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Kennedy and Marshall discuss election plans

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State Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy told a group of concerned Afro-American citizens Tuesday that she would seek the support of the Democratic caucus for a proposal to expand the size of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners.

The bill, sponsored by Kennedy and Rep. Logan Burke, was introduced Monday as an alternative to one proposed by the county commissioners. The commissioners' bill was introduced last week by the Republican members of the Forsyth County delegation despite an agreement, Kennedy said, to have the entire delegation discuss both bills before either was filed.

Both Kennedy and Burke spoke to a group assembled at Hanes Memorial C.M.E. Church. The citizens had congregated to show support for the

"I believe in government of the people, by the people, for the people. As long as we don't help run government . . . out of sight, out of mind. The decisions made will not be in our best interest."

-- Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy

Kennedy-Burke plan, but they also listened to NAACP president Walter Marshall defend the commissioners' plan, which was drafted by Commissioner John Holleman and endorsed by Marshall last year to settle a law-

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Annie Brown Kennedy

Don King Productions say Tyson to visit city March 30

By ANGELA WRIGHT
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The New York office of Don King Productions, Inc. has confirmed that heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson will be in Winston-Salem March 30 to visit a chronically ill youth and his family. A representative in New York told the Chronicle that Tyson had accepted an invitation made on behalf of the youth by Philip Williford.

Williford, who referred to himself as a concerned citizen, contacted



Tyson
March 13.

"As per our conversation of ear-

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The Declining State of Black Health Part V

Fewer blacks going to medical school Decline affects health care

By TONYA V. SMITH
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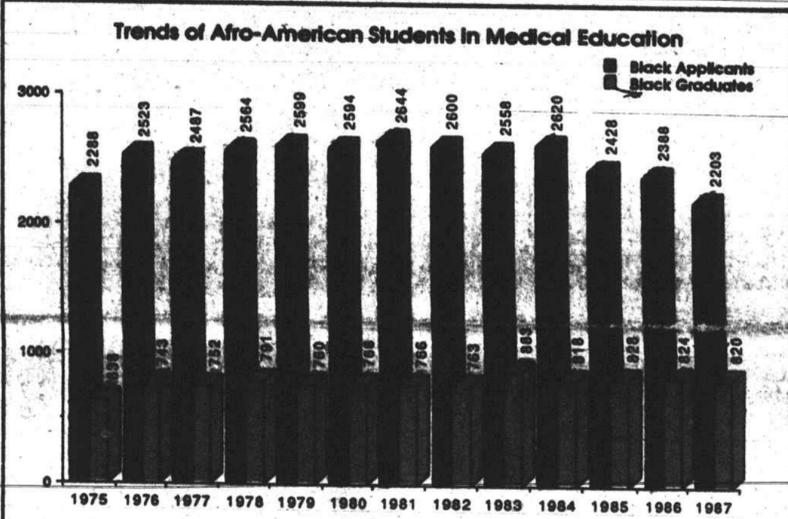
This concludes a series of articles examining the declining state of Afro-American health.

Physicians agree and statisticians confirm that Afro-Americans are the largest group of under-utilizers of health care services. However, much of that under-utilization is due to the unavailability of health care facilities and under-representation of Afro-American medical professionals.

"In general, a 1986 survey found blacks worse off than whites in terms of access to physician care," according to a Jan. 13, 1989, report by the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA).

During 1986, the average annual number of physician visits among Afro-Americans was 3.4, compared to 4.4 for whites. The proportion of Afro-Americans hospitalized one or more times during the year also is lower, according to the report titled "Access to Medi-

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Graph by Yvonne Truhon, Sonja J. Covington and Brenda Thomas

This graph depicts the underrepresentation of blacks in medical school. Information for this graph was compiled from "Minority Students in Medical Education: Facts and Figures Washington, D.C., Association of American Medical Colleges, 1983-1988."

Resident is role model for Bowman Gray students Recruitment of blacks a priority

By TONYA V. SMITH
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Rising from a poverty stricken environment into the ivory coated hospital halls, Dr. Robert Charles Richard is a role model and source of inspiration to Afro-American students enrolled at Wake Forest University's Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Richard, the youngest of eight children, is also a first-generation college graduate. He is in his second year of residency in the Family Practice division of N.C. Baptist Hospital.

The physician has come a long way from his days of playing in the low-income housing areas of Birmingham, Ala.

"We have several roles; the most important one is trying to recruit and make minority students interested in medicine as a career field."

-- Dr. Velma Watts
Director of Minority Affairs at Bowman Gray

"I came from a poverty stricken environment, growing up -- not in the projects, but very near them," said Richard. "People are always asking me who was my mentor or role model, who served as the inspiration for me to

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Report: Civil rights not enforced in education

By TONYA V. SMITH
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Parents' complaints of disproportionate discipline among Afro-American students and their over-representation in educationally retarded or disabled classes are often swept under the rug by the federal Office of Civil Rights (OCR), according to a report issued by the Majority Staff of the Education and Labor Committee.

