

All That Dazz

What could the funk group The Dazz Band do to top the phenomenal success of last year's "Let It Whip"? Simple. A new LP that, according to the band's leader, is four times better than the last one.

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Musical Chairs

That's what Winston-Salem State basketball Coach "Bighouse" Gaines has been playing, out of necessity, with his lineup this season. And what's more, he's winning.

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Our Black History Month tribute to the black woman begins in earnest with a look at famous black women in our country's past as well as those who have made their marks locally. An editorial tribute to black women appears this week.

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Proposition 48

Is The Ruling A Cure Or Curse For The Black Athlete?

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Is it racism or an earnest attempt to make student athletes truly student-athletes?

In a move to toughen academic standards and, apparently, shore up an image tarnished by cheating and recruiting violations, the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) recently passed a rule -- Proposition 48 -- requiring that athletes score a minimum of 700 out of a possible 1600 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, or 15 out of 36 on the American College Test, and attain a 2.0 (C) average in a core curriculum of 11 academic courses in high school, including three years of English and two each of math, social sciences and natural sciences.

And although the rule appears to have raised more questions than answers, one fact is clear: it is as controversial and emotionally debated a mandate as the NCAA has ever passed.

The NAACP calls the rule "smacks of racism" because it relies on standardized test scores to measure academic achievement. Black students traditionally have scored lower on the tests and a number of scholars contend that they are culturally biased against black students.

"In the seventh and eighth grade is when the athletes with the academic problems have to be identified. Extra help should be provided to help them in their areas of weaknesses."

-- Homer Thompson

Says North Carolina NAACP State Director Carolyn Coleman, "according to published reports, fewer than 50 percent of blacks score 700 on the SAT and 28 percent score 15 or better on the ACT. Tests are not a true measure of one's ability to succeed in college, particularly tests that have not proven to be racially or

culturally unbiased."

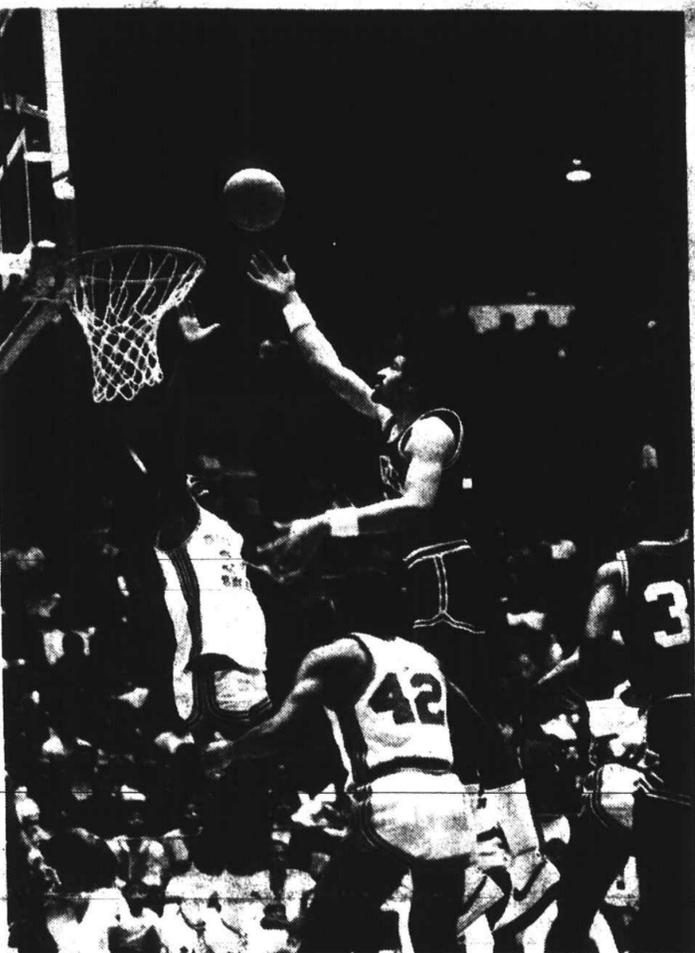
Other critics cite the fact that the requirements in some instances may be higher than those for nonathletes, especially at some black schools, where standardized test scores are not stressed as an admissions criterion.

Still others, including the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who recently noted the "inferiority" of the white athlete, feel the rule is an attempt to "whiten" major college athletics, some of which have become dominated by black performers.

Presidents and athletic directors at the 16 historically black schools in Division I (the NCAA's major-college level) contend that Proposition 48 will hurt their schools because of its stringent requirements.

"The NCAA is saying, 'These are the admissions standards for athletes,'" says Dr. Robert Randolph, president of Alabama State University. "We don't care what they are for other

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The Aggies By An Inch

Juan Lanauze of North Carolina A&T State University goes up high to put in this shot as Kevin Vaughn (34) of Winston-Salem State University defends on the play. Details on the thrilling outcome of this annual rivalry appear on Page 14 (photo by Joe Daniels).

Teens, Employers Against Lower Wages

By RUTHELL HOWARD
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A proposal before the nation's lawmakers that would lower the federal minimum wage from \$3.35 an hour to \$2.50 an hour for teen-agers under 18 to curtail unemployment doesn't appeal either to local youth or area businessmen.

Even black teen-agers, who suffer a 40- to 50-percent unemployment rate nationally, say they object to the idea of being paid less than older employees.

Black and white teen-agers at the Optional Education Center voiced strong objections,

calling the sub-minimum wage pay rate unfair.

