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## Police Brutality Charges Overlooked



Staff Photo by McCullough

### Why Not?

An observer of Saturday's Youth Explosion Festival at Miller Park is being closely watched as she prepares to take off.

# Sisters Sent To Jail

By Yvette McCullough  
Staff Writer

Three sisters who testified that police entered their yard unlawfully and beat them unnecessarily have been convicted on various charges and sentenced to spend a day in jail.

Charges were dismissed against a fourth woman who testified that her toe was broken during the incident.

Lawyers for the women said police never should have entered their pro-

perty and charged that police failed to tell the women they were being arrested.

Darcell House, and Juanita House were found guilty of assaulting a police officer, and resisting an arrest in Forsyth District Court Monday by Judge William Freeman. Carolyn House was found guilty of assaulting a police officer. They were all sentenced to 30 days in jail, suspended for 29 days and required to pay a \$25 fine and costs.

Patricia Hawkins was charged with intentionally causing a public disturbance. Charges were dismissed.

The case of the four women has prompted the NAACP to renew its call for a civilian review board.

The incident involving the four women and the police officers occurred on May 30 when Public Safety Officer J. G. Bullard answered a call about a stolen bicycle. The officer testified that he entered the House's property to investi-

gate the possibility of a stolen bicycle being there.

The women testified that the officer was on their property unlawfully because he didn't have a search warrant. They said they asked the officer to leave the property and bring back a search warrant.

Officer Bullard testified that he had probable cause because he saw the bike in the yard. Bullard said that the

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# Incentive Gains In City Budget

By Yvette McCullough  
Staff Writer

The Patterson Avenue YMCA Police Incentive Program was granted an increase of about \$20,000 in their budget by the Board of Alderman Monday, but would lose a key staffer in the process.

The aldermen voted 5-4, with the Mayor casting the deciding vote, to approve the tax ordinance for the 1979-80 fiscal year. In doing so, they also approved an amendment increasing the budget of the incentive program from \$33,000 to \$52,000.

The amendment calls for the deletion of the city staff position in the program and having the director of the program on the "Y" staff. The city staff position is that of police incentive coordinator, currently held by Alfred Adams.

Adams, who has worked with the program since 1973 and has been the coordinator since 1976 would no longer work with the program.

"I'm glad we received what we requested for the kids," said Richard Glover, executive director of the Patterson Avenue YMCA. "However, I am not happy if it means Alfred will no longer be working with the program."

Adams, contacted by telephone, said he had talked to City Manager Powell

and was assured that he would still be affiliated with the Police Incentive Program.

"I'm glad to be working with the program and I want to continue working with the program," Adams said.

"Without a policeman working with the program it wouldn't be the Police Incentive Program, it would just be the Incentive Program."

Adams said he thinks there was some misunderstanding about his position and he hopes that everything has been cleared up. He said it was felt by some city officials that his job was being duplicated by Howard Jones, outreach director of the Patterson Y, who also works with the program. Adams said that this is not the case.

"I just want to continue working with the program because our kids need this," Adams said. "Our kids need a chance to go to camp and do other things that the program offers."

The incentive program began in 1970 as part of a four-year federal grant and was designed to improve the relationship between the police and the community. The city took over the funding of the program in 1975. The program offers a variety of activities with the main emphasis on value orientation. The program serves over 1650 kids.

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Coming Together

The program committee of the Atkins Class of 1969 got together recently at their class's 10th anniversary, which was held at the Winston-Salem Hyatt House. They are (l to r) Brenda Chisholm, Doris Montgomery, Patricia Truesdale, Mary Jones and Rosa West (seated).

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Black Business

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# NAACP Warns of New Challenges

By Milton Jordan  
Convention Coverage  
News Service

LOUISVILLE--Unless more black people rally to its call, the NAACP could find itself spread too thin, fighting too many battles on too many fronts to be as effective as it has been in the past.

This undercurrent of warning drifted clearly through the 70th annual convention here last week that was a combination of discussions of problems facing the organization, pep talks, exuberance and internal squabbles.

