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Crashmen Blast City

By Yvette McCullough
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Employees of the City's Public Works Department charged that racial discrimination plays a major role in the city's hiring, firing and promotional practices. City officials told the Chronicle that there is no discrimination against the employees charges.

Four employees of the Public Works Department, George Salley, Samuel France, Ronald Burnette and Ernest Murchison told the Human Relations Commission that their supervisors discriminate against blacks when it comes to hiring and promotions, that whites are hired on the spot while blacks have to go through the personnel department and blacks with years of experience are passed over for whites with less experience when it comes to promotions.

There is race discrimination in hiring throughout the government, said George Salley, a water and sewage department employee. "Our pleas fall on deaf ears when it concerns hiring and promotional practices."

Salley also charged that supervisors use the "buddy system" when it comes to hiring, that there are no supervisors and that a black man with over 22 years of experience was passed over for a white man with three years of experience.

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Black leaders made a big mistake in embracing the Palestinian Liberation Organization following the resignation of Jimmy Carter, says a foreign policy scholar, page 2.

Social Whirl focuses on an anniversary and a Christmas decoration tour set for this weekend, pages 6, 7.

National Sylvester is the Spotlight in this week, where one also finds the story of a columnist headed to Paris, pages 10, 11.

Probably the best black college basketball team in the country trounced the A&T Eagles this week. See pictures and all the details, page 33.



WSSU Ram cheerleaders are well in tune for the beginning of the basketball season with their spectacular gymnastic routines as Isaette McArnn, above, and Roger Johnson indicate. Inside the

Chronicle marks the beginning of the CIAA-MEAC season with our annual basketball preview filled to the brim with facts about men's and women's basketball in the member schools.

Nine of 10 Residents Say: Recreation Inadequate In NE Area

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Nine in ten residents of a North East Winston neighborhood say recreation facilities are inadequate for and youth, according to a poll conducted by the North East Neighborhood Council, Inc.

Bill Murphy, a neighborhood advisor from the National Urban Coalition working with the council, said the need for more recreation is one of three strong desires which are immediately apparent from his preliminary analysis of the survey taken during the past two weeks.

Surveyed were 100 residents of the area between 22d and 25th Streets and

Cleveland and Jackson Avenues by council volunteers as the first step of a neighborhood improvement project conducted by the NUC under a federal grant.

Eighty-eight per cent of respondents said no when asked if recreation facilities are adequate for adults; 90 per cent said no to the same question regarding teenagers.

The closest park to the neighborhood, Blum Park, is separated by a major road, Liberty Street, and a set of railroad tracks. The area is about mid-way between the Martin Luther King and 14th Street Recreation Centers, neither within walking distance.

Murphy said the survey also indicated

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Only One in 10 Rapes Reported

By Patrice E. Lee
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As many as ten rapes in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County area may go unreported for every one brought to the attention of police.

According to the monthly crime report for the city, the actual incidence of rape increased from 53 from September to January of 1978 to 61 for the same period this year.

In Forsyth County alone, there have been 16 rapes so far this year, up from a yearly total of 12 last year, said Cpl. Bob Grindstaff, of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department.

The discrepancy between law en-

forcement agencies figures and figures maintained by the Rape Hotline, an organization serving victims of sexual attacks in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, is startling.

Joan Eagle, the Rape Hotline's director, said that her organization counseled 728 victims of sexual assault last year.

"This year it looks like there will be close to 750 victims of sexual assault," Ms. Eagle says.

Why the alarming discrepancy between her figures and those of law enforcement agencies?

"We get some cases that police would not call rape, cases where women have been raped by their husbands," she

said.

When the victim knows her assailant, the strongest disincentive to reporting rape is the fear of other people knowing. "People tend to believe she has consented. They know and the community knows that there'll be no prosecution," Ms. Eagle said.

The news media sometimes compounds the victim's desire for privacy because the victim's name becomes public records once charges have been filed or warrants issued.

Neither Ann DeHart, of the Winston-Salem Police Department nor Cpl. Brenda Oldham can accurately measure how much impact their self defense programs have helped reduce the

incidences of sexual attack or encourage reporting but both agree that an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

"It's a matter of educating the public about what they can do to prevent it as well as report it," Ms. DeHart said.

Both officers spread the gospel of a "common sense" approach to self defense to those who want to listen.

But not reporting rape, when it occurs, only makes women open game, says Cpl. Grindstaff, who has investigated rape cases in Forsyth County for the last six years.

"Any female old, young, black or white is susceptible to this," Grindstaff said.

Tenant Wins Rent Appeal

By Patrice E. Lee
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A former tenant of Goler Metropolitan Apartments was awarded almost \$300 to compensate for lost rent subsidies and expenses stemming from her "wrongful eviction" in April 1977 may now receive close to \$1,000, the North Carolina Court of Appeals has ruled.

The court decided she could collect damages from the time she was evicted until she won her lawsuit against the apartments instead of for one month, as a local judge ruled.

