



Someone You Should Meet ...

Name: Ronald E. Payne
Job Title: Civil engineer
Hometown: Winston-Salem
Describe Yourself in one word: "Mysterious"
Hobbies: Body building, ice hockey and listening to soft music
Favorite Book: No favorite
Favorite Movie: No favorite
Persons admires most: My mother and father, Arthur E. and Mildred T. Payne
Career Goal: "I plan to master's degree in architecture and to one day establish my own architectural engineering firm."

(photo by James Parker)

NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by Greg Brown

Past A&T official charges sex harassment

GREENSBORO - The former assistant director of admissions at N.C. A&T State University filed a \$600,000 suit against the school and the University of North Carolina Board of Governors last week, charging he was fired because he resisted the sexual advances of a male superior.

Benny R. Mayfield filed the suit in U.S. Middle District Court last Wednesday against the school and board of governors, as well as UNC President William Friday, A&T Chancellor Edward Fort, Vice Chancellor Nathan-Simms Jr. and Clenton A. Blount Jr., A&T's director of admissions and the man whom Mayfield accuses of making the sexual

advances.

The suit says the alleged sexual advances began during the 1982-83 school year and continued for two years. When Mayfield resisted the advances, the suit says Blount retaliated by recommending his dismissal.

Mayfield, also an instructor in the Department of Secondary Education and Curriculum, further charges that the university failed to follow its regulations for granting tenure and reappointment.

Although the suit seeks no damages from Friday, it asks for no less than \$600,000 in damages and back pay to June, when he was fired.

30 percent vote in apartheid election

CAPE TOWN, South Africa - Only 30 percent of South Africa's mixed-race voters cast ballots in last week's election of a three-house legislature, but spokesmen for the apartheid government said the low turnout still was enough to legitimize the first non-white chamber of the nation's Parliament.

Under a new Parliamentary system adopted last year, the country will be represented by separate houses in Parliament for whites, Asians and people of mixed race. Critics of the new system say it entrenches white control by giving whites power to veto actions of the Asian and mixed-race chambers. The critics boycotted the election of 80 members to

the mixed-race chamber.

Government opponents also said voter turnout was closer to 18 percent, not 30 percent. "Eighty-two percent of all so-called colored (mixed race) voters did not participate in the election," said Jonathan de Vries, secretary of a branch of the United Democratic Front, a multi-racial coalition formed to fight the new system. "No amount of election trickery and percentage juggling can hide the fact that this constitution does not have the support of the people."

None of the country's 22 million blacks were allowed to vote under the new system.

Reagan poses threat to U.S. Supreme Court

NEW ORLEANS - The president of the predominantly black National Bar Association has warned that the U.S. Supreme Court may move even further to the right if voters elect a conservative president this fall.

Dennis W. Archer issued the warning at the NBA's 59th annual reunion held here recently. "Our next president may lead the nation for the next four years," Archer said, "but he will have the opportunity to appoint from three to five U.S. Supreme Court justices - individuals who can serve for life and whose decisions will ultimately outlive the judges themselves."

Archer called for a heavy black turnout at the polls in November to prevent such a right-ward tilt

of the high court and advocated court enforcement of affirmative action laws, increased appointments of blacks to the federal bench and equal opportunities for blacks in the legal profession.

But if Ronald Reagan is elected to another four-year term, Archer said, "We will not only lose time, but lose ground in the area of civil rights enforcement. Generations to come will suffer the wrath of racism. Black people must vote in record numbers to turn America around."

"It is our turn to make a difference," he said. "This presidential election is not just a choice between two candidates. It's a choice between moving backward and moving forward. Which path will America take?"

Open Line

Who carries black literature?

Open Line is a service provided by the Chronicle to help its readers cut through government red tape and solve consumer problems. If you have questions concerning your local government or any other matter, call Albert Nickerson at 723-8428 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or write Open Line, P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102.

Q: For the last several months, I have been trying to locate a bookstore which offers a wide variety of black literature, but I have been unsuccessful in finding a store in the city. Can you tell me the name of a bookstore which offers a good selection of books on black history, literature and art?

