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Chronicle Profile

Teacher Speaks Up For Education

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Willie Anderson has been called a lot of names in his lifetime. He attributes the name calling to his willingness to challenge anyone who doesn't give him a straight answer when it concerns education.

"I've been called everything from obnoxious to a radical," says Anderson. "People don't like to be challenged and especially people in power -- they don't like it.

"Yes, they've called me a radical," he says, "but they will tell you I'm a polite one."

A mathemetics teacher at Wiley Junior High School, Anderson is about to enter his second term as president of the Forsyth County North Carolina Teachers Association. He served as president four years ago. *

Between teaching and working with various commissions of the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE), the veteran teacher of 12 years found time to work in the campaign office of Congressman Steve Neal when he was seeking re-election, work with Larry Womble during his campaign for alderman, work extensively with the local NAACP voter regisration drive and the list goes on. Despite being a husband and a father of one, Anderson doesn't believe he's spreading himself too thin.

"I'm just a multi-faceted person," says Anderson, who boasts that he can operate effectively on only four of five hours of sleep a day. "I spend a lot of time doing things simultaneously."

No one can argue that the 35-year-old Charleston, S.C., native isn't multi-facted. Between attending Livingstone College and Appalachian State University, Anderson managed to distinguish himself as a pall bearer at the funeral of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., work as a postman and become a statistic by dropping out of Morehouse College in Atlanta.

His explanation for removing himself from one of the most distinguished black institutions in the nation is this:

"There just was a lot going on in Atlanta in sixtyeight," he says. "It was an opportunity to be involved in the civil rights movement, rather than study calculus or write papers on literature."

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In the Winston-Salem community, however, Anderson is recognized as a man who speaks up and out for education, as well as getting things done.

Sound like a campaign testimonial?

That's just the way it is and anybody who's ever heard of Anderson knows that if there's a school board meeting he will be there: To add to that, Anderson makes no secret of his ongoing battle with school board member Mary Margaret Lohr.

Out his disillusionment with Lohr's stance on the school reorganization plan, Anderson addressed a sassy, rhetorical Merry Christmas letter to Lohr, reprimanding her for her about-face in supporting



Willie Anderson: A guiet radical (photo by James Parker).

NCAE issues.

"I have a running disagreement with Mary Margaret Lohr," says Anderson, "because when she ran for office she said she would help support our issues and she hasn't.

"She hasn't spoken to me about the letter, but I'll address her at the school board meeting," he says. "People will say, 'She's a politician so don't expect her to support anything else. I say not so."

Unlike many who go into the teaching profession

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and suffer burnout, Anderson shows no signs of giving up. He has his complaints and there have been a few who've argued his concern is too dramatic.

. "I love my job because I get a great deal of reward from teaching kids that I know will be able to cope with the year two thousand," he says.

His complaints of education aren't aimed at just one source -- they come from all directions. And as an observer, a teacher and an activist for education,

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Girl Scouts To Perform At WSSU

Double dutch is a street Scouts of the Martin Luther Dorothy Windgate is the game commonly played in King and Piedmont Recrea- coach at the Martin Luther large cities with two jump tion Centers will King Center. Mattie Peebles ropes, and became even demonstrate the double is the Girl Scout field exmore popular a couple of dutch techniques during the ecutive in the East Winston Wintson-Salem State area. years ago when singer University Rams basketball Frankie Smith recorded a

season this year. tune about the urban recreation.

The double dutch Girl. at the Piedmont Center and 18.

The girls will perform at the 7:30 p.m. games in Gaines Gym on Jan. 11, 14, Cynthia Jeter is the coach 17 and February 4, 6, 8, 16,





will commemorate the birth date of Dr. Martin Luther King. A Community Calendar of events at this special time will be published. Please contact the Chronicle with information about your activities, so that they will be included.

Call 722-8624

Rev. Martin L. King

Howard Ward

Ward Installed

Clyde Alexander, 33rd Phalanx Fraternity, degree and vice president of NAACP and Shiloh Baptist recently installed Grand In- a photographer. spector General Howard L. Ward, 33rd degree, as the Illustrious Commander-In-Chief of King Solomon Consistory No. 64.

A&T State University, has Lloyd Cuthrell, Minister of been a mason eight years.

ed all ranks from the Tyler john, Chancellor; Preston to the Worshipful Master of McConnell, Keeper of Seal Salem Lodge No. 139. and Archives; David Ward is Assistant Rabban Odom, Treasurer; Robert of Sethos Temple No. 170 A. Scales, Hospitaler; of the Prince Hall Shriners. Janava Deberry, Master of

at Anderson High School, Lasiter, Standard Bearer; Ward also holds member- Edward Russell, Engineer ships in the Alpha Phi and Architect; Muriel Alpha Fraternity Inc., Patterson Avenue YMCA's Henry Williams, Sentinel; Board of Management, and Cardel Douith.

the Mountain Region, Church, where he serves on Orient of North Carolina. the trustee board. He is also Ward and his wife, Viola, have two children, Mrs. Gwendolyn Chandler and Howard L. Ward II.

Ward, who is native of Other officers include 1st Winston-Salem and a Lt. Cmdr. William E. graduate of North Carolina Stevenson, 2nd Lt. Cmdr. State and Orator; Rodell As a mason, he has serv- Lillie, Prior; Luther Little-An industrial arts-teacher Ceremonies; James L. Floyd, Captain of Guard;

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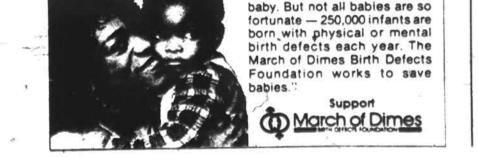
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