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Are today's college athletes too soft and pampered? Some black college football coaches think so.

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Fight Goes On Against Landfill

By Donald Alderman
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AFTON -- The horse's gallop and the woman's scream depicted the urgency of the moment.

"Pick it up! Pick it up!" she yelled as the horse galloped toward the 200 or so protesters that formed a one-half mile line.

"They're moving the trucks! They're moving the trucks!" she warned, giving the horse an urgent pat to speed it along the line of chanting, placard-carrying demonstrators.

Heeding the call, the protesters picked up the rhythmic chant of "We Shall Overcome," as well as the march pace, moving ever so quickly toward the toxic waste landfill where, in a matter of minutes, state trucks would begin hauling the first load of soil laced with a cancer-causing chemical.

Thus was the scene in this small farming town tucked in the state's northeastern corner, where the

showdown between the state and the Warren County Concerned Citizens took place last week.

The citizens group, after fighting a losing battle through the courts for four years, came to carry out their vowed last-ditch effort of flinging themselves in front of trucks carrying Polychlorinated Biphenyls, or PCBs.

The toxic substance was sprayed illegally in 1978 along 210 miles of state roads in 14 counties. The state, with the aid of the Environmental Protection Agency, recently decided to scrape the PCB-contaminated soil from the roadsides and store it in a Warren County landfill.

But the state was more prepared to begin dumping the first of about 60,000 tons of PCB-laden earth than the protesters were in stopping it.

When the demonstrators reached the dump site entrance, about two and one-half miles from the main

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A Fashion Demonstration

Anita Stanback, one of Paris II Productions Ebony & Ivory models, shows off the flair and style that characterizes the group. Ebony & Ivory, directed by Ms Bettina Glenn, had its premier performance in the Normandie Lounge of the Sheraton Inn on Sept. 12 (photo by Santana).

Garden Court

Tenant: Apartments Still Not Up To Par

By Ruthell Howard
Staff Writer

While maintenance service has improved somewhat at Garden Court apartments in East Winston, according to residents, one tenant says service still isn't up to par.

Sandra Conrad, a 10-year resident at the apartments, said the Wilson-Covington Construction Co. has made some repairs in her apartment after an investigation of the condition of the complex by Housing and Urban Development (HUD) officials from Atlanta.

But Conrad says the improvements are not enough and the complex still isn't getting adequate service.

The apartments are inanimate witnesses for Jerry Smith, a former Wilson-Covington maintenance employee.

Smith filed a countersuit

in June against the company after Wilson-Covington sued him for alleging at a January Human Relations Commission meeting that it discriminates against

Covington hadn't kept the apartments up and that tenants were treated unfairly. In her affidavit, Conrad complained about problems with roaches, mice and the

"Like I told HUD, it took them (Wilson-Covington) 10 years to fix a hole in the wall behind my washing machine. It was there when I moved in July 6, 1982, and they never came out to fix it until we started signing affidavits."

-- Sandra Conrad
Garden Court resident

tenants in predominantly black complexes.

Garden Court, one of those complexes, was described by Smith as not receiving adequate service.

Conrad is one of several residents who signed affidavits that were presented to HUD representatives during the investigation, charging that Wilson-

poor condition of the apartments.

"We weren't getting adequate service for the price we pay," Conrad said, sitting in her apartment on Highland Avenue Sunday evening.

"They're not bringing it (the complex) up to date. Like I told HUD, it took

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Crime Continues Reign Of Fear In Winston

By Edward Hill Jr.
Staff Writer

The crime problem in Winston-Salem's black community has worsened to the point that a number of residents prefer to lock themselves in their homes at night rather than risk becoming victims of crimes often perpetrated by their own neighbors.

The community has attempted to fight back with such positive efforts as the East Winston Crime Task Force, but as unemployment and a suffering economy continue

to reign nationwide, so does the criminal in East Winston.

The Chronicle recently asked citizens downtown how the crime problem affects their lifestyles, why it exists and their suggestions for possible solutions.