A.N.

A: Anne Lennon, operator of the New Horizons Book Club, offers a wide selection of books on the black experience. Lennon told Open Line that the book club, which has no membership fee, sells books on black history, culture and religion, plus children's books and books on black feminism.

Lennon said you must make one purchase during the year to continue to receive mailings from the

club. To join the club, write to Lennon at New Horizons Book Club, 1405 East 3rd St., Winston-Salem, NC. 27101, or call her at 723-3793.

Back to school days

Q: As a result of the reorganization of the school district, my child will be attending the Mineral Springs Elementary School. Most of my questions concerning the reorganization have been answered, but if I have last minute problems who should I call?

N.T.A.

A: Susan Carson, school community relations coordinator, said parents should plan to attend an open house scheduled for Monday, Aug. 27 from 6 until 8:30 p.m. in all the district's schools. School officials will attempt to answer all of your questions during the sessions.

However, Carson said if you still find yourself with questions on the opening day of school, you can call the principal of your child's school and he will provide you with any important information concerning classes, bus routes, or any other matters.

Crime Prevention

Armed man robs clothing company

The following "Crime Box Score" is designed to keep you abreast of criminal activity in your community during the past week and to help you protect your family and property from crime.

Strong Armed Robbery

•100 block, South Broad Street

A man walked into a business and began putting merchandise under his shirt. After the clerk told him to return the merchandise, he assaulted her. The man was later arrested and identified. He was charged with robbery and had several outstanding warrants served on him.

•400 block, North Cherry Street

Someone grabbed the victim's wallet and fled. Police found the wallet a short time later, but a large amount of money was missing from it.

Housebreaking

•4900 block, E. wing Drive

Someone cut the lock off a door to enter a house and then took a weed eater. Suspects were later arrested and charged with the crime.

•1200 block, East 22nd Street

Someone broke into a house and stole a stereo system.

•1100 block, East 15th Street

Subjects broke into house and stole a television set.

•900 block, East Second Street

A woman was awakened by a man standing over her. She asked him what he wanted, but he ran out of the house. There were no injuries and no valuables were stolen.

•2900 block, Galaxy Court

A neighbor reported three persons entering a vacant house. Police found three juveniles inside. Charges are pending.

Autobreaking

•2200 block, Woodland Avenue

A purse was stolen from a car.

•700 block, East 14th Street

Three drills and a hydraulic knock-out driver were stolen.

•2700 block, Old Greensboro Road

A red tool box and some electric tools were taken.

•800 block, Trade Street

Two socket wrenches were stolen.

Larceny

•1800 block, Lafayette Drive

A dog was stolen.

•2300 block, Pittsburgh

Some money was stolen.

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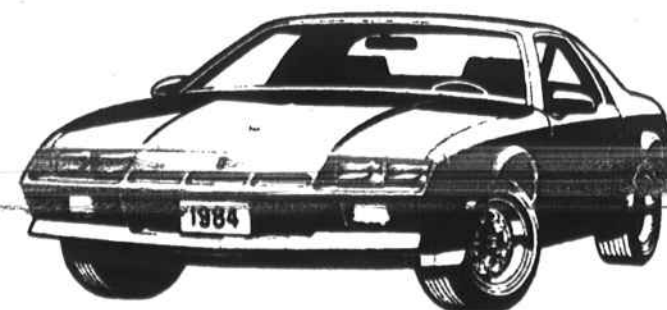
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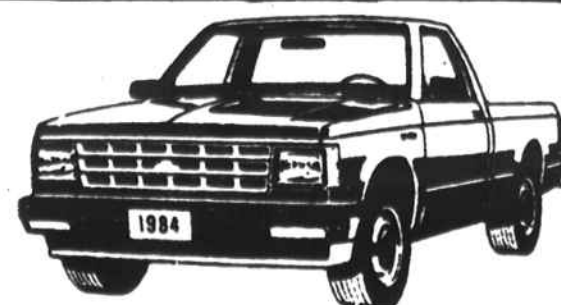
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