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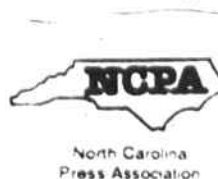
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Hunting For Justice

Lawyers for Darryl Hunt claim the Winston-Salem Police Department and the Forsyth County District Attorney's Office conducted a shabby investigation into the murder nine years ago of Deborah Sykes. They told the state's highest court last week that two of mightiest arms of the law in the county withheld evidence, "coerced" two witnesses from testifying and kept a third from testifying by withholding his address. These are very serious accusations, and if true, represent a wanton disregard for justice. Also, at the hearing last week, a Supreme Court judge chided prosecutors in the case for introducing in the 1990 retrial Hunt's testimony from 1984. The prosecutor wanted to illustrate to the court, he told the judge, that Hunt had lied under oath in 1984, since the story he told his lawyers in 1990 was different. But because Hunt did not testify in 1990, the judge said, he could not have given conflicting testimony. It was very underhanded for the prosecutor's office to present a case this way. This, plus the fact that the three witnesses did not testify, constitutes grounds for yet a third trial for Hunt. In the interests of justice, these three witnesses deserve to be heard. Whether they are credible witnesses is not for police detectives to determine. Hunt was convicted of murder in 1985, and following a retrial was convicted again in 1990. And after a third trial is complete, Gov. Hunt should appoint a special prosecutor to investigate whether the local District Attorney's Office and the Winston-Salem Police Department abused their office by wantonly impeding the flow of information that might have been key in a murder investigation.

Sending The Correct Message

The six members of the Winston Lake Family YMCA Board of Directors who do not have a membership at the facility should join immediately. For two reasons.

The first reason is that prior to last December the Y's enrollment had constantly decreased since 1986, a year after it opened. And six new members would help. Not much, but some. Their joining, however, will not make up for the lack of support from the rest of the community, much of whom have memberships at health clubs throughout the city and ignore the beautiful facility on Waterworks Road. Those, of course, would likely be first in line to complain should the facility close down.

Secondly, and more importantly, why the board members should join is that when they work toward their goal of improving membership at the Y, it would send the right message if they belonged. That they're leading by example. Marcellette Orange, director of the Y, told the Chronicle last week, that board members can contribute in ways other than financial. That it's not imperative for a board member to join the Y. Well it should be.

We think the director would agree that it is important to send the right message to the black community and to the hundreds of black youths who use the Y daily. And for four of those six board members to belong to the Central YMCA is insulting to the East Winston community. And it trumpets a misconception about the Y's location that could be responsible for the membership erosion. And if the six non-member board members are too blind to see this, they should immediately resign.

Understanding The Situation At WSSU

To the Editor:

This letter may help those at Winston-Salem State University and others in the community to better understand the situation at the university and the part they should play in it.

On January 19, 1983, my sixth day in the North Carolina General Assembly, Bill Number 14 was introduced in the Senate, "to eliminate compulsory retirement at age 70 of all state employees except those covered by General Statute 1265." The next day an identical bill was introduced in the house and assigned to the Aging Committee, of which I was a member.

After much discussion where "age discrimination, opportunities for promising young people, terminating the unproductive, etc." were heard, the bill was amended, reported favorably to the house where it passed second reading 64-30, amended again and passed a third reading 80-22, sent to the Senate for concurrence, and ratified on June 28, 1984.

The bill as amended provided that those not covered by GS 126 "shall retire on July 1st coincident with or next following his 70th birthday, unless continued in service on a year-to-year basis in accordance with regulations adopted by the Board of Governors."

As an alumnus, a retired professor, a professor emeritus, and a member of the Board of Visitors of Winston-Salem State University, I am distressed at what is happening and what is not happening at the university as the first of its professors approaches 70 under these new regulations. (A challenge of action taken under these regulations elsewhere has failed.)

