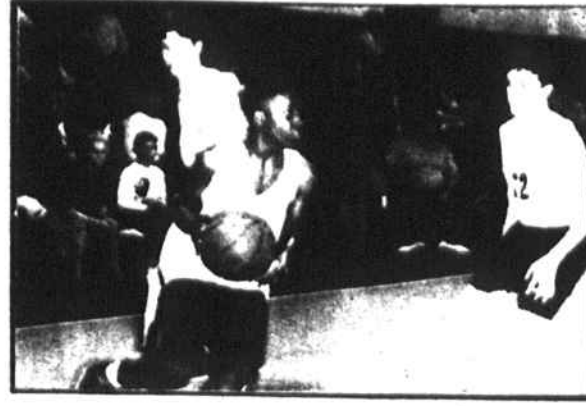




Jennings Benefit

Basketball game honoring police officer raises money for daughter Nia.

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Basketball Action

Catch the Hanes Hosiery Invitational Tournament Basketball championship.

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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle." — Frederick Douglass

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IN OUR SCHOOLS

EXPULSIONS: Are Black Students Targeted?

Blacks Are Expelled at 4 Times the Rate of Whites

The Chronicle has learned that African-American students are being suspended and expelled at a far higher percentage than white students in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School system. A detailed look at our findings is outlined in this special report called "In Our Schools."

First of a two-part series

By MARK R. MOSS
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In the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School system, where blacks comprise just over a third of the student population, the number of blacks recommended for expulsion is nearly four times the number of whites.

Of the 286 students recommended for expulsion from the middle and high schools in the first half of this school term, 206 were black, school records show.

A breakdown by school shows that the highest number of students recommended for expulsion was at R.J. Reynolds High School. Of Reynolds' 36 recommendations for expulsion, 33 were black. The second-highest fig-

ure was at North Forsyth High, where 17 of the 26 students recommended for expulsion were black.

A SPECIAL REPORT

There are about 37,500 students in the school system and about 13,800, or 36 percent, are black. Expulsions are recommended following a 10-day suspension.

Schools Superintendent Larry Coble in an interview suggested that a reason for the disparate numbers is that an overwhelmingly white school faculty is not adept in dealing with black students.

"We aren't skilled with dealing with cultural diversity," Coble said. "The research suggests that individuals and systems respond to minorities differently than they do for whites."

Some principals and members of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education offered a myriad of opinions as to why blacks students are expelled from school at a rate four times that of white students.

Reynolds Principal Stan Elrod said the problems might be that the expelled student has very little parental guidance or involvement.

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"You end up having to talk to the child like an adult and that makes matters more complicated," he said.

Elrod, who refers to himself as a "student's principal," said his three assistant principals — one of whom is black — work closely with students seemingly headed toward trouble. Reynolds has about 1,250 students — 65 percent of whom are white and 35 percent of whom are black.

North Forsyth Principal Kate Schott blamed "socio-economic" conditions for the disproportionate number of blacks who were expelled from her school. She said that behavioral problems are not "peculiar to any ethnic

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National NEWS

White Prof Sues St. Aug.

RALEIGH (AP) — Students at St. Augustine's College have dedicated their yearbook to a white professor suing the school because it denied him tenure because of his race. Professor Allan Cooper says he wants to be judged not by the color of his skin, but by his accomplishments.

"It was strange," said Carlos Bates, vice president of the student body. "This man has a lawsuit against the school and he's having the yearbook dedicated to him." Cooper's case was scheduled to open in federal court in Raleigh this week.

