

More Roundball

Despite the fact that the NCAA decided its champions weeks ago, basketball fever is still alive in the National Basketball Association and here, in the Big Four basketball tournament.

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John Slade Awards

Our peerless critic gives his own Academy Awards, including such new categories as "Worst Actor and Actress," "Best Slasher Film," "Worst Film" and "Best Saturday Evening Run of an Oldie-But-Goodie."

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Our Aldermen

Part Two of a five-part series on Winston-Salem's black aldermen features Vivian Burke, who discusses the prospects for a black mayor, police relations with the black community and her fellow aldermen.

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Contractors Get Share

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In a City Hall meeting closed to the press, black leaders, minority contractors, Mayor Wayne E. Corpening and representatives of the developers and general contractor John S. Clark Co. Inc. met last Wednesday to air problems concerning minority participation in the construction of the East Winston shopping center.

Once the smoke had cleared, minority builders had

"We put our cards on the table here. The wounds are healed and now we just want to get it done."

—Mayor Wayne Corpening

agreed to handle 32 percent of the subcontracts in the \$1.2 million project which, once completed, is expected to be black-owned and operated.

No contracts were signed last week, said Joe Dean of John S. Clark, but letters of intent were mailed to the contractors confirming their agreement to participate in the project. Dean added that minorities will make up 40 percent of the center's construction work force.

At the end of the meeting, East Ward Alderman Virginia Newell, who called and moderated the session, passed around a letter to be sent to tenants of the shopping center and asked all those present who agreed with its contents to sign. The letter, which said, in part, "the black community has waited for twenty years for a quality shopping center and are pleased you will be a tenant in the shopping center," assured the tenants that

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Easter Scenes

For the youngsters, Easter is a time for egg hunts and spiffy new clothes. Stacy Ingram (left) can't wait to get home with the spoils from a successful hunt while (top) brother and sister Shakeita and Reuben Jacobs show off their holiday outfits proudly in route to a Sunday morning Easter service.

Early Childhood Center On Campus Probably Will Survive

By Ruthell Howard
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week.

"It would be far amiss if Winston-Salem State University attempted to close a center that is as vital to the school, teachers and Center, which Chancellor students as the Early Douglas Covington once Childhood Center," said considered closing, will Melvin Gadson, head of the probably remain open, a WSSU Education Division. WSSU official said last "We only said we were

studying the center as an asset to the university to determine if it is essential."

Gadson said the school may reallocate funds in order to staff other positions of the university, but wouldn't totally shut down the center.

"We're still doing everything we possibly can

to continue operation of the center," he said. "The parents and the center's

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—Melvin Gadson

logistics have not been finalized and we're plan-

ning to meet with the PTA on April 20." Gadson added that the

university will not make a final decision until it can get such input. "We want to discuss everything thoroughly with all the parents," he said.

Chancellor Covington sent a letter to the University of North Carolina General Administration in November requesting that the

facility be phased out and its funding reallocated for recruitment and counseling personnel.

In response, parents of children enrolled in the center have offered to assist in keeping the center operating, Gadson said. The parents initiated a letter-writing campaign and

met with university officials requesting that the center be kept open. In addition, John Jessup, president of the center's PTA, said earlier in the year that the PTA has no problem with increasing tuition to keep the center operating as long as the increase is gradual.

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Robeson Tribute Sponsored Here

By Claire D. Carter
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"Each artist, each individual must elect to fight for freedom or for slavery. I made my choice. I had no alternative," said the late Paul Robeson, a human rights activist who forsake many achievements and privileges to fight racism and segregation in America and other parts of the world.

"In my opinion and the opinion of many others, Robeson was one of the greatest Americans who ever lived," said Clifton Graves, a coordinator of the Ad-Hoc Committee for Haitian Relief.

The committee will sponsor a birthday tribute to Robeson Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Reynolds Health Care Cafeteria.

Robeson was an All-American football player, a Phi Beta Kappa scholar at Rutgers University, lawyer, concert singer, Shakespearean actor and a linguist. However, he sacrificed his personal goals to take a stand against injustices throughout the world.

During the red scare, government officials suspected Robeson of being a communist because he favored unions. Although Robeson publicly denied the accusation, the government forbade him to travel to other parts of the world and invalidated his visa. But it never proved that he advocated communism.

Robeson's father was a slave in Martin County, N.C., (in the eastern part of the state) who escaped to New

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Norma Smith

Black-On-Black Crimes Continue Reign In Winston

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Blacks struggled together in this country to achieve equality and annihilate injustice. Blacks joined together in non-violent marches to protest segregated eating facilities. Blacks even joined together to form organizations responsible for the promo-

tion of equality not only for themselves but for other races as well. In summary, blacks worked together. However, this group effort and unity that characterized black Americans in the '60s is beginning to dwindle in the 1980's as black-on-black crimes continue to occur. During 1981 in the city of Winston-Salem, 12,443 crimes were committed by the total adult population,

7,384 of which were committed by blacks. Blacks out-distanced whites in aggravated assault, larceny, burglary, robbery and other assaults. Eighty-three (83) percent of all assaults and 70 percent of all single offender rapes and robberies occur within the same race.

In Winston-Salem's East Ward, where there is the highest percentage of unemployment, there is one

house breaking for every ten homes. Black educators and leaders in Winston-Salem attribute the growing problem of black-on-black crimes to frustration and anger being fostered in the black community by poverty, racism and unemployment.

"Blacks commit crimes against other blacks because of the double standard of justice that has

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President: Administration Not Anti-Black

WASHINGTON (NNPA)—In a specially arranged meeting, President Ronald Reagan recently addressed some 45 black publishers and journalists in the briefing room of the Old Executive Building. The group was in the nation's capital

for the annual Mid-Winter Workshop of the National Newspaper Publisher's Association.

In a prepared speech, the president denied that his administration is anti-black. "I intend to protect the civil rights of every American in

this country," he said. "This administration is not trying to turn back the hands of time. We understand that the 'good old days,' as some would say, were not the good-old days for all Americans." Reagan further noted that,

"the federal government had a definite role to play in the lives of loyal citizens and local citizens. It is the federal government's undeniable responsibility to guarantee the rights of all Americans wherever these rights are being denied.

And as I've said many times, to guarantee them at point of bayonet if necessary."

Reagan's statements were greeted with quiet skepticism by the publishers in view of the administration's assault against busing and

affirmative action, and its move to dismantle the office of EEOC and other agencies created to maintain the gains of blacks and minorities by the federal government.

Nevertheless, the president

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