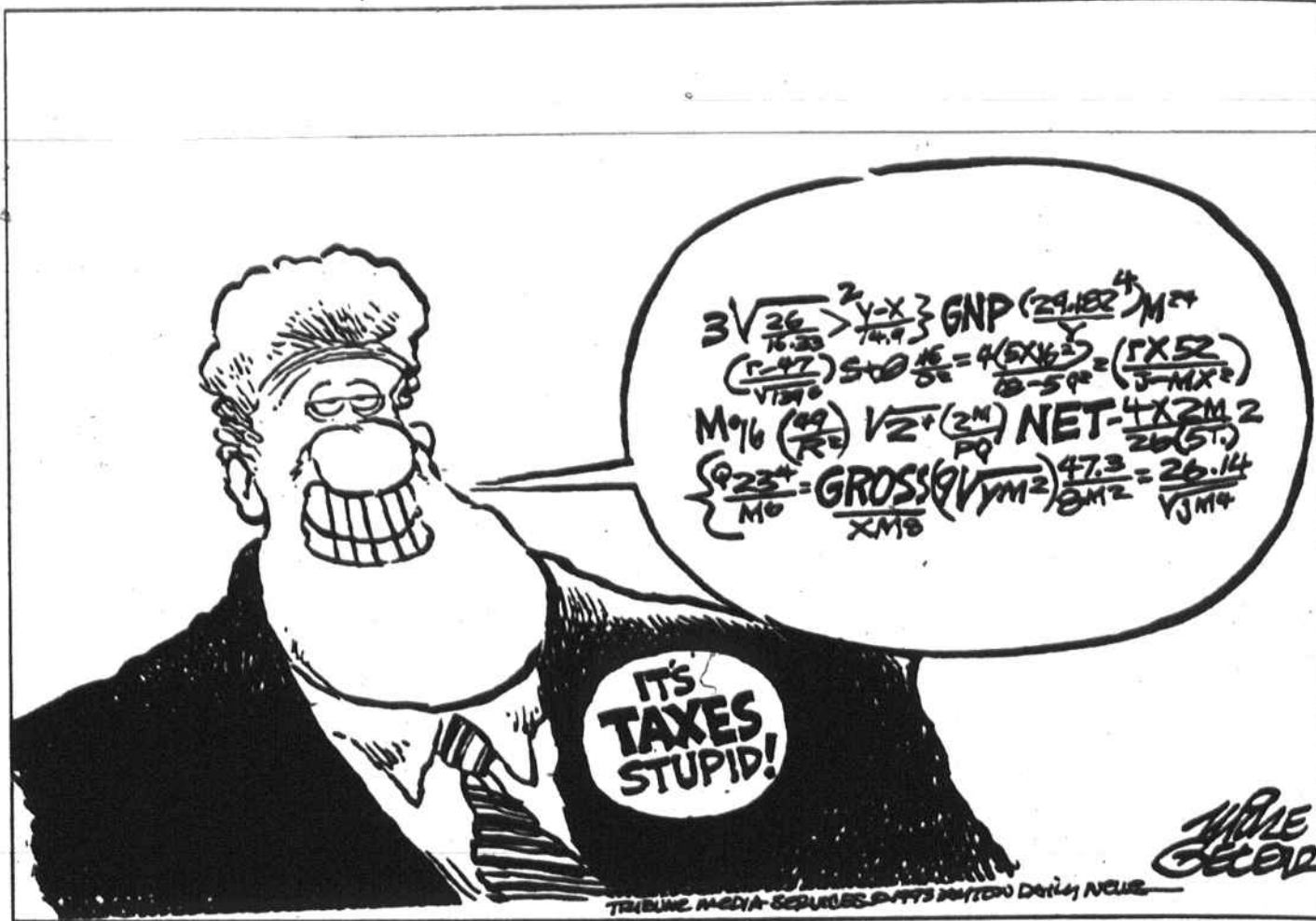
In addition to my association with the university, I am a good friend of and hope to remain friendly with those who are lined up on both sides of this controversy. I would say to all the university who may be diverting their abilities and energy to push for their personal position on this matter, to devote these resources to their primary function, and to allow this matter to be settled in accordance with the intent of the General Assembly and regulations adopted by the Board of Governors.

C.B. Hauser

Senn Truly Thanks You

To the Editor:

For all of your prayers, your hugs and your kisses. For strong arms to lean on and all your best wishes, for food, drinks, flowers, cards, telephone calls. For helping us to remember that the lord, God, is able to lift every burden. To share



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our sorrows, and on him we can depend. We thank you for standing with us when you bend your knees when talking to Jesus, remember the Senn and Sligh families.

Janie Senn

Tragic Death Of Ashe

To the Editor:

I am concerned that the tragic and untimely death of Arthur Ashe has received little response from your editors and readers. Arthur Ashe was an intelligent, immensely talented young man who was a true leader. A man who was respected by both men and women, blacks and whites, Democrats and Republicans. A rare person that no one could find anything negative to say about, in life or in death. He was a champion athlete and he was a champion in life. He was truly a hero of our times. I do not play tennis. I am not black. I mourn his passing.

Robert Brandquist

Neglect Of Community

To the Editor:

Your reporter Mark Moss did an entirely creditable job in reviewing my recent book "Living in Winston-Salem. The choice of headlines, "Author Defends Neglect of Black Community", was, however,

unfortunate indeed.

We in Winston-Salem are one community - not a "black community" and a separate "white community". Our school system, our government, our economy is one. And what happens to them concerns us all, irrespective of the pigment of our skin. The School of the Arts, the Arts and Crafts Association, our vigorous church life, our mutual history, Old Salem, belong to all of us.

Headlines such as you used can only divide us, and encourage the cancer of racism - a cancer which several self-anointed "leaders" would seek to encourage for their own self, vicious, and often political purposes. These "leaders", black and white, feed resentment, spite, racial animosity and fear; none of which we need if we are to grow and prosper together.