According to a ruling issued by the court last month, Juanita Williams, formerly of 412-B Goler St., is due "damages...measured according to the period for which she was deprived of her right to occupy the premises, which in this case is the period from eviction (April 1977) until entry of partial summary judgement on July 1978."

Ms. Williams attorney, Paul Sinal of Legal Aid, said Tuesday that this decision may well be precedent setting.

"I doubt that it happened before in North Carolina," that damages due to wrongful eviction were awarded, he said. "The last wrongful eviction case that I'm aware of was in 1904," Sinal said.

District Court Judge Gary Tash is expected to recompute damages due Ms. Williams next week, Sinal said.

In September 1978, Judge Tash had ruled that Ms. Williams was due only \$264.26 plus six percent interest yearly from the time of her eviction awarding her rental subsidies for only one month, approximately \$85. Tash ruled that Ms. Williams loss of rental subsidy should be limited to one month since she only had a month-to-

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Coach Thomas Brown cuts the championship cake for the Tiny Indians midgets, winners of the 1979 Sertoma Bowl in Pop Warner midget football play this year during their Boosters Club banquet last weekend at the Benton Convention Center. Players on the team were: Cedric Moss, John McKnight, Darryl Brown, Harrison Peters, Jonathan McCravey, Alphonzo Moore, Darryl Miller,

James Cathcart, Keith Speas, Tony Lindsey, Daren James, Reggie McKinney, Barnard Wright, Arnaldia Lowery, Leonard Hayes, Charles Crews, Steve Moore, Terry Witherspoon, Carlos Gantt, Gilbert Rucker and Arthur Rapley. Other coaches were Norman Williams, Jake Johnson and Willian Scales.

Black Cancer Death Rate 50% Higher

By Yvette McCullough
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Black women in Forsyth County have a 54 per cent high mortality rate than nonwhites according to statistics from the state Department of Human Resources. Black males have a 37 per cent high mortality rate than whites.

According to statistics from the Forsyth County Health Department 104 blacks died of cancer in 1978. Of these deaths 13 died of breast cancer, 31 died of a neoplasm (abnormal growth) of the digestive tract and 21 died of conditions of the respiratory tract.

Robert Michielutte, Ph.D, associate professor in community medicine at Bowman Gray School of Medicine said

that the causes of mortality differential are not clear.

"Unfortunately, we do not yet have good cancer incidence data in North Carolina. Without these data it is not possible to determine what parts of the mortality differential in Forsyth County are due to difference in incidence, quality of treatment, stage of diagnosis or accuracy of reporting," Michielutte said.

"All of these are factors. I would guess that differences in incidence and stage at diagnosis are most important."

The overall rate for North Carolina (all age and sex groups combined) in 1973-77 was 146.2. In comparing the other large counties in the state, for mortality rates per 100,000, are as

follows: Buncombe (Asheville) the mortality rate for nonwhite males is 77 per cent higher than whites and for nonwhite females it is 1 per cent higher.

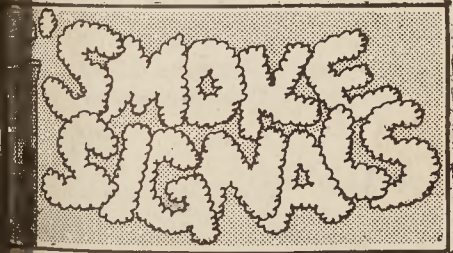
In Durham (Durham) the mortality rate for nonwhite males is 25 per cent higher and nonwhites females is 14 per cent higher. Guilford (Greensboro) the mortality rate is 29 per cent high for nonwhite males and 36 per cent high for nonwhite females. Mecklenburg (Charlotte) the mortality rate is 21 per cent high for nonwhite males and 31 per cent high for nonwhite females. Wake (Raleigh) the mortality rate for nonwhite males is 22 per cent high and 10 per cent high for nonwhite females.

Dr. Robert A. Discker, associate director of cancer control at the Oncolo-

gy Research Center of Bowman Gray School of Medicine said that judgments should not be made about the data because the statistics are based on incomplete information.

"Reporting may differ place to place, and it just may be that incidence of cancer is better reported in Forsyth County than other counties," Dr. Discker said.

Black men and women have a lower death rate from various kinds of cancer in Forsyth County compared to state and national statistics, according to the rates that appeared in the book, U.S. Cancer Mortality by County, which was published by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare.



People with all their faculties often began to take things for granted. I too had begun to take different things for granted until this past week, when I lost part of my hearing due to an ear infection.

Although my problem was temporary, it has left me with a permanent understanding of what people with hearing aids must face everyday.

When with partial hearing in one ear and full hearing in the other, I had difficulty listening to television and hearing someone talk. I even found my self talking to myself, even though the people I talked to could hear perfectly.

I also found my self trying to hide the fact that I can't hear very well. During an interview recently, a woman I was talking to sat on my bad side. Instead of telling her about my hearing problem, I strained to hear what she was saying and even attempted to read her lips.

After getting through the interview okay, but I was too embarrassed to explain to the woman that I couldn't hear very well. I then realized that I was ashamed of my hearing problem, although it was only a temporary one. People with all their faculties often make fun of people

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