Farrakhan: Educate our Children

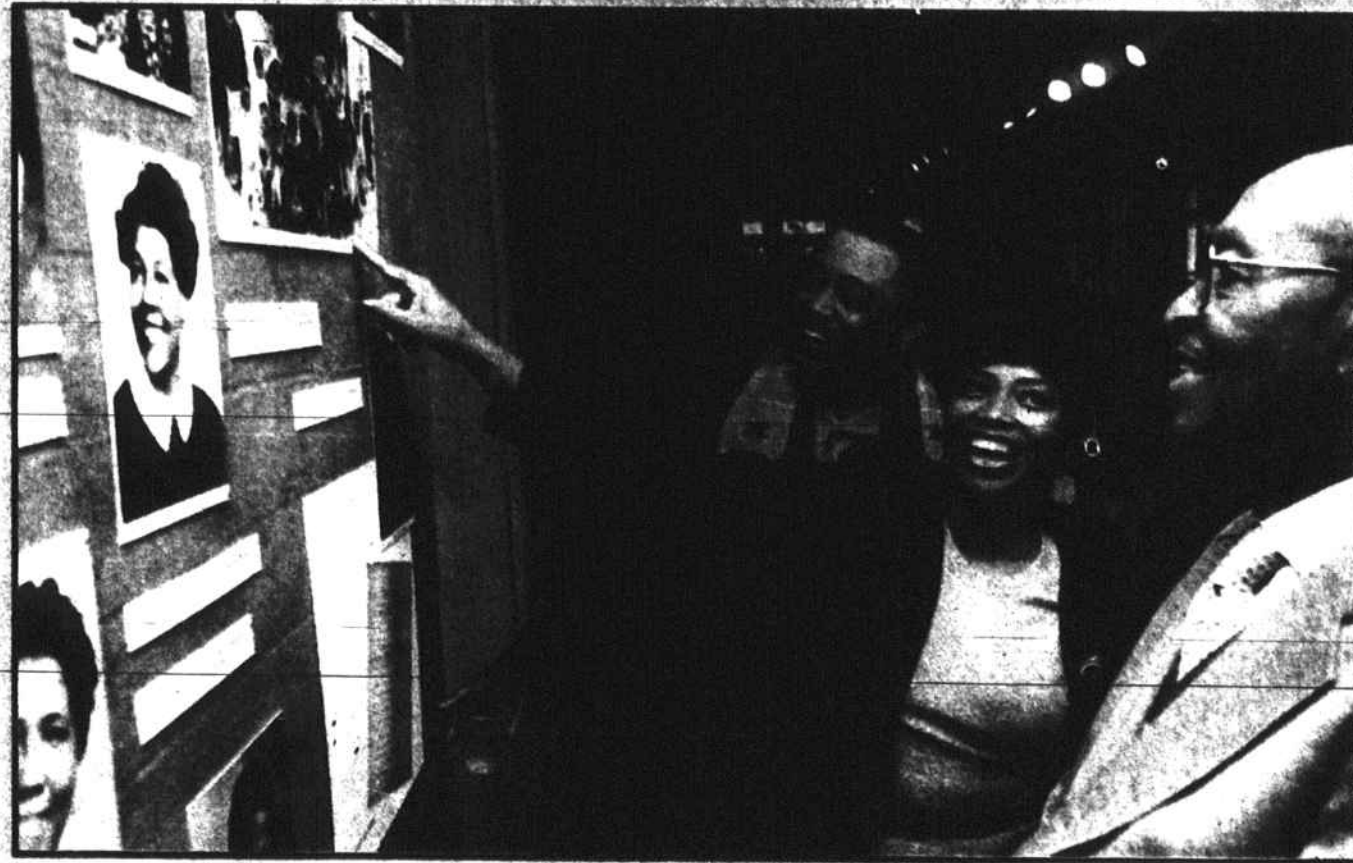
DETROIT (AP) — The Rev. Louis Farrakhan has warned that all Americans will suffer if children are not better educated. The Nation of Islam leader spoke to more than 2,000 people in Detroit at the Saving the African-American Male conference.



Louis Farrakhan

"There was a time when Wall Street was the financial capital of the world; now it's Tokyo," he said before 2,000 people in Detroit at the Saving the African-American Male Conference. "Something is happening. The country is heading down. The only way the country can be stopped from heading down is a better system of education."

The Black Family



REYNOLDA HOUSE: (From l to r): Wayne Lash and Gigi Parent look at pictures of the Lash family with James E. Lash at an exhibit last weekend at the Reynolda House Museum of American Art. "The Spirit of Reynolda: African-American Contributions 1912-1962," offered insight into the black families who helped build and run the Reynolda estates.

Proposal Draws Ire of Citizens United

By KAREN M. HANNON
Chronicle Staff Writer

A member of the Citizens United for Justice says he has concerns about the latest redistricting proposal recently discussed by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education.

The Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley, a member of the group's educational committee, said this week that although the redistricting proposal may reduce cross-town busing for some elementary school students, the plan does not adequately reduce the number of children from inner-city communities that would be bused to county schools to achieve racial balance.

"This proposal would still bus (black) children," Eversley said. "There seems to be no reciprocal of busing children from the outer areas of the city in."

He said Citizens United for Justice believes there are more important issues than achieving racial balance in the schools.

"We consider the hiring of more black educators to be more important, along with increasing the expectations of all students, infusing the curriculum to include all cultures, and sensitivity training," he said.

The group, he said, is more concerned about segregation within any given school.

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Trustees Cool on Idea of Cultural Center

CHAPEL HILL (AP) — Support for a freestanding Black Cultural Center hit a snag recently when the issue went before the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of trustees for the first time.

Trustee John Pope of Raleigh offered a resolution that said the university should not be in the business of sanctioning or establishing facilities that promote a single race, creed, color or culture.

"I do believe that the proposed separate freestanding Black Cultural Center presents a risk of resegregation of both people and ideas on the university campus," Pope said.

Cressie Thigpen Jr. of Raleigh, one of two black members, said he is confident the trustees will see the importance of the Black Cultural Center when they get more information about the project.

Students and administrators at the University of

North Carolina at Chapel Hill, have been squabbling for weeks over the location of a proposed Black Cultural Center. Pope's resolution, seconded by student body President John Moody, was met with restrained remarks.

Most of the trustees said they needed more time and information before taking a position on the resolution or the center itself, and no vote was taken. Further discussion of the issue was delayed until the board's next meeting, May 28.

Several trustees said they have serious questions about the need for a Black Cultural Center on campus anywhere.

"I am not convinced a center is needed, and I am not convinced it's not," said Thomas Capps of Richmond, Va. "I must say, I don't like the tactics that have been used. I haven't heard anything but emotion on this

thing — I want to see some facts."

John Harris of Charlotte agreed with some of what Pope said.

"I can understand where John is coming from, and I can understand where the students are coming from," Harris said. "I haven't made up my mind on the BCC at all."

In the meantime, Chancellor Paul Hardin has asked the university's buildings and grounds committee to conduct a public hearing and report back to him on where the center should be built.

Two finalist sites have been identified — one between Wilson Library and Dey Hall and the other across the street in Coker Woods.

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THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

On March 30, 1923, Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, which was founded at Howard University in 1920, was incorporated.