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Gokhale

Suspicion Looms Over Firing Of Levi Gentry

By Mari Wooden Staff Writer

The chairman of the Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission has asked a former employee of the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission to appear before the board and answer questions about his dismissal.

Dr. B.G. Gokhale, chairman of the HRC, suggested Warren B. Brooks, a spokesman for Levi Gentry, the former ABC employee, try to persuade Gentry to come before the board or go to HRC director Herman Gentry to answer questions about his firing last summer.

Dr. J. Ray Butler, another commission member, seconded Gokhale's suggestion by saying, "There is a possibility that Gentry feels that he has been given the short end of the stick. I see Brooks as an appealer...not as Gentry's attorney," Butler said adding, "I too would like to see Gentry in person...a personality sometimes speaks louder than the person himself."

Larry Womble, another board member, also told Brooks, who was appearing in Gentry's absence, that "he (Gentry)" could rest assured that I, as a member of the Human Relations Commission, will not be afraid to look into the situation."

The statements issued by the commission seemed to ease Brooks, who for the second time in one week, has presented what he called a "plea for justice," to one of the city's governing bodies. He appeared before the board of Aldermen earlier in the week.

Brooks' appeal, which lasted nearly 45 minutes, was centered on three things: (1) "The unjust firing of Levi Gentry," (2) "The fact that Bert Weeks was not dealt with in a more severe manner," and (3) "The fact that nothing had been done in response to charges that a store manager assaulted Gentry and that a clerk and the same manager of the threatened to kill Gentry." Gokhale, speaking for the other commission members, promised to look into the situation.

In other business, the commission viewed a presentation about the handicapped by Daisy Foster of the Winston-Salem Urban League. Following a film about handicapped persons, she talked briefly about the situation in the Winston-Salem Forsyth County area.

According to Mrs. Foster, there are approximately

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KKK Vows:

'We Will Not Back Down'

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

The North Carolina Civil Liberties Union will represent the New Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in their attempt to hold a meeting/exhibit dealing with different aspects of Klan culture at the main branch of the Forsyth County Public Library.

In a news conference held at the library last week, Vernon Logan, National Director of the New Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, told the press "every group has a right to express themselves. If people don't want to come to the exhibit or the meeting, they don't have to come."

Charles F. Lambeth Jr., of Thomasville, the Klan's attorney said Monday that the New Empire Knights were "securing

the right to hold a meeting of the Klan traditions and origins under the Forsyth

County Library public policy." Lambeth said that as a cooperating

attorney with the NCCLU, he is making a request of the Forsyth County Library Board of Directors to have a meeting. Past request have been denied. Lambeth said that he has written library director William H. Roberts III, but has received no answer.

Roberts said Monday that he received a letter from Lambeth stating the Klan's request.

Roberts said however that before he makes any decision, he has to talk with County Manager H.L. "Pete" Jenkins, and County Attorney, P. Eugene Price.

Logan calls the previous denials to his requests to use the library "discrimination."

"They (the library board) are discriminating against us because of the name.

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Logan Challenges Hairston

Following his news conference last week, Vernon Logan, National Director of the New Empire Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, issued a challenge to Patrick Hairston, president of the local chapter of the NAACP.

"I've tried to get Pat to debate me for quite a while and he won't do it. I've tried challenges and even insults and he still won't debate me," Logan said. Hairston, when told of the challenge

said the he still refuses to debate Logan.

"He (Logan) shouldn't breathe the same air that I breathe. He's not worthy of my debating him," Hairston said of the KKK member.

Logan said that he would like to debate the NAACP head in public, but would consent to sit down with Hairston privately and discuss things.

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Naomi Jones, left, Pat Guinger, center, and Irene P. Hairston, right, wrap gifts to be given to patients at Reynolds Health Center. See related story and photo on page 2.

Hamlin Says Conspiracy Behind Funding

By Mari Wooden Staff Writer

Two of the three black trustees of the Arts Council, Inc., of Winston-Salem have expressed reservations about a grant of \$3,000 given to the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival (a High Point theatre group) in conjunction with the North Carolina School of the Arts for a feasibility study to be done by Malcolm Morrison, Dean of the School of Drama at NCSA.

