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Larry Little Decides To Keep Board Seat

By Donna Oldham
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Two things made North Ward Alderman Larry Little decide not to quit. One was the support and concern expressed by his friends, constituents and

co-workers, and the second was a newspaper article in which he said he saw people "licking their chops," waiting to find someone else to take my seat." Little said he wouldn't give them the satisfaction.

Little hand delivered a

letter to Mayor Wayne A. Corpening on Tuesday afternoon rescinding a resignation that he had hand delivered to the mayor's office Friday afternoon.

He said he resigned initially because he believed

that Corpening had been instrumental in helping to almost terminate his job as an academic counselor at Winston-Salem State University.

Little delivered the second letter Tuesday and for extra measure, sent an iden-

tical registered letter by mail to the mayor.

"I was at the lowest point of my life Friday, that I had ever been and I had to get out of town and think, and then when I picked up the Sentinel Monday and saw how Joe Parrish was saying that he wanted the same rights that the Republicans had when Cavanaugh decided to run for the Senate, I almost got sick to my stomach," Little said.

He was referring to Joe Parrish, chairman of the Forsyth County Democratic Party, who had stated in a newspaper article that he wanted to be able to pick someone to take Little's alderman seat in case he should officially resign.

"It really upset me. They didn't ask if the man sick, is something wrong, no, all they want is the same rights that the Republicans got. They showed no concern whatsoever, just ready to move. Then, I said to myself, I could never, I would die. When I saw that, hey, I'm not even tired, it got my adrenalin going. I'm more determined than ever and stronger than ever to go ahead on and do the things that I know I have to do and in this city. I used to tell myself that I had to take what they throw at me, no matter what, I had to take it and take it. But sometimes you have to retreat, sometimes you're not ready to battle on the spur of the moment, and I wasn't ready

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Remember how much fun it was to roll in the grass tumbling with your friends? Alfred Smith, Jr., Kevin Wilson, Patrick Harry and Brian Feggins, all of Colony Place Apartments sure do.

"Southern Bell Discriminates"

CWA Picket Phone Co.

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

Citing discrimination, harassment by management and loss of hearing due to their jobs, repair clerks for the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co., picketed the company's office Monday morning. The employees, members of local 3616 of the Communication Workers of America, told the Chronicle that they were holding the protest, not a strike to let the public know of their plight.

"We are tired of being forced to lie to the public and we're tired of Southern Bell treating us like we're animals," said Betty Carter, a spokesperson for the group.

According to leaflets that a dozen or so sign carrying protesters distributed, they protested the fact that...

--The repair clerks are forced to deceive the public, with the threat of being discharged if they don't say "Replacement of your phones NOW is handled at our phone center store at no charge."

According to Ms. Carter and Judy Carmichael, shop steward, that information is not correct.

"We are not allowed to inform our customers that the monthly rate they pay does indeed include home visits free by the repairman. In other words, the trip to the Phone Center Store is unnecessary unless the customer wants to buy a Designline phone," Ms. Carmichael said. The women also cited...

--Timed restroom breaks, where they have to sign in and out, state how many minutes they were in the restroom.

--Repeater squeals called accoustical shock, which they believe are causing them to go deaf.

--Southern Bell management insists on harassing employees and yelling at them as though they were children.

--Management is inconsistent in policies.

--Repair clerks are told which doors to use to enter and leave their departments.

--Employees are required to wear their headsets, even if



Repair clerks at Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph picket outside the phone company office.

they are not at their desks or consoles. They must wear the headsets at all times, even while in the restroom, or they will be written up and the complaint will be put in

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Delegation Studies Bill

City To Get Housing Law?

By C.B. Hauser
Special to the Chronicle

The Forsyth County Delegation to the General Assembly may change its policy and introduce the Board of Aldermen's request for enabling legislation permitting the enactment of a fair housing ordinance.

The chairman of the delegation, Senator Marvin Ward (D-Forsyth) told a forum sponsored by the New Horizons Fair Housing Committee that he would ask to make the change this week. The delegation has a policy of not asking for local legislation if the request for it is not

unanimous. The aldermen's request was passed 5-3.

The meeting which was attended by about 45 persons had been called to share information on why the bill was not introduced in the state legislature calling for an enabling act to allow the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen to pass a fair housing ordinance.

Attending the meeting were State Senator Marvin Ward and Senator John J. (Jack) Cavanaugh and Rep. Margaret Tennille of the delegation, and Mrs. Vivian Burke and Mrs. Virginia Newell of the Board of Aldermen.

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Affirmative Action Under Fire

Aldermen Divided Over Plan

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

The three black Winston-Salem aldermen said that they were not pleased with the city's proposed affirmative action plan and will refuse to acknowledge it until drastic changes are made by the city manager and his staff.

