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## WSSU Coeds Killed in Auto Crash

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### Hit Head-on On Way to Game

Two freshmen coeds at Winston-Salem State University were killed, and two others seriously injured last week while driving to the WSSU-Fayetteville State football game. The tragedy sent the university into a state of mourning early this week, with busloads of students attending the two funerals Monday and Tuesday and a city-wide memorial service on Wednesday. The victims are Miss Marguerite Campbell of Fayetteville, Miss Sonya McNeill of Dunn. Hospitalized in Campbell Hill's N.C. Memorial Hospital are Miss Sarah

McDonald and Miss Mary Lou Lewis, both of Fayetteville. All of the freshmen are 18 years old. The accident occurred Friday, Oct. 12 at approximately 12:25 p.m., according to the report of Trooper R.E. Mann of the State Highway Patrol. A van driven by John Olin Nehls, 26, 2200 Wingate Rd. in Fayetteville crossed the center line and struck at 1975 Ford driven by Campbell 3.6 miles south of Siler City on U.S. 421. Trooper J.R. Stevens of the patrol's Siler City office

said in a telephone interview, Nehls was charged with driving under the influence and driving left of center, with other charges pending.

"This is a shocking and sad occasion for the University," said Dr. H. Douglas Covington, WSSU chancellor in a letter to faculty. Covington attended funeral services for Campbell on Monday and McNeill on Tuesday and scheduled a two-hour memorial service on Wednesday, with all classes suspended.

The impact of the accident was sorely felt at Atkins Hall, the dormitory for freshmen women where all four of the victims lived.

Dormitory matron Mrs. Ethnell Barton said of the residents, "They were very emotional about it." She estimated that approximately 50 students attended each funeral.

"They (Campbell and McNeill) both had very pleasant personalities," said Barton. "They were very cooperative and got along with the other students. That's what made it such a sad thing to happen."

According to the patient information office at N.C.

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## Drug Traffic Decreases in East Winston

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His name was "Caveman" and it was obvious he had seen better days than this particular night on Liberty Street. A long, wide, white bandage covered his right eye, the result of a shovel blow from a female. Although the temperature was moving towards the 40 degree level, "Caveman" wore no shoes on his feet. One young man in the knot of Liberty Street regulars which "Caveman" had joined, took the opportunity to point out "Caveman" used to be able to knock out everybody; now, he can't do anything. "Caveman" somberly agreed. Asked what had happened, the mid-twentieth year man replied, "Sex and alcohol." Sad as his story might sound, it includes a ray of hope for the Liberty Street strip from 12th through 18th streets. A couple of years ago, "Caveman" might have included 'cag' or heroin among his list of debilitating. However, today there's a consensus among observers of the area that the open drug traffic the area had gained a reputation for in past years is no longer as evident. "It's a whole lot different around here," said one of the men who stood

under a tree on the west side of Liberty. "The drugs have really declined. People are going elsewhere."

Lt. E.C. Yokely, head of the police narcotics squad, agreed with that assessment. "You don't have quite the congregation that you once did in that area."

The declining presence drugs in the Liberty Street area is due to two factors: a series of big "drug busts" by police and changes in late night habits.

In the opinion of Donald K. Tisdale, Forsyth district attorney, the busts have "removed the more prevalent drug dealers and kept them off the street."

An almost-perfect conviction record and the willingness of some defendants to turn state's evidence has extended the impact to people who have not actually been arrested.

"It leads to a feeling of paranoia," he said. "Folks don't want to deal with anybody unless they absolutely know them."

That attitude has been evident among addicts seeking drug therapy, reported Willis Smith, a counselor with the Council on Drug Abuse. "A lot are getting afraid of the law," he said.

Accordingly, there has been a doubling of his clientele in the six months since the last big bust, accounting to Smith.

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### Winning Pull

Charles Bennett leads the pulling for a victorious Reynolds Park team in the tug of war competition during the "Battle of the Centers" competition

## K-Five Plan Eliminates Five Schools

By Yvette McCullough  
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Five historically black schools would be closed, five black principals would be reassigned and black students would have to be bused an additional year out of their neighborhoods if a pupil assignment plan devised by education board member, Nancy Wooten, is approved.

Her plan is a 6-3-4 plan and is being offered as an alternative to Superintendent James Adams' 7-2-4 plan. The 6-3-4 plan would convert all k-4 and k-6 elementary schools to k-5 schools. The middle grades would be 6-8 and there would be a four year high school.

Wooten's plan calls for eight schools to be closed five of which are 5-6 schools located in the black community. These five schools are Brown, Cook, Diggs, Kimberly Park and Skyland. Four of these schools have black principals which would have to be reassigned.

Young black students who presently have to be bused out of their neighborhoods under the present k-4 plan, would be bused out an additional year under the k-5 plan. This would result in young black students except those in the Carver district being bused out of their neighborhood for 10 out of the 13 school years. However, in some areas it is some question whether those three years that are considered in years for blacks are really in-years.

