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With the unexpected February thaw an icy lemonade helps cool Peaches Kirkland, an attendant at Corn Dog in Hanes Mall. The 17-year-old Parkland High School student hopes to go to UNC-G to study computer science. Voted Miss Congeniality in last year's Miss Minority Business Pageant, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobbie Lee Kirkman of 1701 Pleasant St.

Co-Worker Says...

Women Did Know Jobs

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

A licensed practical nurse who worked with the seven women who were fired from their jobs at Amos Cottage Rehabilitation Hospital because their supervisor claimed that "they didn't follow their

job descriptions," said Tuesday that the supervisor's accusations were "lies."

Linda Roane, who worked at both Baptist Hospital and Amos Cottage on and off for four years, responded to a story in last week's Chronicle about the seven women who were fired after

more than 70 years of service to Amos Cottage combined.

"For four years, I worked on all three shifts at Amos Cottage and got to know all of the women very well and I know from personal experience that they were good at their jobs. They had to be," Ms.

Roane said.

Now a nurse with Western Electric Co., Ms. Roane said that when she began at Amos Cottage, she had never worked with the mentally retarded before.

"They (the seven women) showed me how to put on diapers because putting on

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Black Ownership Meeting Scheduled

The Committee to Promote Black Ownership will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at Winston Mutual Life Insurance Co., 1225 Fifth Street, according to Virginia K. Newell, chairwoman.

"The purpose of the meeting is to continue our

mission to promote black ownership in the city and particularly East Winston," said Ms. Newell.

Reports will be made on the progress of Mechanics and Farmers Bank, which is currently under construction on Claremont Avenue. A report will also be given



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concerning the progress being made to develop the

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Delta President Stresses Need For Black Unity

By Donna Oldham
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The national president of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., said that black people need to unify their efforts and strengths to combat the new wave of conservatism that is sweeping the country.

Mona H. Bailey, voiced her concerns during the sorority's Founders Day activities held Sunday on the campus of Winston-Salem State University. The founders day observance was sponsored by the Winston-Salem Alumnae

and the Gamma Phi chapters of Delta Sigma Theta.

"We need to unify as a people and clean our own house because unless we achieve a steadfast unity, things will crumble into the wastebasket of forgotten dreams," Ms. Bailey said.

An assistant superintendent of education in Washington state, Ms. Bailey was extremely critical of the fact that colleges with predominantly black, female student bodies were not headed by women, while as she pointed out, the number of

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To combat the increasing problem of black on black crime in Winston-Salem, the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has established a task force to develop a "crime watch" program in the black community.

According to NAACP President Patrick Hairston, the task force, which consists of NAACP board members Clara Nesby, Father Michael Curry and himself, will establish a "Crime Line." Persons who have witnessed crimes committed in the black community but who are afraid to come forward and speak directly with officers of the Winston-Salem Police Department or the Sheriff's Department will be able to call the crime line daily between the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and speak with someone at the NAACP. The NAACP will, in turn, relay the information to the police department for use in the investigation.

"The NAACP is con-

cerned about the level of crime in the black community. Few would dispute the fact that justice in America is far too often administered in an unfair and unequal manner. Too often the guilty are released of the Nazi-Klan murder trial in Greensboro and the trial of the Wilmington 10 to discern the inequity. Racism still pervades the criminal justice system from the courthouse to the prison cell," Curry said.

"We're going to have to fight crimes in our own neighborhoods," said Hairston, who suggested that carrying a gun might be



Curry



Hairston

the answer. "It might be wise for black people to start buying guns to protect themselves. I'd rather be caught with a gun by the police than be caught without one when I needed it," he said.

Hairston also said that blacks should be ready and able to defend themselves against crimes of violence.

"Of all the injustices in America, there is a particular kind of injustice

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Rejected Blacks to Try Bar Exams Once More

By Donna Oldham
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Eight of the 11 black law school graduates who filed a lawsuit against the Board of Law Examiners of the State of North Carolina

after failing to pass the state bar exam will take the test again next week.

The lawsuit, filed last October 22, alleges that the operations and procedures of the Board of Law Examiners violate both the

North Carolina State Constitution and the United States Constitution. The plaintiffs charge that the board unlawfully and illegally denied them their due process rights by not providing them with a constitutionally adequate level of review after they were notified that they had failed the exam.

The 11 also charged in their suit that the board was created in an unconstitutional manner and as such did not have the power to either grant or deny them their licenses to practice law in North Carolina.

The three-day exam will be administered February 23, 24 and 25 in Raleigh. It consists of 22 essay questions and a 200-question multiple choice test called the Multistate Bar Exam. The latter portion of the exam is administered in most of the states across the nation on the same day. It deals with general points of law, while the essay section focuses on state law.

Two of the eight who will

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Mona Bailey speaks to the Deltas

white women named presidents of colleges where white women dominated the student body has more than tripled in the past years.

"We as black women need to extract a commitment and to help turn the nation around from its pattern of exploitation of black

women, and its contempt of poor people," she said adding, "We also have to work to cease the influence of organizations like the moral majority."

"Time is running out faster than the weekly upward sprint of our food prices," she said.

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Coalition Wants Grant

By Donna Oldham
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The Citywide Neighborhood Coalition has asked a private foundation in New York for a

\$500,000 grant to be used to create a Winston-Salem Neighborhood Development Corp., and to aid in the competition of the Roger L. Stevens Center for the Performing Arts.

According to the proposal, which was submitted to Local Initiatives Support Corporation, the grant would be divided in half, with both agencies receiving

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Black Ribbons Worn For Atlanta's Children

The brutal and still unsolved murders of 17 black children in Atlanta, Ga., and the disappearance of two other black children over the past 19 months, have prompted two Winston-Salem women to express their remorse in an unusual way.

Impressed by the way that yellow ribbons were used as a symbol of freedom for the American hostages in Iran last month, Yvette Miller and Rhonda Brannon have launched a "black ribbon" campaign in memory of the dead Atlanta children.

"The ribbons are a sign of sympathy, despair and concern that we have for the situation in Atlanta," said Ms. Brannon, a student. Ms. Miller, a nurse, said that the tragedies in Atlanta "are something you'll never forget."

"When we wear these ribbons," she said, "people take a minute and think, hey, that could have been my kid." The two got the idea of wearing the black ribbons while walking through a shopping center one day and noticing the number of people wearing yellow ribbons honoring the freed hostages.

"Those dead children aren't just Atlanta's problem, they're everyone's problem and it makes me mad that the

federal government isn't doing all it can to catch whoever is responsible," Ms. Brannon said.

Since beginning their campaign nearly a month ago, both women said that they have noticed an alarming number of children left unattended or out at unusually late hours alone.

"This problem doesn't have to be confined just to Atlanta, but people don't realize it. There is a 13-year old girl missing in Greensboro right now and there's nothing that says that we couldn't have a similar situation right here in Winston-Salem," Ms. Miller said.

Both women, although without children of their own, said that they have special interests in the Atlanta cases and have been following the progress, or as Ms. Miller put it "the lack of progress," very closely.

"The amount of concern on the federal government's part is too little to suit me. Everything else should be put on hold until this sick person or persons can be caught. I think that since the children were black, and described as "street children," people aren't as concerned as they should be, but, one little girl was taken out of her bed;

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Rhonda Brannon, left, and Yvette Miller, right, pin a ribbon on the lapel of Chronicle publisher Ernest H. Pitt.