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Files \$1.5 Million Suit

Black Company Charges SBA With Negligence

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A local black business claims to be the latest victim of a government agency presently under investigation for ruining a number of small companies in the southeast.

Associated Furniture Incorporated of Winston-Salem has filed suit in the United States Court of Claims against the Small Business Administration seeking \$1,500,000 in damages and charging the SBA with numerous

counts of negligence and mishandling of company matters.

The suit, filed by David H. Wagner, president of the firm, and George E. Hill, charges the Small Business Administration with: trying to force

Wagner to withdraw from the company; forcing a reduction in production by refusing to make payments pursuant to the advance payments contracts; negligently allowing the insurance coverage on the equipment

and inventory of Associated Furniture to lapse; and refusing to investigate the fire at the company plant, despite evidence that the fire resulted from arson -- in short, the suit contends that the SBA made every

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Wagner Runs For NE Seat

David Wagner, attorney and NAACP vice-president, announced his candidacy for alderman of the North East ward in a Tuesday press conference at the Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church. Stating his intention to run for Carl Russell's seat, whether or not Russell chose to run again, Wagner listed an eleven point platform, including such topics as the development of programs for the elderly, equal employment opportunity within the government, the development of one or more community centers in the North East ward, and a financing system for federal funds received by the city of Winston-Salem.

Law enforcement was a major item in six of his listed objectives. Wagner called for adequate police protection to decrease crime in the community, and the development of a police review system. Police brutality, one of the topics, is a complicated matter. "There are a lot of ways for police to be brutal," Wagner explained. "You don't have to hit a person over the head to be brutal. You could use abusive language or treat someone with discourtesy." He advocated the establishment of an awareness program sponsored by city government. See Wagner, Page 2



Dr. Kenneth R. Williams, Chancellor at Winston-Salem State University, received award recently from Alumni Association.

Dr. Williams Honored At Alumni Coalition Luncheon

WSSU Chancellor Dr. Kenneth R. Williams and Attorney Henry Frye, a representative in the N.C. General Assembly, received plaques in recognition of their outstanding achievements at the Higher Education Luncheon of the North Carolina Alumni & Friends Coalition held Saturday in the Red and White Room of WSSU's Kennedy Dining Hall.

The luncheon featured Dr. Albert H. Berrian, vice-president of the Institute for Service to Education, Washington, D.C. as guest speaker, with special remarks by Dr. John Larkins, special assistant to the Governor on Minority Affairs.

The N.C. Alumni and Friends Coalition represents alumni organizations of the five predominantly black colleges. See Dr. Williams, Page 2

Goler Tenants Picket Wagner's Candidacy

Demonstrators protesting the management of Goler Apartments picketed outside the Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church during David Wagner's Tuesday press conference announcing his candidacy for alderman. Wagner is on the Board of Directors of Goler Apartments.

"A man ought to clean up his own house before he runs for office," said Mrs. Lee Faye Mack, president of Concerned Citizens, who was one of the demonstrators.

Bertha Mitchell of Goler Apartments, spokesman for the protestors, read a list of complaints concerning the management of the apartment complex. The demands included: a system of pest control, maintenance and repairs for the apartments, play areas for small children, and consistency by the management in following stated procedure, such as rent collection.

David Wagner, who conceived the idea of the apartment complex owned by Goler Metropolitan Church, responded to the demonstrators:

"There are certain things I cannot do. I can't pay the tenants rent for them; I can't go in and clean up their apartments; I can't make them behave themselves. Give me 150 tenants at Goler who will pay their rent, keep their apartments clean, and behave themselves and there'll be no tenant-landlord problems at Goler."

Smiley Wagner, manager of Goler Apartments and nephew of David Wagner, said that of the 15 persons who picketed. See Goler, Page 2

"Black Women: From Roots To Harvest"

Business League Honors 19

The Winston-Salem Chapter Professional Business League honored 19 women who have achieved in business and other related professional careers at a luncheon held this past Saturday at the Reynolds Health Center Cafeteria.

Mrs. Lillian Wesley Lee, wife of Howard N. Lee, State Secretary of Natural &

Economic Resources and former candidate for Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina and Mayor of Chapel Hill, was the luncheon speaker. She spoke from the theme,

"Black Women: From Roots to Harvest" and journeyed from the roots of SoJourneyer Truth to the harvest of outstanding black women

achievers of today.

Trophies and certificates of recognition presented by Mrs. Gloria C. King, Program & Projects Chairperson, were awarded to:

Ms. Ernestine Alspaugh, Section Chief - Western Electric Company; Mrs. Flonnie Anderson, Teacher/Drama-Parkland Sr. High

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