Students in the Parkland High School district would attend Philo and Easton for their middle grades, but

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## Elijah Pulls Staffer From Association

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Urban League executive director Thomas D. Elijah, Jr. has asked a staff member to resign her posts as an officer of a group opposing the city's arena bond proposal.

Elijah told the Chronicle he asked Mrs. Lee Faye Mack to leave the job of vice president because he didn't feel that league staff should take leadership roles in community organizations.

"We have to play an impartial role and let people make their own decision," said Elijah. "I don't want myself or my staff leading community groups." Mrs. Mack said she had agreed to leave the post. She declined to comment on the action.

The improvement association attacked the bond proposal over the lack of adequate housing in the city in a separate statement, the NAACP charged that there had been "unkept promises during past bond campaigns."

NAACP branch president Patrick Hairston said blacks were promised a new Reynolds



Elijah



Mack

Hospital and instead got the Reynolds Health Center, which has a majority of whites in top jobs. He also said there are three whites to every one black working in facilities created by the last recreation bond.

Mayor Wayne A. Corpening has responded with a list of 1,324 new units of housing initiated since he took office and said the past bonds were not relevant to the referendum.

Elijah said he had spoken with Mayor Corpening after the improvement association held a press conference in front of a condemned house in Liberty Patterson last Thursday to announce its stand.

According to Elijah, the mayor asked whether the

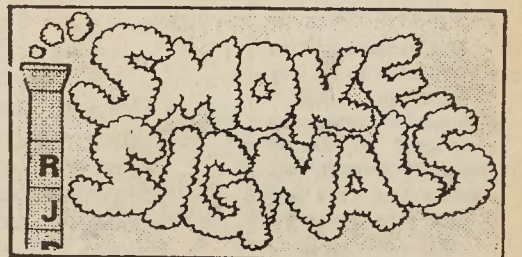
league was opposed to the referendum because of their involvement of its staff with the association. Elijah said he responded that league had not yet taken a position on the issue.

Elijah said he plans to meet with members of the improvement association to discuss the bond issue. "I want to make sure all the parts have been considered."

Association chairman Spurgeon Griggs, Jr. said he planned to meet with Elijah, but Griggs said he felt that the association had reviewed sufficient information on the proposal.

During the press conference, Griggs called the feasibility study for the arena "a mixture of much

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I went to a disco the other night. Beforehand, I was filled with a bit of apprehension for fear that the few dance steps I knew would be out of touch with the "in-thing."

The impression that one gets from the media blitz accompanying the disco craze is of nattily attired, superbly coordinated dancers lithely moving from wall to wall, always keeping in perfect step, always in harmony with the partner.

Although I might have gone to the wrong place, I found that image to be an illusion.

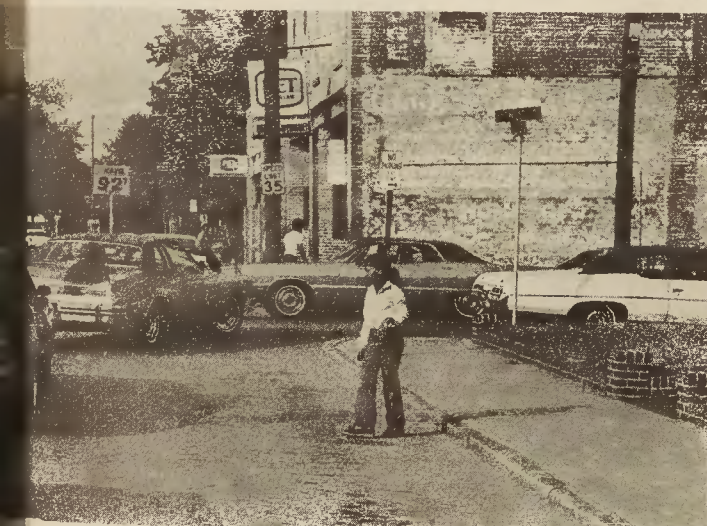
Most of the folks I saw were doing variations of the same steps they did five or six years ago. That didn't apply to everyone.

There were obvious disco experts who spent a lot of time and practice getting their act together. The way to pick them out, aside from their dancing skills, was to look up at the stage area. They were the only folks with the courage to dance in full view of everyone with a strobe light acting as a giant slow-motion machine freezing every move for scrutiny.

Before long, I stopped watching what others were doing. I was too much into my own thing. The same went for the other folks who I rated at my level.

They, like I, were getting to the essence of the experience, not the intricacy of the steps, but just having a good time. That's something anyone can do.

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Congested corner of 17th and Liberty streets

## Residents Battle for Traffic Signal

By Yvette McCullough  
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East Avenue residents are still fighting a hard battle with the city to have a traffic signal placed at the intersection of East Avenue and 17th Street. Residents in the hous-

ing complex told the Chronicle Monday night at their resident council meeting that they have tried to get a traffic signal placed at the intersection because the corner presents a dangerous situation.

They said they have had to wait as long as 30 minutes to get out or just turn around and go another route. The problem is caused by low visibility because of Gilmore's Funeral Home on the left

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