Lillie Walters, resident of Glenn Avenue: "It's getting so dangerous that I don't go out at night. Someone tried to break in my house recently, but the dog scared them away. People are out of jobs and they become desperate. I think you could cut some of the crime out if there was more police patrol."

Beverly Melton, student at Forsyth Tech: "Things are really getting bad. Somebody tried to break in our house twice, while we were in there. It makes me sick to know that there are people who can do things and continually get away with them. The only thing I can say is that people should get themselves a gun."

Cheryl Ross, student at Forsyth Tech: "I am very concerned about the amount of burglaries around here. My house has been broken into twice. We saw the person who broke in the next day and he was walking around as

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Photo By Santana
Beverly Melton



Bill Sanders

No Foul Play

Powell Says Officer Acted Correctly In Shooting

By Ruthell Howard
Staff Writer

A local police officer did not violate Winston-Salem Police Department procedure in fatally shooting a would-be robber recently, Police Chief Lucius Powell said earlier this week.

The incident, which oc-

curred in Parkview Shopping Center, was the first time in five years that a shooting involving an off-duty Winston-Salem police officer resulted in the death of a would-be criminal.

Detective K. H. Blevins of the Juvenile Division fatally shot Gilbert Wayne Timmons while Timmons

was attempting to rob the manager of the Parkview Winn-Dixie Store of the store's receipts, according to police reports.

Those reports say Blevins was shot in the hand when he pushed Timmons' gun from his face. Timmons, who dropped his gun and fled, was apprehended by

citizens near the incident and was shot by Blevins while trying to escape.

Eugene Timmons Jr., Timmons' brother who lives in Miami and was in town for the funeral, said last week the family does not want revenge, but that he questions the officer's use of his gun.

"You can't deny the fact that if he (Gilbert Timmons) hadn't been there it wouldn't have happened," Timmons said at his father's house on East 23rd Street. "I think he (the officer) was within his rights to try to apprehend Gilbert. Now, the way he used the gun is questionable to me."



Lucius Powell



Vivian Burke



Gilbert Timmons

Timmons said his brother's death was painful to him and especially to his father, who preferred not to discuss the incident.

"Everybody is hurt because the guy was so young and because we were trying to get him on the right track," he said. "But the fact re-

mains that he was trying to rob somebody."

But Timmons criticizes Blevins for firing five shots

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Next Week

Next issue, the Chronicle continues its series on the aldermen with an interview with the veteran of the board, Ernestine Wilson.

Plus....

Editorials: Columnist Tony Brown concludes his examination of the controversy surrounding the Harvard law school and its choice of faculty to teach a

course on civil rights law. In addition, Chronicle Letters include reactions from Mechanics and Farmers Bank's Mel White to a Clifton Graves editorial and Elections Board Chairman James Armentrout to an article concerning discrepancies in voter registration figures.

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State Agency Examining Water

By Ruthell Howard
Staff Writer

A sample taken from a stream in East Winston is being examined for chemical pollutants by the Division of Environmental Protection of the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources.

Interest was sparked in Fork Branch Creek by

Miller Allen, a Whitfield Acres resident whose home is near the stream, when he complained that the water is periodically sudsy and that the minnows who lived in the stream died.

Allen had earlier submitted samples to the Water Quality Section of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), but James Watson, an EPA represen-

tative, said the agency's staff is too limited to perform investigations.

After inquiries by the Chronicle, Henry Hix of the city's Utilities and Maintenance Division said a representative investigated the stream and determined that a broken sewage line is not the problem.

If the stream is being con-

taminated, it is not a city matter, one city representative said. So the matter has been turned over to the Division of Environmental Protection of the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources, which investigates possible environmental hazards in the state.

Russell Radford, regional

supervisor for that agency, said earlier this week representatives from his office took samples of the water recently. "We have been out there and are continuing our investigation," he said. "I can't say anything definite."

Radford said the division is waiting for test results, which should be completed in two to three weeks.