"I feel that teens should be treated equally," says Jimmy Jeter, 17, who is unemployed, "because some come from families where their parents have financial troubles and it would help them out if they were working."

Jimmy isn't alone in his objection to the lower wage scale. Other teens his age as well as older students who would not be hired under the plan disagree with the idea.

"If you're a hard worker, then you ought to be able to bring something home to show for it," says Stephan Carlos Wells, 20, a 12th-grader who is employed by North State Supply Co. Inc. "If you're part of the work force, why

can't they give you a workman's pay?"

"The cost of living is going up. They should raise wages. The minimum wage should go up," says Reginald B. Fair, 18, who is also employed. "It's a bad idea," Fair says. "Who wants to make less money? Nobody's working for less money."

Melissa Daniels, 17, and Angela Moffitt, 16, both of whom are unemployed, say that wages are already low enough. "I feel they should pay minimum wage," Daniels says.

Moffitt adds, "I don't feel it would be right (to pay less than minimum wage) because a lot of kids might need the money. Most want the

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Will It Bring Safer Roads?

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Gov. James B. Hunt has proposed a "Safe Roads Act" to the North Carolina General Assembly that is designed to crack down on drunken drivers.

The legislation would incorporate existing driving-under-the-influence (DUI) laws into a driving-while-impaired law. The intent, says the governor, is to increase convictions, decrease plea bargaining and give mandatory jail sentences to repeat offenders.

Other changes would raise the drinking age from 18 to 19 and make tavern owners civilly liable for selling alcohol to underaged or already intoxicated customers

who later cause an accident because of the alcohol they consumed while in the tavern.

The bill would allow magistrates to hold drunken drivers for 24 hours or until someone comes to pick them up. The bill also extends the length of time a convicted drunken driver can have his license revoked for refusing to take a breathalyzer test and prescribes an immediate 10-day revocation of the licenses of drivers who have a blood alcohol content of more than .10 percent.

The Chronicle asked downtown shoppers recently their reactions to the proposal.

James Walters, hospital employee: "I think Hunt's program is pretty well organized. But I don't like the part

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Bridgett McCullough



Eugene Robinson



Jerry Posey



Eugene Mickens Jr.

General Excellence

Chronicle Takes Two Statewide Awards

The Winston-Salem Chronicle and one of its staff members won first-place awards at the 1983 North Carolina Press Association Awards Ceremony last Thursday night in Chapel Hill.

The paper won first place in the "General Excellence" category among the state's weeklies, becoming the first black-owned and operated newspaper in history to claim the honor.

Meanwhile, Managing Editor Allen Johnson won first place in the feature series category for five articles last spring profiling Winston-Salem's black aldermen.

The competition, involving most of the state's daily and weekly papers, attracted more than 2,000 entries. First-place awards were presented at a ceremony on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill by Gov. James B. Hunt Jr.

Wrote Judges John C. Druckenmiller and Karen Feldman Smith of the Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press: The Chronicle is the best all-around weekly entered in this year's contest. Its layout is excellent. (Page) 1A includes an excellent 'refer' box, a great layout, and a good mix of news and features... The paper features community

news, a good opinion page, social news, business news, arts and leisure, comics and other entertainments, sports and just about everything else a respectable daily should have. The Chronicle is a people newspaper -- it gets lots of names and a lot of pictures each week, based on the entries submitted... This paper sets standards that dailies should be using, let alone a weekly."

Johnson's black aldermen series was termed by Judge Laurin Bracey of the Gadsden County (Fla.) Times as "the sure winner."

Ernest Pitt, publisher of the Chronicle, says that the first-place award for general excellence is a statement to the community. "We have shown that the black press can compete on a level with other weeklies and some dailies," he said.

Pitt added, "We owe the black community good, solid news coverage. We can do things for the black community that dailies won't do and don't do. And we at the Chronicle have accepted that challenge."

Pitt also said that winning the award does not mean the paper won't continue to get better. "We still have areas

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This edition of the Chronicle is dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Lucille Williams Pitt, who we suddenly lost last week. "Sister," as she was known by friends and loved ones, was an inspiration to us all, especially her son, Ernest, who turned a portion of the lessons she taught and the values she instilled in all seven of her children into the newspaper you are reading now. She was a quiet, sensitive, unassuming person who would rather be abused herself than abuse someone else. Although she left this world on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 1983, her memory will remain with us forever.

Aldermen Examining Changes In Precincts

By RUTHELL HOWARD
Staff Writer

After hearing proposed precinct changes for the Northeast and West wards and for several county precincts, Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian Burke said she will "thoroughly look into" any possible effects of the suggested changes on her ward.

In a similar situation, some of the city's precinct boundary lines were redrawn a decade ago as a result of annexation, which caused confusion among some voters who were ac-

customed to voting at particular polls but were relocated after the new lines were drawn.

Burke said last week she isn't sure how the proposed changes will be received in her ward, but that consulting with her ward advisory committee and with residents will help her identify any problems.

Forsyth County Board of Election Chairman James Armentrout suggested eliminating two precincts in Burke's ward and relocating the precincts' voters during a recent board meeting.

Armentrout said the J.D. Ashley, Lowrance and Mineral Springs Baptist Church precincts have low voter turnout and in what he called Plan A, proposed eliminating Ashley precinct and having that precinct's voters moved to St. Stephens Baptist Church, which would give that poll approximately 1,900 voters.

Lowrance precinct, which he described as being "tiny," would be increased by moving all residents who live south of Akron Drive and who usually vote at Mineral Springs, to that

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