infraction of the rules may result in suspension from the University pending a hearing.

## Citizens Told To Cut Gas

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dents could expect a general cut back on hot water service. "The water temperature for our residents will run between 62 and 68 degrees by the time it reaches their homes," he said.

arrivals to the downtown area, said he will be cutting back on baking pies, and has turned his thermostat as low as possible to conserve gas. "There's no change in the work schedule, but it's a hardship on everybody. "I hope nobody thinks this is a hoax. It is for real," he said.

Thompkins warned that if residents did not comply with the recommendations of the Housing Authority and the gas company, the Housing Authority's gas supply would be completely cut off. "Piedmont can do it without consulting us on the matter," he said.

Parks McBride, manager of the Singer Company at 212 W. Fourth, said he didn't think his operation would be affected much. "I have the option of closing off portions of the building and heating the sales floor only," he said.

All the natural gas customers in the downtown area appeared to be coping with the situation and so far no lay-offs because of the heating shortage have been recorded by the Employment Security Commission.

Piedmont suggested in its letter that reduction could be accomplished by reducing the temperature in the building to 62 degrees, changing the daily or weekly work schedule, and using less hot water.

Archie Cooke, owner of Archie's Cafe on Fourth St., a favorite morning stop for early

Piedmont stressed the point that the 35% reduction was "absolutely necessary" if it was to continue service to customers even with reduced amounts.

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