The study would determine whether a professional Black Theatre Company could survive in the city.

Trustee Larry Womble protested the funding by not voting for the approval of the grant, during the board's meeting last Monday.

"I am concerned with the fact that white groups like that (Shakespeare Festival) might try to take over what black theatrical groups have been trying to do in the community. It's like they're saying blacks are incapable of having a theatre company without white support." Womble added that he was concerned about why Morrison wants to do the feasibility study now.

The second trustee Beatrice Covington, who said she was also concerned about the fact that the Shakespeare Festival and Malcolm may be taking away from the local black theatre groups."

Larry Hamlin, founder of the North Carolina Black

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Christmas No Holiday For Abused Children

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

Although suspected cases of child abuse and neglect reports received by county social services departments decrease dur-

Child Abuse Is Up In Forsyth County...

ing December, according to a study released last week by the Department of Human Resources in Raleigh, child abuse and neglect in Forsyth County has not

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Volunteers Sought For Soup Kitchen

By Mari Wooden Staff Writer

Volunteers are being sought to work in a "soup kitchen," sponsored by the Crisis Control Ministry. The kitchen is expected to open sometime during the first of January.

According to the Rev. Michael Bradshaw, Associate Director at Crisis Control, "there is a good possibility of housing the project on the corner of Northwest Boulevard and Patterson Avenue, in a building formerly occupied by the "Soul Food Restaurant." He added that businesses in the immediate area seem to support the idea of a soup kitchen. "We talked with other businesses located in the area and they won't be offended by the soup kitchen's presence," Bradshaw said.

"Letters are being sent to the 150 churches in the city who support Crisis Control

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Conclusion of Interview

Woodruff: Makes Me Mad

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

and it just makes me angry because I know that our people have worked for nothing for so many years and now we even begrudge them drawing social security and that just bothers me to no end. And to say that they've got no business with food stamps just makes me mad and I just want to go out and grab a few folks, but I can't do that. But these kinds of things, like we lease Knollwood Hall to a profit-making organization and health care for the elderly is not a profit-making thing because they have got to have good attention and to give them good attention, you've got to have good employees to give it to them.

Sometimes you have to have one employee for every five patients and I understand now that you may have one employee for 15, so this doesn't work. I think that the county needed to keep that nursing home and top operate it not as a profit making thing to take care of those citizens of ours who belong to us, who built this county. Yet, we turn them over and say well, you know, we're through with you now,

you're too old and I don't like that.

Some of the other things that I have looked at and, of course, in education, I call it "pushout" is the dropping out of students from school. There's nothing there to interest them to keep them in school.

When I was a student, we may not have had everything in the schools that we needed, but our teachers loved us and that made a difference.

I think that these teachers need to tell little children when they begin in kindergarten that I love you, that I'm your parent when you're with me and we're not showing enough of that. When kids get to junior high they're ready to drop out of school because "so and so told me that I was dumb" and that's not nice, it isn't good and I think we need to take a look at educating our children, and spend our time and money on educating children. The building is fine. If you just build the building out of cinder blocks with four walls, a floor and a roof on it and put some lights in it and some seats; I still think you can teach children.

The building doesn't have to be a beautiful

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Are You A Child Abuser?

This test will help parents find out if they have these same characteristics and problems. Any parent who can answer yes or is not sure of the answer to several of these questions, may have a tendency to be a child abuser and should seek help before it's too late. Your county social services department can tell you what help is available in your community.

- Were you abused as a child? (Abused children often grow up to be abusive parents.)
- Do you have heavy child caring responsibilities?
- Do you have a lack of parenting knowledge and feel frustrated about your child's behavior?
- Do you have an inadequate income, or are you unemployed and having trouble finding a job?
- Do you feel isolated from friends and relatives and do you blame this on your child?
- Do you feel you have a drug or alcohol problem?
- Do you have marital problems which include loud and abusive talk between you and your spouse or physical abuse?
- Do you believe that severe discipline of your child is acceptable?
- Do you feel confused about your sexual feelings toward your child?
- Do you feel your place of residence is too small or of insufficient quality to meet the basic needs of your family?

TAKE THIS TEST