Margaret Bush Wilson, NAACP national board chairperson, sounded the warning in her keynote address to more than 10,000 convention delegates opening night: "...we are now dealing with a climate much more treacherous than we faced in the 60s and before. We are facing a subtle form, a covert form of racism, and it is masked in all kinds of colors, all kinds of style, and all kinds of intricate and sophisticated strategies."

Noting some of the issues, the problems that spread the NAACP's resources thin, Mrs. Wilson, a St. Louis

•The energy crisis, a situation that earned the organization severe criticism last year when its policy supported energy expansion.

•The Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty, which she called a survival mechanism and a hedge against the greatest threat to our national security.

•Sanctions against Zimbabwe-Rhodesia, which the NAACP says should be maintained because the recent elections weren't fair, and the country still doesn't have majority rule.

On domestic issues, the organization's fiery executive director, Benjamin Hooks, told reporters, during a press meeting: "The headlines go to the political maneuvering underway to beat back the steady progress blacks have made in the past 10 years in the field of civil rights."

"What is generally felt among our white people in this country is being mimicked and pandered to in the United States Congress by way of attacks on affirmative action, and busing for school desegregation," said Hooks.

Internally, national NAACP officials face a groundswell of opposition from some members over the drive for more money, and a tighter more nationally controlled structure for the organization.

Said one delegate who asked not to be identified: "Since Hooks took over that's all we've been hearing is money, money, money. There are a lot of us who don't have anymore money. We've given all the money we can give."

To this, William Oliver, a longtime NAACP national board member, said: "If we don't want to pay for our freedom, then we're in some very

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Descendants of Turner Ferguson and family tour the offices of the Winston-Salem Chronicle during their weekend reunion here. More than 250 family

members from across the country gathered for the sixth annual meeting of the family.

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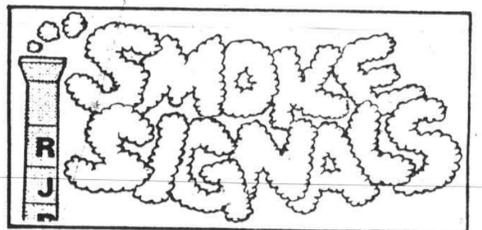
•The Weber decision was an unqualified victory for affirmative action, but there are still many obstacles, see viewpoints, page four.

•More than 38 buses from across the country enabled jazz fans to beat the gas crunch and

make it to Hampton. Get details on page five.

•The Original Drifters brought their "beach music" to Winston-Salem and a lot of memories in Vibes, page eight, plus a new drama company gets off to a flying start.

•A new summer basketball league, thanks to the man who brought us the "one on one", is featured in Sports, page eleven.



During the past couple of weeks I've had a chance to observe the judicial system in Winston-Salem and I can tell you in that short time span, I've learned a lot -- not only how the system works but about the people who get in trouble and must come before the judges.

From my lay person's viewpoint, I have been able to observe a few noticeable flaws.

We hear a lot about how blacks get such a raw deal from the court system. I'm not in a position to debate this statement, but some of the problems blacks face are brought on by themselves.

Just based on the two weeks I've been attending court, I've noticed how the majority of blacks brought before the judge are ill prepared. They come in late or fail to appear and have to be summoned by the bailiff.

I've also noticed that for very serious offenses some blacks come to court having failed to retain a lawyer. I don't care how minor an offense may appear to be, I don't think you should go to court without legal advice or a lawyer at your side.

Another major problem I've seen of blacks in the courts, especially young blacks, is that they seem to have an "I don't care" attitude. They stroll in and seem to be taking the whole process rather lightly. One guy went before a judge, with no lawyer, he had to be told to take off his hat and he addressed the judge like he would address a guy on the street.

Thankfully for the guy's sake, the judge didn't take offense to his attitude and had a court lawyer appointed for him. Another judge might not have taken it so lightly.

There's one more thing I must say, about the black men I've observed in court. Of all the black men appearing in court during the time I attended, only one was dressed in a presentable manner. I don't mean by

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