The aldermen's comments came after a meeting a week ago in which all the aldermen, with the exception of Virginia Newell, who was absent, refused to vote on the affirmative action plan and also refused to comment on the plan. The "Silent Strategy," as their actions were to be called, was unintentional, they said.

"It wasn't a question of remaining silent," said North Ward Alderman Larry Little.

"We went at it because there are a number of

departments in the city that are still lily white. Little said that because the county-wide labor base was being used as a basis for comparison, blacks were not being hired to work for the city like he feels they should be.

"There are a number of discrepancies with the plan that were presented and I didn't want to offer amendments on the floor at the time," Little said, adding that he was in "total disagreement" with the plan.

"There are too many black folks unemployed and I refuse to vote for the plan the way it is," he said. Little and Alderman Vivian Burke met with City Manager Bill Stuart last week and aired their complaints about the plan, but Little would not reveal the outcome of the meeting.

Alderman Eugene Groce said that he made no

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Trustees Vote To Keep Little

By Donna E. Oldham
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The Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees has recommended to Chancellor H. Douglas Covington that the contract employing Alderman Larry D. Little as an academic advisor until Sept. 30 be honored.

The board's recommendation came Tuesday night after almost a week of speculation that Little would be fired from his position because Covington entered into the agreement with Little without the board's knowledge.

Little's "victory," did not come without some hard feelings, as several members of the board told the Chronicle following the meeting.

"It was the lesser of two evils...either honor the contract for six months and pay Little the \$9,000, or be in court for the next three years because we breeched the contract," a trustee said.

Little was hired on March 11, as an academic counselor by Covington. According to university policy and the general statutes, the chancellor has the authority to hire anyone under the vice chancellor level without the approval of the trustees.

Little said that it was his understanding that informing the trustees of the hiring of an employee was "just a formality."

When Covington informed the trustees that he had hired Little during an executive session last Thursday, the board expressed reservations about Little's politics, his reputation and background.

"My sources told me that it wasn't a white against Little thing, but a black against me thing. My sources also told me that the chancellor's staff left the trustee meeting for the first time in the history of the university because they said, 'how can you slam the door in an alumni's face?' They trained me, now they don't want to let me work," Little said.

"I wanted that job because, as an alderman, we don't make any money.

If you play the game straight as I have attempted to do, you go in the hole if that is your only source of income. I looked at the job at Winston-Salem State as providing me with some work experience, that I needed, and the opportunity to buy my mother a house. That was centered in my mind, to buy my mother a house. I just did not want to see my mother, who is approaching 70, spend her last days in the public housing projects," Little said.

He continued, "I said to myself, what do they want me to do? I have struggled and I have sacrificed in this city as much as anybody has and here they're trying to blackball me in my own hometown, after I go to that institution and I graduate with honors and then I go and get a masters degree and then they're going to tell me that they don't want me to work. I mean I can't understand how blacks can sit back when we should be opening up the door for young black leaders; to sit back and just try to pull somebody down. I mean, these people didn't want me to eat and that was a heavy thing to deal with. I just couldn't believe what was happening. I mean, I'm over here working. There was so much work to be done in that area and I didn't have a chance to get into the students like I wanted to, because the files had to be updated and for them to sit up there and try to pull that stuff. It was unreal."

Little said he was particularly concerned because sources had told him that former alderman C.C. Ross, Sr., had voiced strong reservations about his hiring.

"I wasn't in there and no one has come up to me and said any one name, but

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Gregory: It's Time To Unite

By C.B. Hauser
Special To The Chronicle

Dick Gregory, the celebrated activist, philosopher and comic, appeared before a near capacity audience at Salem College Thursday. His performance was almost a carbon copy of his appearance at Wake Forest University some two weeks earlier.

Gregory spent two hours and 45 minutes, alternating from the comic to the serious, commenting on almost every aspect of American society and on the major issues of the day.

His message was that "a few old men, motivated by greed, play on the fears, prejudices, and hatreds of people to keep them divided and fighting each other while they are being ripped off."

Gregory said that the

CIA and the FBI are tools used in this sinister scheme. He called upon his audience to recognize this "craziness" and to unite to make the American system work as it can work for the benefit of all peoples.

The progress which has been made recently to improve the condition of blacks and whites has been due to the work of a hand full of committed blacks and whites who have united to make the system work right. He identified the committed groups as the NAACP, the SCLC, and the Urban League and asked his listeners to support them.

Gregory criticized blacks for listing athletes and entertainers as the most admired persons of their race and scorned black fraternities and sororities for

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