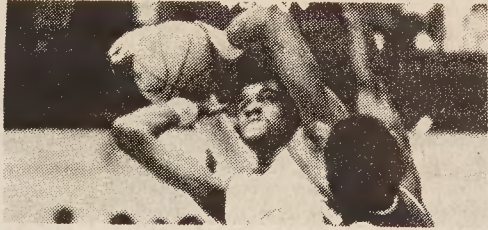


While Ralph Sampson, Pat Ewing and Sam Bowie got much of the ink this season, Earl Jones, the University of the District of Columbia's seven-footer, led his team to the NCAA's Division II title. How good is Earl? Real good, says Sports Editor Robert Eller, in his weekly column.



Prison officials who reneged on a deal with hostage-holding inmates may have won a small battle, but they also set a dangerous precedent for such situations in the future, say a number of observers, including local residents and our editorials.



Bob Simms makes a career of figuring out what the fickle American consumer prefers from his or her taste in mouthwash to cigarettes to pantyhose. Simms also notes that there are challenges in his field for other blacks to tackle.

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Black Builders May Lose Out On Center Work

By Ruthell Howard
Staff Writer

bid of about \$1.2 million.

At press time, Carter said the minority contractors hoped to reach a decision concerning the contract Wednesday and then would make a consensus statement on the situation.

It is a difficult decision for the contractors, Carter said, because Clark's figures are so close. "If we can't work out some sort of deal that's reasonably profitable for the minority contractors, then we won't be able to subcontract any of the project," Carter said. As the deal stands, Carter said it would be 'virtually unprofitable' for minority contractors to subcontract within Clark's bid.

Douglas Chesnut, who has handled construction bids for developer Mark Vieno, said he is trying to get as many minority contractors as possible included in building the center. "We have the group of bids from Carter," Chesnut said, "and we're trying to work that group in. We wanted at least 10 percent of the contract to go to minority contractors and I'm pretty sure we'll get well over that minimum. We're expecting to award from 10 to 30 percent to minority contractors." Chesnut said a verbal agreement was

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"Paula," a painting by Gilbert Young, is the 33-year-old artist's latest work and one of his favorites. Young discusses his views on painting, music and Winston-Salem's artistic community on Page 8. Another black Winston artist, Cedric Crawford, also discusses his work on the same page.

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A Perfect Showing

All WSSU Nursing Students Taking Recent Exam Pass

By Yvonne Anderson
Staff Writer

curriculum.

"We realized that many students were having trouble in other areas besides the nursing discipline," Mrs. Webster said. "We felt that we could find a way to deal with this problem and that it would help students gain a more thorough understanding of nursing."

In addition to requiring a verbal Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) score of 390, the program is now split into upper and lower divisions, Mrs. Webster said. The lower division concentrates on the general studies courses that focus on the development of researching, reading, and mathematics skills. The upper division focuses on the specific nursing courses required for graduation. Mrs. Webster said that students are re-evaluated at the completion of their lower division requirements and their grade-point average (GPA) can be no lower than 2.6 (on a 4-point scale).

"When the students are able to concentrate solely on those supporting subjects, they are able to strengthen their abilities to successfully complete their nursing requirements," she said.

The state exam is given twice a year, in February and July. Of the 11 WSSU graduates who took the exam in July 1981, seven passed. The four who failed the first exam took it again in February and passed. Also, two December 1981 graduates who took the test for the first time in February passed, Mrs. Webster said.

There are eight students remaining in the Class of '82 who must take the exam next July. Mrs. Webster said that she is confident that the passing rate will be as encouraging.

"We are anticipating that the scores will be just as good next time," she said. "We are very hopeful that this class has benefited in the same way as last year's."

Mrs. Sadie B. Webster



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Jimmi Williams

Self-Help Program Spurs Greenway Revival

By Ruthell Howard
Staff Writer

through the Neighborhood Housing Service Program, a partnership formed by community resident advocates, Winston-Salem government representatives and representatives of local financial institutions, under the guidance of the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation.

"Greenway could look just like a brand new penny in a couple of years," said Curtis Canty, president of the Greenway Improvement Association.

The predominantly black community has been selected from a list of 11 possible targets for revitalization

neighborhood, rather than patching up the homes after the damage is done. Financial institutions agree to invest by making loans to all home owners in the neighborhood at market rates and through tax-deductible contributions. They also are active on the board, lending financial advice and sharing their man-

The program is aimed at preventing the decline of a

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Chronicle Camera

Prison Officials Not Justified

By Yvonne Anderson
Staff Writer

North Carolina Central University in Raleigh was the scene of a taut hostage situation last week in which three black inmates who said they feared for their lives because of racial tension took eight prison officials hostage at knife point. As the week progressed, the inmates ex-

changed five hostages for food and water. Early Thursday, March 25, the standoff ended after James C. Woodard, secretary of the N.C. Department of Corrections, agreed to the inmates' demand that they be transferred to a federal prison outside North Carolina.

The inmates—William D. Little of Dobson, Melvin Surgeon of Annapolis, Md., and Ezekial Hall of

New York—were moved to the Federal Correctional Institute in Petersburg, Va. In return they released Lacy J. Joyner, prison chaplain; David C. Atkins Jr., a guard, and Hugh Martin Jr., a prison data compiler.

However, soon after the inmates were moved to Virginia, Woodard announced that the state would begin immediate proceedings to have them returned to North Carolina.

The Chronicle Camera went to downtown Winston-Salem and asked passers-by, "Are state officials justified in bringing the inmates back to North Carolina?"

The general reaction was unanimous: No.

Natural Long—"It really depends on how you look at it, but I don't think that they should have made a promise they weren't going

Thompson: The Best Coach In College Basketball?

By Tony Brown
Special To The Chronicle

A Commentary

Dan Rather of the CBS Evening News summed it up: "I can't say enough about the man...He really cares about those young people who are playing for

him."

But Dave Kindred of the *Washington Post* described him best. "John Thompson is what he is: a great basketball coach...Great coaches produce teams that are their mirror images, for they teach life as they learned it."

John Thompson is the most successful basketball

coach in Georgetown University's history. His players call him a wise man; his media detractors use racist definitions such as "the Idi Amin of Big East basketball."

However, that's hardly news to the pragmatic Thompson, who coaches at a Washington, D.C., school which, wrote Kindred in the *Post*, "20 years

ago had blacks on its basketball floor only when they came with the other teams."

Now you know why Georgetown has not been to the NCAA finals since—well, since. Moreover, although this column is being written even before the Hoyas win the semi-finals, I'm convinced they will win the

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