

Shoplifting losses mount

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prevented them from getting raises.

"If the store has to keep putting money back into the store to make up for shoplifting, they can't afford to give this store's employees raises," said employee Stella Brown. "Every dollar of stuff they take, we have to make another dollar or so to cover it."

Revco isn't the only store with a problem. The shopping center's other tenants, with the exception of the 47th Pier Fish Market, also are plagued by excessive shoplifting.

"Something goes out of here everyday," said Tammye Ann Tucker, manager of the Family Dollar Store in the center. "These people (the shoplifters) are good. They are just walking the stuff away. And many of them are the regular customers we know."

The amount of missing merchandise got so high at the High Fashion clothing store that the manager, Il Yu, decided to attach theft detectors to all the clothes. Apparently, the measure worked.

"It's not as bad as it was before we got the alarms on the clothes," Yu said. "Now it's almost nothing."

Meanwhile, Russell Sledge said shoplifting at 47th Pier is almost non-existent because of the type of store his is.

"It's kinda hard to get a fish out of the case without us seeing it," Sledge said.

In an effort to combat shoplifting, the Food Lion grocery store recently installed a security system that is activated whenever an item that has not been paid for leaves the store. The new system, located only in the Woughtown and East Winston stores, both of which have large numbers of black shoppers, is a new security measure for Food Lion but brings good results, said East Winston store manager Waverly Martin.

"After Woughtown installed the system, their inventory was completely turned around," Martin said, hoping the same happens at East Winston.

Despite the measures being taken to combat shoplifting, Revco's Ray said he is bothered that there is a problem at all.

"It makes me feel bad that blacks are doing it," said Ray. "It's hard to get businesses to come over here, and this doesn't help much."

"The people coming in here are community people. These are people from our community. It's gotten to a point where I'm disgusted. I get tired of taking our people to court and to jail for three, four and five dollars. I'm getting disheartened."

"When I catch them with the merchandise they call me Uncle Tom or white folks' nigger. People have even offered me money to let them steal or asked me to turn my back and let them steal."

But Ray and others agree that it's not everybody that's stealing; most customers, they say, are honest.

"This is just a minute group of people," Ray said. "Ninety-nine percent of the people who come in here are honest. But it's that one percent that makes it hard for everybody."

The only way to combat the problem, said Ray, is, first, to educate the community about the shoplifting problems, and, second, to encourage the public to help wage the battle against shoplifting.

"If the public sees somebody stealing, they are going to have to get more involved," Ray said. "Or they will have to pay the price -- higher prices."

Wilson named interim chancellor

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pointment," said Wilson. "I will be working hard to make a success of matters at this institution."

John Davis, chairman of the WSSU board of trustees, said the appointment pleases him.

"I believe Haywood is well-qualified and will perform excellently in the capacity of interim chancellor," Davis said.

Because Covington will not officially leave the university until Aug. 20, Wilson said he would refrain from making any additional statements about his appointment until he becomes the university's official spokesman.

Covington could not be reached for comment, but Myron Chenault, WSSU's vice chancellor for development, said the board chose the right man.

"I think it's an excellent choice," Chenault said. "He has proven himself as a capable administrator at Winston-Salem State and they made a good choice."

Since Covington announced his resignation on July 6, there has been much speculation as to who the new chancellor will be and who will serve in the interim. Many felt that the board of governors would appoint someone outside the university, as was the case with North Carolina A&T State University when Dr. Lewis C. Dowdy resigned and Cleon Thompson, vice president for student services and special programs in the UNC system, served as the school's interim head for one year.

But Wilson's appointment came as good news to many.

Said George Hill, a member of the WSSU board of trustees: "I think he is a good man for the job. He will bring some stability to the job."

Because Wilson has been at the school for 15 years, Hill said, he has a proven record there.

"He can do a good all-around solid job," Hill said. "He is a good, solid performer."

When questioned earlier during the summer, some of WSSU's alumni had said they would prefer that the interim chancellor be someone outside the university. But Paulette Marshall, president of the Kuandeala Alumni Association, said this week that the alumni would take a wait-and-see attitude with

Wilson.

"We are going to wait and see if he is a carbon copy of Covington," she said. "Some of the alumni hold it against him because he hasn't taken an active role in the alumni association. But we are just gonna wait and see."

Marshall also said the fact that Wilson served with Covington, who displeased many of the alumni, may be to his advantage, if he learns from Covington's mistakes.

"He has been there and seen the mistakes Covington made and shouldn't make them again," said Marshall. "And his knowing the university and how it works may be an advantage."

"Now we are just gonna sit back but not to the extent that we did with Covington. We have been there once."

Wilson graduated the salutatorian of Atkins High School in 1959. After finishing WSSU with an undergraduate degree in education, Wilson received his master's degree in educational administration from A&T and his doctoral degree in education from Southern Illinois University. He taught for five years in the local school system where he was named the outstanding teacher of 1965. He also served as a principal.

He joined the WSSU staff in 1969 as the assistant to President Kenneth R. Williams. He then served as director of student affairs and moved to his present position in 1977.

Wilson has a wife, Rosa, and two children.

In other business, the board of governors elected Philip G. Carson as its chairman. Carson defeated Winston-Salem Mayor Wayne Corpening 16-15.

appointed its first female chancellor. Jane Elizabeth Milley, 44, will become the chancellor at the North Carolina School of the Arts. Milley is now the dean of the School of Fine Arts of California State University at Long Beach.

approved a salary increase for UNC President William Friday. Friday received a \$26,000 increase, making his new salary \$115,000.

Community celebrates second year

The Timberlake Community Organization will celebrate its second anniversary Saturday, Aug. 25, with a banquet at Reeves Community Center on Renfro Street in Mt. Airy.

For ticket information call Mrs. Inez Simmons at 789-9863. Tickets are \$5 each for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12.

The Timberlake Community Organization was incorporated in 1983. The organization received a \$15,000 grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in June. Under the guidance of its president, Mrs. Martha L. Joyce, the organization gained non-profit status. Joyce is an active youth worker in 4-H and was instrumental in establishing a pageant and a scholarship fund.

Other organization officers include Cleveland Moore, vice president; Mrs. Dorothylene Simmons, secretary; Mrs. Inez Simmons, treasurer; Mrs. Geraldine Moore, assistant treasurer; J.E. King, community reporter; Mrs. Sherry George, aid-to-our-neighborhood chairperson; G. Simmons, sanitation chairperson; and Louise Flippen, recreation chairperson.

Members of the board of directors include Mrs. Joyce, the chairperson; Eric Strickland, executive director; Ann France, secretary; Mrs. Mary Gwen, assistant secretary; and board member Floyd George.

Robert J. Loviel, a Mt. Airy contractor, has agreed to build a community center for the Timberlake Community and has donated two acres of land for the project.

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