I do hope the Winston-Salem Chronicle will not fall prey to the temptation of driving a wedge between our people by continuing to use headlines that exploit our meanest prejudices.

As to the book itself, many aspect of our community were left out because of lack of space, but none because of a desire to emphasize any one segment of our community at the expense of another.

Hamilton C. Horton, Jr.

To the Editor:

The retirement of Clarence

"Bighouse" Gaines saddens the basketball world. As Dr. Lester Gaither (WSSU Hall of Fame Athlete) said "this leaves a void at this school and in this town." Former players and students express shock at what may consider a forced retirement. Thus, there may be a tendency to point a finger at Chancellor Thompson for not recommending an extension for Coach Gaines. Should that happen, he would be the wrong person to blame. No, the many students and athletes of Coach Gaines need only looking the mirror to see who is responsible for the demise of the WSSU basketball program and the resulting "retirement" of Coach Gaines. According to news reports, the WSSU basketball program was one of the most under-funded programs in the CIAA.

Apparently the many alumni, friends and former athletes of Winston-Salem gave (give) little money to support basketball at their beloved alma mater. A lot of the problems with African-American college fans is that despite earning six figure incomes, we think a \$100 contribution is sufficient. Even then, we want a free ticket to the game. Ram fans talk a good game but few have been willing to support Coach Gaines in the manner needed to ensure that he kept on winning.

Stop crying Rams and get use to 6 and 20 seasons. You have not been willing to support the program. What do you expect?

Michael E. Simmons

Start Your Own Economic Recovery

Higher taxes for the middle class, the loss of blue-collar working class jobs and corporate layoffs have created a new socioeconomic class too rich to be supported by the government and too poor to make ends meet.

Therefore, because of the structural pressures in the economy, more and more people need a reliable source of extra money and new career choices. Both can be achieved by a home-based network marketing business distributing quality high-tech products at reasonable prices.

And for those who are underfunded for the business of their dreams, cannot qualify for a loan or don't want to go further into debt, the best news is the minimal investment needed to start your own network marketing distribution business: Under \$100!

That's right - under \$100 - is the minimum investment of capital you need. The amount of time required is also minimal - about eight hours a week and, perhaps, one weekend a month. Of course, the more hours you invest, the more money you're likely to make. Furthermore, all of these businesses will be listed free on the Buy Freedom 900 (telephone) Network to receive sales leads nationwide.

The Buy Freedom Network kicks off a nationwide drive at the Black Expo in Atlanta on February 28th in Room 202 at the Georgia World Congress Center at 4 p.m. to

start 50,000 new businesses using this plan (information: 212/575-0876).

The traditional criteria used in selecting and evaluating any business opportunity is: (1) Everyone wants or needs your product (2) The product is reliable and of high quality (3) The product provides good value and (4) The business is potentially profitable. The home-based business opportunity and the products I have in mind qualify on all counts.

In fact, technology is now available for the first time that provides the average Jane and Joe with the opportunity to utilize network marketing in a unique way. Ironically, where technology taketh away, it also giveth. In this case, it giveth us the opportunity as entrepreneurs to become high-tech security equipment distributors.

While many, many workers will be left behind by our new technology age, many, many others will make a giant leap forward in a new career that has a big potential for profit.

A multi-billion dollar market for "security" is there. Everyone is a potential customer because everyone is concerned about their home being broken into, their car being stolen and/or being personally robbed or attacked. And, although concerned, 99 percent of vehicles have no alarm 93 percent of homes have no security system; and although every 33 seconds an aggra-

vated assault takes place, 99 percent of people have no personal protection.

Your home-based business, in addition to creating extra income for your friends and neighbors, can also solve these problems and make your community a safer place.

And because this is network marketing, the people above you try to do everything they can to make sure that you succeed because their success depends on yours. And those that your recruit will, in turn, receive your assistance because they will create income for you as well as themselves.

The absence of an economic base among some groups is reducing the quality of their lives. Over half of the jail population is Black males, most of whom are incarcerated for economic crimes; fewer than 25 percent of Black women can ever expect to be married because of the economic instability of the Black community.

"Community" is where the business foundation of America rests. The nation's seven million small business account for 40 per-

cent of the gross national product and 80 percent of the new jobs. Jobs, as is very evident, come from the businesses in your community.

Since small businesses create 80 percent of the new jobs, it makes abundant sense to involve the total community in a small business cre-

ation effort. In fact, people can immediately become self-employed and later, with training, experience and community support, grow into more substantial enterprises.

This community development plan also keeps children from growing up in poverty, in effect, breaking the poverty cycle. The best way to fight poverty is to keep people out of poverty.

And the best way to do that is to provide self-employment in the community that is affordable. We must also provide these self-help businesses with state-of-the-art high-tech products that are in demand.

Network marketing designed in this manner is community development. That's my self-help logic for starting this campaign to put 50,000 people in business.



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