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Prank Puts Sports Career In Jeopardy

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

A male student's romp through an all-women's dormitory on the campus of Winston-Salem State University resulted in a freak accident that could sideline a member of the Lady Rams basketball team next season and cause her to lose her basketball scholarship.

Cheryl Burke, a member of WSSU women's basketball team filed charges against Johnnie Morrison, another WSSU student on charges of assault on a female and trespassing, after an incident that resulted in Ms. Burke's finger being severely broken.

In lengthy testimony in Forsyth District Court Thursday Ms. Burke told Judge William H. Freeman that Morrison and a companion had come into Moore Hall, an all women's dormitory uninvited and without an escort, on May 2.

She testified that she had been visiting a friend that lived in the dorm, when we heard "a commotion in the hallway."

"I looked out the door and saw these two guys standing in the hall yelling at girls as they went by. I told them they weren't supposed to be there," she said.

Assistant district attorney Paul Weinman then asked Ms. Burke if she could identify one of the men and she nodded yes, and pointed to Morrison.

Ms. Burke then testified that Morrison had asked her to come to him and she had told him no.

"As I was coming out of the room, he grabbed me. I tried to brace myself against the wall. I grabbed the door and tried to pull away from him. Five girls tried to grab me away from him and one of the girls panicked and slammed the door," she said.

Burke told Freeman that her finger had been severely broken in the incident and that she had endured a lot of pain. "He had no business in the dorm, men aren't allowed in the halls unless they were carrying something heavy."

She also testified that she could smell a strong odor of alcohol on Morrison's breath and that his eyes were "glassy."

In cross examination, Morrison, a former WSSU basketball player, who served as his own attorney asked Ms. Burke if they had been friends in high school in their native Moore County.

"I had never seen you until I came to State," she replied.

Morrison then asked her if in fact their high schools hadn't been rivals in basketball. Ms. Burke replied by telling him that their high schools had nothing to do with his presence in the dorm on May 2.

Morrison, a senior, told the court that he went to the

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On Police Brutality Complaints

New Chief Changes Policy

By David Puryear
Staff Writer

The city's new police chief said this week he would change the department's policy on releasing information about complaints of police brutality.

Lucius A. (Lu) Powell, 43, took the reins of Winston-Salem's 414-person police force, Tuesday after having served

as assistant police chief in Albuquerque, N.M. since 1978.

During 1979, 81 complaints of police brutality were handled by the Winston-Salem department's Internal Affairs Division (IAD), according to public safety coordinator, Allen Jones. Neither IAD or the former chief's office would answer questions about the nature of those com-

plaints or how they were resolved.

But Powell told the Chronicle, "Personally, I favor public reporting of how (police brutality) complaints are resolved, without identifying the parties involved. I think it is important that internal affairs regularly report the numbers and types of complaints. I anticipate that that will be done."

Following his swearing-in, Powell told a press conference that his top priority would be the restructuring of the department. He said there is confusion within the department about who has responsibility for what.

"That has to be resolved first," said Powell, "so that lines of authority are

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Charlette, left, and Carla Furches, 3801 Lomond St., enjoy the perfect weather on Memorial Day. Thanks to the organizing efforts of their mother, Ruth Furches, these young ladies had a yard full of playmates for the holiday. Mrs. Furches got her Southcrest neighbors together for a block party, complete with all the traditional picnic trimmings. "I love big gatherings," said Mrs. Furches

Picnic Unites Southcrest

By David Puryear
Staff Writer

While many Americans spent much of their Memorial Day weekend battling highway traffic, residents of the Southcrest area in Winston-Salem closed off traffic on their streets and enjoyed the spring weather with a neighborhood block party.

The first annual Memorial Day block party in Southcrest was the brainchild of Ruth Furches, 2801 Lomond St.

Most of the residents of the area, located three blocks east of Main St., south of Corporation Parkway, have moved into the neighborhood within the last five years, according to Mrs. Furches. The Southcrest section, once

an all white area, is now a predominantly black, middle class neighborhood, characterized by one-story brick homes with neatly manicured lawns.

"I found from talking with people that a lot of people didn't know their next door neighbors," said Mrs. Furches as the aroma of grilling hot dogs drifted on the early afternoon breeze.

Mrs. Furches said she decided about three weeks ago to do something about the lack of neighborliness in her neighborhood. She started going door to door, asking folks if they would like to have a get-together.

"We had a real good response," she started. "Everybody thought it was a real good idea."

