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To Discuss Aldridge Suspension

HRC Wants Beauty Eyeball to Eyeball

By Yvette McCullough
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The personnel committee of the Human Relations Commission wants "to talk eyeball to eyeball" with Al Beauty, the city's personnel director and assistant city manager, before making a decision about Herman Aldridge, the city's human relations director, suspended by Beauty last week without pay for failing to mention a drug conviction on his application.

Dr. Kelly O.P. Goodwin, chairman of the Human Relations Commission, told the Chronicle, after the committee met with City Manager Orville Powell Tuesday that they will wait until Monday, because Beauty is out of town.

"We will be meeting with the Personnel Committee next Monday in executive session with Mr. Aldridge and Mr. Beauty," Rev. Goodwin said. "We need to talk eyeball to eyeball with Mr. Beauty and receive some information from him that could not be supplied by the City Manager."

Aldridge was not present at the personnel meeting with Powell and could not be reached for comment. He was suspended last week by Beauty for allegedly lying on an application about a 1974 marijuana conviction when he was living in Raleigh.

Aldridge has been quoted as saying that he did not receive the application until after he was hired and that he only submitted his resume of which he was hired.

Mrs. Rachel Jackson, a member of the human relations personnel committee, said that the committee based their selection on Aldridge's resume.

"We based our selection on what we had to deal with and that was a resume," Jackson said. "This situation is an embarrassment to the Human Relations Commission, the city and to me as a person."

Jackson said that she was not speaking for the commission but that she was very upset about the "whole situation."

"Personally this thing shouldn't have taken place," Jackson said. "The city has never felt that the Human Relations Commission was an important entity and this would have never happened if they felt we had a crucial part to play in city government."

Jackson said that the personnel committee should assess the good Aldridge has done, because the legal technicality has nothing to do with his performance.

"I hope the majority of the commission feels as I feel," Jackson said. "If not they wouldn't be in this business."

Dr. Goodwin said that the commission would move slowly on their decision.



A Time For Togetherness

Easter meant a coming together for people throughout the city. Above, left, students in the Goler Child Development Center eye an Easter bunny cake prepared by their cook, Mrs. Frances Brannon, to help demonstrate shapes. Right, the charge begins at the opening of the Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Ebony



Fraternity and the Cyclops Social Club in Rupert Bell Park. Below, Rev. B. H. Bonham gives the sermon at the 24th annual sunrise service at Canaan Baptist Church and members of Hanes C.M.E. Church enjoy breakfast prepared by the men of the church following their sunrise service.

photos by Templeton



The Case of the Missing Sports Car

Minister Wants Dealer to Pay for Car Stolen off Lot

By John W. Templeton
Staff Writer
Feb. 1, Rev. Rayford Thompson lost an MG Midget used sports car from West Chevrolet, on behalf of a dealer in his home, on Stratford Road. A few days later, Thompson took the car to have a defect in the horn repaired. They called me up and said the car was stolen. "When I got the car wasn't in the lot." The sports car which Thompson had paid \$2700 cash was reported stolen—has yet to be recovered. Thompson, active several years ago in a bid to make the Reynolds Health Center a general hospital, wants the

dealership to reimburse him for the car. Spokesmen for West Chevrolet say the firm is not responsible for the loss. Sales manager Odell Cleary directed a reporter to a 3-foot by 5-foot sign in the service area. The notice says, "We will not be responsible for theft, vandalism, fire or other losses to customer's cars which are beyond our control." However, the sign alone may not absolve the firm of any responsibility for the loss, according to a state consumer protection expert. Alan Hirsh, assistant attorney general, said the incident is covered under an area of the law known as "bailment—that's

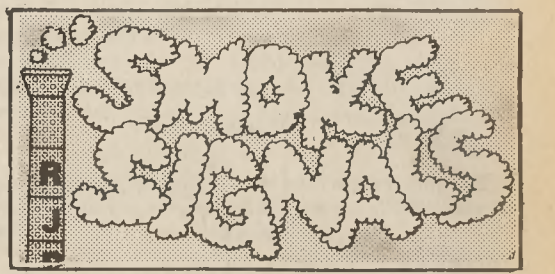
what happens when you leave something that's yours with somebody else." "The law says, 'the bailee (dealer) is under a duty imposed by law to exercise due care to protect the object from loss, damage or destruction,'" said Hirsh in a telephone interview. "If he does not, he may be held liable for damages resulting from negligent failure to perform this duty," Hirsh added. "The sign they have up just states what the law says," said the consumer protection lawyer. "The question is what's beyond their control. Somebody's going to have to show whether they should have prevented the theft or not."

Dave West, service manager at the dealership, said the theft marked the first time a customer's car had been stolen from the lot in the 3½ years at the location. He said the firm's policy is to lock serviced cars after parking them in the lot, but said he was not familiar with that particular car. "We gave it the same protection as all the rest of our cars," said West. Rev. Thompson bought the car for Eric Williams, a boarder in his home at 1442 North Cherry St. who reimbursed him for the sales price. "But what if he decides to sue me?" asked the minister. "The situation is simple, I'm out of the money and out of the car," said Thompson.



Al Beauty

Aldridge



State senior Sharon Smalls of Dean of Engineering Larry K. Montelth. Miss Smalls is a major in mechanical and aerospace engineering. See story, page 15.

Volunteers to Man Phones For UNCF Scholarships

The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) will sponsor its first phonothon in the Winston-Salem area on May 1, 2, and 3 at the Wachovia Bank Building. Cynthia Perry, director of the local UNCF office, said that the sponsoring committee "has been busy coordinating this event for several months." "The purpose of the phonothon is to contact individuals, organizations and small businesses in the area on behalf of the United Negro College Fund," said Perry. "A goal of \$10,000 has been established." Perry said that 25 people from the Alpha Kappa Alpha, Delta Sigma Theta and Zeta Phi Beta sororities will be manning the phones seeking pledges from prospective donors during the

three nights. "Ten people will be manning the phones and the 15 other people will be writing out thank-yous," Perry said. Funds raised will go to scholarships at UNCF member schools. Widely known for its slogan, "A mind is a terrible thing to waste," the UNCF consists of 41 predominately black colleges, 40 of which are located in the South. Six of the colleges are located in North Carolina. They are: Barber Scotia College, Bennett College, Johnson C. Smith University, Livingstone College, St. Augustine's College and Shaw University. Perry said that President Carter recently praised the commitment of students enrolled at UNCF schools.

Riding a bike can be an enjoyable recreation. However in the wrong hands, the bike can be a dangerous vehicle. Yes, I'm talking about the two-wheeler that has been around for years. Many children think that there's nothing to riding a bike and unfortunately that way of thinking causes many accidents. A few nights ago I encountered a young bike rider on the street. He had no reflectors or lights on his bike and was placing himself in a very dangerous situation. He was riding on the wrong side of the street coming towards me. I didn't see him until he was only a couple of inches away. Luckily I was able to avoid him in time. Seeing this young kid in this situation made me think of what could have happened. Bike safety isn't talked about much but it should be. Too many parents place these vehicles in their child's hands without telling them the rules and regulations and showing them how to handle it properly. If I had hit or killed that young bike rider, the parents would have probably blamed me, but the fault should

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