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Marilyn Jackson, Robert Lynch, and Kathy Durant, all seniors at WSSU, do personal and telephone counseling at Sundial and receive credit for it in their sociology field practicum course.

## Drug Program Needs Community Volunteers

by Sharyn Bratcher  
Staff Reporter

"The majority of our calls come from parents who believe their children are using drugs," says Bobbie Sussman, director of Sundial House. But this crisis counseling and referral service, a division of the Council on Drug Abuse, handles many types of problems other than drugs; everything from suicide attempts to child abuse.

Monica Schamel, the program's assistant director, describes Sundial as an organization for dealing with a crisis situation on a short term basis, after which counselors refer the person to a specialized agency dealing with that problem.

The program is staffed by volunteers, including some sociology students from Winston-Salem State University, who monitor phone

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## NAACP Charges Director With Bias Against Blacks

by Sharyn Bratcher  
Staff Writer

"We want to make it clear that we are not complaining about the program, but about the way it is directed," said NAACP labor committee chairman Rodney Sumler, in reference to the Northwest Child Development Corporation.

According to Sumler, the labor committee has recently processed 22 complaints against Northwest Child Development Corporation with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, charging the company with discriminating practices in the hiring and promotion of blacks. "Some of these complaints have been returned to us because they failed to explicitly state the nature of the discrimination, but this is only a minor delay," said Sumler. Corporation director Susan Law acknowledged that she has received notice of four complaints.

Tracy Singletary, a member of the NAACP labor committee, reported these complaints to the Winston-Salem board of Aldermen in their last meeting. Chairman Sumler says that the case should be of concern to the

city because Northwest leases some city facilities and uses several CETA employees in its program. Alderman Richard Davis

disagrees, saying that the city merely rents the space to Northwest, but they are not responsible for its practices.

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## Caucus Presses Hunt- Test Will Hurt Blacks

Raleigh, N.C. [CCNS] -- A special task force of the North Carolina Black Demo-

cratic Leadership Caucus met with Dr. Banks Talley, Executive Assistant to Governor James Hunt, to discuss modification of Hunt's support for two pieces of legislation setting up standardized testing of all students in public schools.

One piece of legislation would require all high school seniors to pass a standardized exam before receiving a high school diploma. The other would make mandatory testing of all students in first, third, sixth, and ninth grades to determine supposedly if they had learned the requisite skills taught.

A position paper presented to the House Education Committee was discussed with Talley. The paper outlined eight criticisms of standardized exams as well as six recommendations to

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## Summer Youth Program Funded

The Department of Labor has told the city that the local summer youth employment program this year will receive funds totaling \$468,250.

That amount represents \$444,211 in new funds plus \$24,039 in funds carried over from the city's last two summer youth programs.

The funds will be used to provide jobs and work-relat-

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## Is There A Plot To Discredit Blacks -Part II

### Black Leaders Question 'Equal Protection'

"THE LAW CANNOT MAKE A MAN LOVE ME -- RELIGION AND EDUCATION MUST DO THAT -- BUT IT CAN CONTROL HIS DESIRE TO LYNCH ME." --Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.

by Sharyn Bratcher  
Staff Writer

"I don't know if there's a conspiracy to discredit blacks, but something is going on," says Alderman Carl Russell. His reaction

is a good summary of the feelings expressed by local black leaders when confronted with the question: "Is there a plot to discredit blacks?"

Each says that a conspiracy, which suggests a group of people specifically plotting mischief, is not the situation with which blacks are confronted. The problem seems to be a general tendency to inflict more severe penalties on black

defendants, and an inequality in the handling of the cases.

Reverend J. Ray Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church and a member of the NAACP executive board, said that blacks seem to be treated more harshly than whites, regardless of guilt or innocence in the case. Cases involving blacks seem to draw more publicity as well, he noted, citing the case at

the Winston Lake Golf Course, in which "David Wagner's name was dragged into the case, when he really wasn't involved at all." Blacks who are politically active do seem to draw fire from unknown sources; Dr. Butler mentioned that he once received a bomb threat after allowing a citizen's group to meet in his church.

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