The report is based on an investigation of the civil rights enforcement activities of the OCR in the U.S. Department of Education, said Congressman Augustus F. Hawkins, chairman of the committee, in his Feb. 24 column "A Dream Deferred": Civil Rights in Education.

"The conclusion of the report is that the OCR has failed to enforce the civil rights laws they are mandated to uphold," Hawkins wrote.

OCR is responsible for enforcing federal laws which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, sex, national origin, handicap or age in all education programs or activities funded by the federal government. Among other things, the OCR is to ensure that resegregation does not take place in the nation's public schools.

"An example of a violation in need of review would be a school district

which has neglected the needs of minorities by setting up a two-tiered system, with low expectations for minority children, and high ones for non-minority children," Hawkins said. "This discriminatory pattern is evidenced many times in schools which focus special college preparatory courses on white children and direct vocational/manual training to minority children."

The committee's report reveals that the OCR hasn't vigorously enforced laws protecting women's and minorities' rights in education since 1981, Hawkins said.

"This conclusion was reached, in part, by statistics showing that the OCR closed 99 percent of its complaint reviews by either finding no violation or reaching a settlement prior to issuing a final comment," Hawkins said. "In most cases, a 'settlement' simply means a promise by the school district not to discriminate. OCR rarely monitors to determine if such promises are ever kept."

Upwards of 2,000 discrimination in education complaints come from parents in region four, which includes the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Kentucky and Tennessee, said Phyllis McClure, director of the Division of Education, Policy and Public Information for the NAACP's Legal Defense Fund (LDF) in Washington, D.C. The LDF moni-

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In some cities, M/WBE goals work

By TONYA V. SMITH
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The city's Minority and Women Business Enterprise program is undefined and the city staff has yet to prove to Alderman Martha S. Wood that it is committed to making the program work.

"The bottom line question for me is what is the commitment of our city staff to this project," Wood said. "If the staff has the program's success at heart I don't understand why the program is not better defined and why they haven't been working to make it court-worthy -- able to stand up in court."

Wood said her frustration with the program stemmed from the city's most recent encounter with white contractor Chris D. Hilton of Chris D. Hilton Construction Co.

On Feb. 23 the Board of Aldermen awarded Hilton a \$307,766 contract to build the Little Creek Recreation Center despite the fact that he had zero minority partici-

pation for the project. By doing so, the board backed down from its Feb. 6 decision to reject all bids for work on the center and start the bidding over again. Hilton, the project's low bidder, had threatened to sue the city for rejecting his bid on the center, saying the city couldn't deny him the contract based on the lack of minority participation because he had proved that he had made a "good-faith effort," as stipulated by the city's Minority and Women Business Enterprise Program.

Alderman Wood said the board would not have rejected all bids on the project had it been properly advised by city attorney Ronald G. Seeber.

"I'm frustrated because I think we did not receive sound, political advice from Mr. Seeber," Wood said. "I think we were led straight into a trap. We were very poorly advised. He gave us a very legalistic response and not his best advice."

During the Feb. 6 meeting Wood asked Seeber,

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-- Martha Wood

NEWS DIGEST

Compiled From AP Wire

Party leaders vote to replace Botha

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) -- Frederik W. de Klerk, chosen by the governing party as South Africa's next head of state, says party leaders will meet with President P.W. Botha but will not press him to resign immediately. The National Party's Parliament members voted unanimously Monday to back de Klerk as head of state.

Sawyer won't endorse candidate

CHICAGO (AP) -- Mayor Eugene Sawyer declared Monday that he would not endorse a candidate in next month's mayoral election, rejecting the advice of black leaders who sought support for third-party candidate Timothy Evans.

Sawyer refused the calls of Jesse Jackson and a number of local committeemen to help mend a deep rift in the black community by backing Evans over Democratic nominee Richard M. Daley and Republican Edward Vrdolyak in the April 4 election.

Official: HBCUs must attract white students

NEW ORLEANS (AP) -- The president of the Southern University System called Tuesday for improved programs to attract white students to the nation's largest predominantly black university. "Somehow, we must disabuse the white public of some kind of notion about the perceived quality of Southern University," said Dolores Spikes, president of the system.

Black churches battling drug trafficking

CANTON, Ohio (AP) -- More than 4,000 fliers distributed in 20 black churches ask residents to provide details to police about drug dealing in neighborhoods.

The fliers are to be filled out with the location of suspected crack houses, the peak hours of observed activity, the names of persons involved, the license numbers of vehicles used and a brief explanation of why it is felt that drugs are involved. The forms can be mailed anonymously to Canton police.