

IN OUR SCHOOLS

Scholarships Offered

Future health-care professionals can offset the financial burden of college through the scholarship program offered by Health Care Careers CODE BLUE.

Partially funded by CODE BLUE sponsors Forsyth Memorial Hospital and North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. The scholarships are part of the continuing effort to recruit capable students into health care and are in addition to the loans and scholarship programs already offered by the four hospitals.

One student from Forsyth County will be awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for writing the best essay on the rewards of becoming a health-care professional. Students submitting an essay must also obtain a teacher recommendation, maintain a satisfactory grade-point average.

Volunteer work at a local hospital or health facility is encouraged.

The award will be presented in late spring and must be applied toward tuition at a community college or university in North Carolina. Interested student should contact their school guidance counselor or call CODE BLUE 725-6429 for more information.

Veterans Day

Nov 11 is Veteran's Day. This is a holiday for student and professional day for teachers.

Purkey Speaks

William Purkey from UNC-Greensboro will speak to Kernersville Elementary faculty and staff at 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Nov. 11th about "Invitational Learning." For more information call Brenda Mickey at 996-1080.

Art Gallery

Easton Elementary School has an Art Gallery in their hallways. Students in Kindergarten through fifth grade mixed paint colors to create "Pumpkins Patches." This will be on display through the month of Nov. For more information call Lori Mottesheard at 778-2331.

Fall Carnival

Cash Elementary School PTA will be sponsoring a Fall Carnival on Nov. 12 at 5 p.m. Games, food, a cake walk, and a lot of fun are planned for everyone. For more information call Kathy Lineberger at 996-3321.

Space Camp

Students from the sixth-grade Endeavor team at Cook Middle School are going to Space Camp in Huntsville, Al. on Nov. 12th and will return to Winston-Salem on Sunday. The trip is sponsored by 4-H and NASA. For more information call Susan Edge at 727-2784.

Education Week

Nov. 14-20 will represent American Education Week.

Competency Test

North Carolina Competency Test for students in grades 9-12 who have not passed or who have not been tested previously, will be given Nov. 16-18.

Board of Education Meets

Board of Education will meet Thursday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. —

Fall Concert

The R. J. Reynolds Orchestra will be presenting its fall concert on Nov. 15 in the Reynolds Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. There will be no admission charge and everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served.

"In Our Schools" is a weekly calendar of events that chronicles going-on in our local schools. If you would like your event or information included, send them to: "In Our Schools," The Chronicle, P.O. Box 1636. You may also fax it to 723-9173.

Club Starts Off Year With Success

The Best Yet Flower Garden Club held its first meeting of the year at the home of Magdalene Watson on Saturday Sept. 25. Mrs. Stewart gave the report from the convention and Cheek gave the council report. Cheek then encouraged members to participate in the upcoming Dixie Classic Fair Flower Show. Mrs. Stewart did enter the show and walked away with six honors.

Other plans were made for Best Yet to continue its work with our youth group. The African Violets, and with other efforts of the council which plans to make decorations in its November Council for the Human Alliance Service.

The Best Yet Club is Off and running with new goals.

Once Again Violence Claims a Young Life

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arrived, she said, and an officer attempted cardiopulmonary resuscitation, she said. It was futile. Gladden was pronounced dead at Baptist Hospital.

Family friends disagree on facts

A point of contention between family members and Gladden's friends was how much time elapsed between the time she was shot and the time help was called.

Vanessa Singleton, 26, the woman who rents the Locust Avenue apartment, said that accounts of one hour having passed before help was called are untrue. She said she got off work from a Liberty Street convenience store about 1:45 a.m. and was home around 2 a.m. Five to 10 minutes after she arrived home, she said, she was using the bathroom when she heard what sounded like a firecracker going off. She didn't pay any attention to the noise until a friend, who had been in the house, knocked on the door and told her what had happened.

She was told that "Nook," as Gladden was also known, had been shot.

Singleton said she went to the bedroom and found Gladden on the floor and slumped against a wall.

"I asked her, 'What's wrong? What's wrong?'" Singleton said.

Singleton said she then noticed a "smudge spot" on the front of Gladden's shirt. She lifted up the shirt and saw blood coming from the area around Gladden's stomach.

"Oh my God. What happened?" she asked an unconscious Gladden.

She said she didn't know who was in the bedroom at the time because "my mind was focusing on Nook."

She said a friend ran next door and used the phone to call for help.

"It did not happen at 1 a.m. . . . And it had nothing to do with no arguing or no drugs."

'They just let her die'

However, Pam Gladden, the victim's mother, didn't believe Singleton's version. "They just let her lay there

and die," she said.

Gladden and her best friend, Ann Sheppard, talked about the events surrounding her daughter's death with a visitor this week.

Sheppard, who responded to questions posed to Gladden, said that she asked Singleton several times what happened and each time she told the story, facts would be revealed that pointed to evidence that those in the house waited an unnecessary amount of time before calling the police. She quotes Singleton as saying that she "was scared and had to clean up my house" before letting someone in.

"They let her bleed to death," Sheppard said.

Disobeyed 10 o'clock curfew

Gladden's relationship with her mother was sporadic and she spo had been staying with her maternal grandfather, James Johnson, for the past three years. Johnson, who lives on East 24th Street, also had problems with her. He said the problems started this past summer when she would leave and not return for several days. "She was as nice a girl as you would want to meet," he said.

But he called her "hardheaded" and said she "wouldn't abide by my rules." The main one was his 10 p.m. curfew.

Gladden went to Independence High School — an optional school and the last stop for students who have gotten in trouble with the school system. Johnson said his granddaughter was sent to the school because she had gotten pregnant. Relatives and friends said her attendance was spotty.

