

# Greensboro Women Tackle Bureaucrats

## She Challenged School Fees

**By Patrisha Tulloch  
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When Janifar Williamson of Greensboro voiced her objection about public school fees to attorneys Rick Greene and Jackie Forman, little did

"feels a wrong must be righted." Somehow the idea of having to pay fees or have her daughter barred from attending school, "just didn't seem right," said Williamson.

decision would be handed down regarding the issue. Almost one month has passed since a Superior Court judge ruled school fees unconstitutional.

Much has been said about Judge Kivett, the decision itself and the public schools, but very little about the woman without whom nothing may have happened.

Her fight regarding school fees tells a lot about the sort of person she is: persistent and courageous.

The attractive mother of two points out that there is no stopping her when she

sent to her home. Williamson went straight to the Central Carolina Legal Services and headed straight to the office of staff attorney/acting director, Rick Greene.

The letter read to the effect that if Williamson did not pay the amount of \$30 then her daughter would not be permitted to return to school.

Greene called in staff attorney Forman and both felt confident within the existing laws that Williamson had a case.

According to both attorneys, the soft-spoken

Williamson wasn't enraged about having to pay the fees, only dismayed.

Described as candid, frank and a woman who exhibits a rare calmness during stress, Williamson sought legal council because she knew that people accept what they are unsure of. They accept what other people say as a must, not really knowing one way or the other.

"I just wanted to make certain that I was right about school fees being wrong."

Williamson was right according to the judge. For nine months out of the year public schools cannot charge attendance fees.

"The right to a free education," says Williamson, "did not just start with my children.

That is why we have public schools.

## Food Stamps Precedent Set

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Apparently no one ever told Helen Chavis: "you can't fight City Hall, let alone win." Chavis fought and Chavis won.

Actually, Chavis fought the food stamps division within the Department of Social Services regarding a cut-back in her food stamps allocation.

When the young divorcee enrolled at Guilford Technical Institute in a federally funded incentive program, her food stamp stipend went from \$92 per month to \$32 per month.

The reason for the cut-back was her incentive wage of \$30 a week and \$13 a week transportation allowance.

However, the transportation allowance should not have been figured in as part

of her income. Even with just one of her three children in her custody, "we just couldn't eat off of \$2 a week," said Chavis. "At first I was just going to let it drop and try to live off that; but it was no

exists." Moore and her supervisor were still not convinced until Chavis went on to inform them that the regional office was sending a representative to look into the matter. At that point Chavis was given \$25 in food stamps as an emergency measure.

Chavis then called the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. "After a tip from the regional office of Agriculture in Raleigh, I knew I had the necessary ammunition to win this battle."

The ammunition was the federal regulation prohibiting a transportation allowance to be included as income.

Clara Moore, food stamp eligibility specialist who handles Chavis' account, declined to comment. Chavis states that "Moore became argumentative and said 'no such regulation

## Clouds Smile At Mayfest

The rain stayed away Saturday long enough to draw a large crowd into the downtown area to the second annual Mayfest International.

The Mayfest is held to promote interest and appreciation of ethnic cultures, and is sponsored by the Urban Arts Program of the Arts Council, Inc. and the Greater Downtown Association of Winston-Salem.

The festival was divided into regions representing the geographical regions of the world. They were Africa, Middle East, the Americas, Asia and Europe. Each region displayed foods, crafts and entertainment typical of that region.

In the Africa-Middle East region, displays of crafts, handiwork, and jewelry were showcased, from such countries as Iran, Egypt, Jordan, Nigeria, Liberia, North and West Africa, Turkey and Pakistan.

The America's featured such delicacies as the hot-dog and ice cream. There were also contemporary jazz, country music and participants in traditional dress.

In the Asian region handi-crafts, toys, clothing and other cultural delicacies were displayed. Passerbys were also treated to Chinese soy rolls, Japanese egg rolls and pizza, as well as other Chinese and Korean

foods. The European region includes such foods as pizza, sausages, Italian Hero sandwiches, pasta and German sausages. The aroma of the different foreign foods filled the air.

Crowds were also entertained by the Maypole Dance, Japanese Minyo Dances and Greek music and African dances.



**A Crowd Drawer**

Photo by Beatty

A belly dancer at the Mayfest International keeps the young fellows interested.

ed. Bruce Miller [second from right] is captivated by the movements of the dancer.

## Hunt Seeks Judge Nominees

**RALEIGH** - Gov. James B. Hunt has issued a call for nominations of minorities and women to fill eight vacancies for special Superior Court Judges.

Pursuant to Executive Order Number 30, Gov. James B. Hunt will fill these vacancies from nominations submitted by the four divisional panels of the

Judicial Nominating Committee. Nominees must be residents of the State of North Carolina.

In a letter to newspaper editors, Hunt said, "I hope you can help us spread the word about these vacancies and the opportunity for citizens to recommend persons to fill these vacancies so that we can attract more

and better candidates for the Superior Court bench including minorities and women.

The Judicial Nominating Committee was created by Hunt by Executive Order No. 12 in July 1977 to provide for non-partisan selection of Superior Court Judges.



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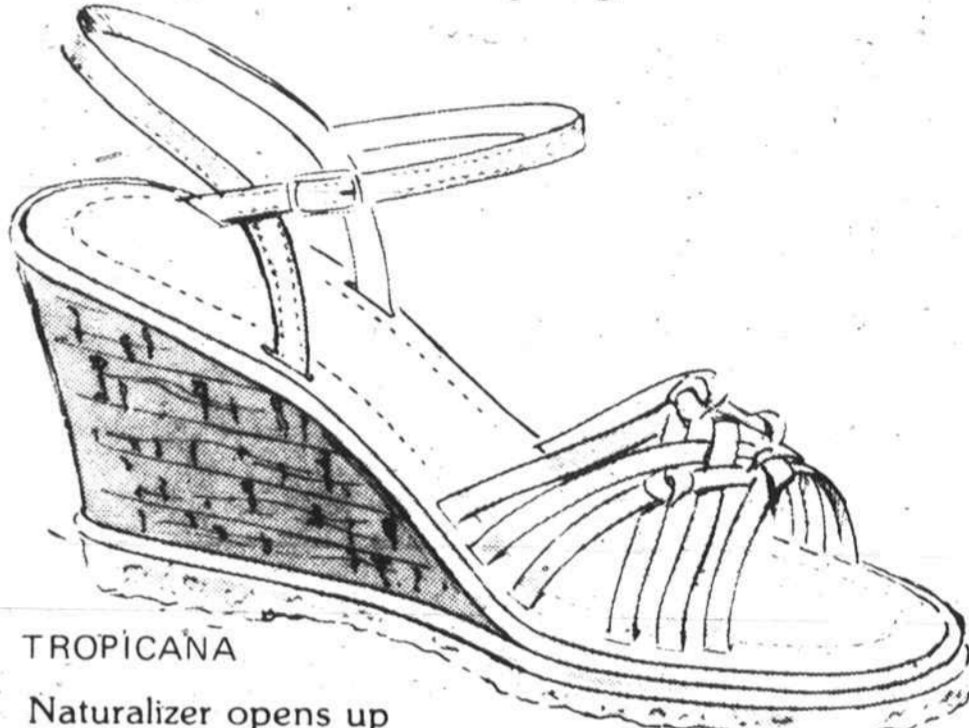
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