She soon enlisted the aid of Phyllis Sample, 2819 Lomond St. They made large posters advertising their pic-

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Youth Face Jobless Summer

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

Almost half of the more than 3000 local high school and college students on vacation seeking work will not find jobs, predict local youth employment officials.

"More than 40 percent of the 3000 or so young people who apply for jobs this summer won't get them because of the job situation around the country," said Grover Teeter, of the Employment Security Commission.

Teeter said that youth are at a disadvantage basically because of the length of time that they are available for work, and the fact that because of the sagging economy, more people are "doing it themselves," rather than pay someone to do it for them.

Vendetta Wagner of the Salem Youth Centers Inc., said that the unemployment problem is not limited to black youth.

"It's not just a black problem, it's a universal problem. Young people are having the same problems that minorities are having all year around," she continued, "Kids above the economic level of CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) are having problems, black or white."

Ms. Wagner said that Salem Youth Centers will be sponsoring a summer camp and hopes to hire approximately 20 counselors for the three camping sessions but plans and funds are still uncertain.

Jackie Hubbard of the City Department of Human Services said that there are approximately 500 CETA positions open for young people between the ages of 14 to 21. That figure she said is a decrease in the number of jobs available last summer.

"Five agencies will administer the program. What we offer is classroom training coupled with work experience," she said.

Of the five agencies, Experiment in Self-Reliance, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System, the YMCA and YWCA will all offer work experience plus high

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Burkins

Browder

Runoff Set June 3

The runoff election from the May 6 primary will be held this Tuesday, June 3 in the 79 polling places throughout Forsyth County.

Polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and close at 7:30 p.m., said Kathie Chastain, elections supervisor.

Up for grabs in the runoff will be on Democratic nomination for District Court Judge, two Republican nominations to the Board of County Commissioners and the Democratic nomination for state auditor.

Assistant district attorney V. Jean Burkins, leader in the May 6 primary, faces the challenge of attorney B.R. Browder for the district court seat. Burkins is seeking to become the first black judge in Forsyth County. Browder is making his second campaign for the District Court bench.

Also on the Democratic ballot, Ed Renfrow, the first primary leader, faces Bill Chestnut for state auditor.

Schools to Provide Free Lunches During Summer

By David Puryear
Staff Writer

The city/county school board Monday night agreed to sponsor a summer free lunch program at 31 sites in low income areas of the county.

The plan adopted by the board provides for free lunches to be available to anyone under 18 years of age who shows up at one of the sites Monday through Friday, between 11 a.m. and noon. The program will begin on June 16 and end on August 15. No meals will be served during the week of June 30 through July 4.

The free lunch program, funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture through the state Food Service Division, and had been administered by the Citizen Neighborhood Council since 1974.

But Velma B. Hopkins,

leader of CNC, notified the school officials three weeks ago that she was no longer interested in managing the program.

Of the 31 sites where the free lunches will be served this summer, 21 are public schools. At those sites, hot lunches will be prepared by school cafeteria workers. At the remaining ten non-school sites, packed lunches will be brought in from the school kitchens.

The 21 schools where hot meals will be served are:

Anderson High, Atkins High, Brown Intermediate, Carver High, Diggs Intermediate, Easton Intermediate, Fairview Intermediate, Forest Park Elementary, Hall-Woodward Elementary, Kernersville Jr. High, Kimberly Pk. Elementary, Mineral Springs Elementary, Moore School, Northwest Junior High, Lowrance Intermediate,

Parkland High, Petree Intermediate, Rural Hall Elementary, Skyland Intermediate, South Park High, and Walkertown Jr. High.

The 10, nonschool sites where free meals will be served are:

Patterson Ave. and YMCA Camp, Butterfield Community Center, Belview Recreation Center, Morningside Community House, Reynolds Park, Cherry View-Piney Grove Church, North Hills Community Center, Piedmont Circle Recreation Center, Winston Lake Park, Kingston Greens.

In other action, the board approved the Title I remedial reading and mathematics program for the 1980-81 school year. According to plans of school officials, the federally-funded program will serve more than 6,500 students in 45 schools in the system next year, at

a total cost of \$2,669,568.

Dr. Howard Sosne, assistant superintendent for instruction, said there is evidence that Title I programs have improved the overall achievement level of elementary students in the school system.

"Fewer and fewer children in the lower grades fit the criteria of placement (in the program)," said Sosne. "What we are finding is we're pushing the program up. We've stopped taking first graders into the program. Next year, we expect to take only 50 percent as many second graders into the program."

Sosne said median test scores of children in the program consistently showed improvement over the course of a school year. He said that, in general, classroom teachers were able to notice improvement

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