Johnson said that when Gladden would leave home, everytime he'd see her on the street "it was with some dude who was hustling."

She'd eventually return home, then leave again, he said.

"I throwed up my hands. . . . I couldn't make her stay here," he said.

Milligan is Making a Difference

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that city's public housing community. He arrived in Rocky Mount from Wilson, where he got his start in public housing by becoming an assistant director.

He held management positions at several companies, and the reason he was approached for the Wilson position was because of his management skills.

He said that the job may change, but "managing people basically stays the same."

A native of Columbia, S.C., Milligan was the second child of a registered nurse and mortician. He played football in high school, but he got into The Citadel on an academic scholarship.

He said he believes in operating the public housing authority, which oversees 2,700 units, like a business. It is that policy that led the authority to purchase Plaza Apartments, a privately owned complex, from an investor.

The apartments, in the northwest cor-

ner of Northwest Boulevard and Thurmond Street, were going downhill because the owner was losing money and was unwilling to put more money into fixing them up, Milligan said. The investor approached the housing authority about purchasing the property, he said.

Milligan said that the authority financed the acquisition through private and public sources. The authority will renovate the property and, because it won't be tied to any Housing and Urban Development money, the authority hopes to attract the kind of renter the private market would like to attract.

Milligan said it's a "win/win" situation because the city will earn revenue from the taxable property, the conditions of the property will be improved, and there will be more affordable housing from which to choose.

The acquisition represented the first time in the housing authority's history

that it has purchased property with the help of a private lender, Milligan said.

What's on the immediate horizon for public housing residents will involve a unique way of helping to tackle the problems of drugs and violence.

Milligan recently hired two more community safety specialists, bringing to four the total number. If a tenant is arrested for drug possession and drugs are found on the property, the tenant could be evicted.

Milligan is also working toward installing air conditioning in every unit — a project he hopes to have completed by next summer.

One of the more telling things that Milligan shared with the East Area Council in the Nov. 4 breakfast was that the housing authority doesn't use the "P" word (for project) any more.

Milligan explained that the sobriquet came out of President Franklin Roo-

sevelt's administration, when housing was constructed to temporarily house the unemployed until they could find work.

"The problem we have with the 'P' word now is that the projects are our neighbors," he said.

Such censorship is largely symbolic, he said, but such symbolism can affect how people view themselves and their institutions. In other words, it can make a difference, and that's what Milligan, the is all about.

The "P" word is not Milligan's only pet peeve. He also refers to call public housing residents "customers." Public housing is service oriented, and the people they service are customers, he said.

"Our customers deserve the same respect and dignity anybody else in this town gets," he said.

NAACP Asks Chief Sweat to Ban Use of Pepper Spray

▲ After spending months in a coma, man who was sprayed with chemical dies-

By MARK R. MOSS
Chronicle Staff Writer

The death last week of Lawrence Francisco Cannon, who was hospitalized after police used pepper spray on him last summer, has prompted the NAACP to ask the Police Chief George Sweat ban using the chemical until its affects have been further studied.

The civil rights organization is also asking the U.S. Department of Justice to expedite its investigation of pepper spray.

It has also prompted a close relative of the dead man to hire a lawyer to look into the circumstances surrounding Cannon's death.

"There wasn't a thing wrong with him when he came home," Leo Cannon Sr., an uncle, said about Cannon's return to Winston-Salem from a Salisbury jail.

Several days after Cannon's return, on July 7, police said an unidentified man flagged down an officer around 4 a.m. in the 1000 block of East 15th Street and pointed to a man lying in the front seat of a 1978 Ford. The car's owner told the officer that he didn't know who the man was and wanted to press charges.

A second officer arrived, and when the two attempted to handcuff the man, he resisted and the officers used pepper spray, police said.

After Cannon, 52, was taken to the warrant office and charged with tampering with a motor vehicle and delaying an officer, he was escorted to the Forsyth County Jail.

Dr. Patrick Lantz, a forensic pathologist at Baptist Hospital, said that although an autopsy had been completed,



Lawrence Francisco Cannon

he still had not determined what killed Cannon. He said he was waiting on the man's medical records from Forsyth Memorial Hospital and the State Bureau of Investigation's report.

He said such information was needed "to do a thorough investigation and to come up with a cause and a manner of death."

However, Leo Cannon said that doctors told him that his nephew had a brain concussion and fractured ribs.

"How he got them, he (the doctor) didn't know . . . They told me he would never come around (regain consciousness) again."

Cannon said he was told that his nephew was "out in the back of the police car" when they brought him to the hospital. He was in intensive care for about a month, then moved to a room before hospital officials said he would

have to go to a nursing home, Cannon said.

Cannon said his nephew was collecting a government check because of a car accident that left him unable to work.

He described Cannon as being "kind of wild." He said he didn't know why Cannon had to serve time, but when he returned to Winston-Salem "he was in perfect health."

Cannon said he has talked to a lawyer, and the lawyer was trying to get the dead man's body shipped to the state medical examiner's office in Chapel Hill.

Besides demanding that the city police department stop using pepper spray, the National Association for the

Advancement of Colored People's letter to Sweat dated Nov. 10 — also calls for the Board of Alderman's Public Safety Committee to convene a hearing on the use of the chemical weapon. It also sug-

gests that facilities at Winston-Salem State University and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine be used to aid in investigating the chemical's effects.

"Clearly," the letter states, "Chief Sweat, in view of the two known deaths that possibly are causally related to the use of pepper spray, your immediate attention to this matter is imperative. How many more must die before we take constructive action?"

The other death refers to Angelo Robinson of Concord, whose death this summer touched off a riot.

The letter is signed by local NAACP president William Tatum.

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