

'Tower Of Hypocrisy'

It's what one *Chronicle* letter-writer calls District Attorney Donald Tisdale's office in it comes to dealing with the black community.

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Black Singles

They're interesting. They're ambitious. And they're involved. And one of them will be featured each week, starting with this issue in Someone You Should Meet.

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Love And Sports

Twenty-two years ago, the Twin City League was formed to give black youth love, sports and valuable lessons in life. It still does.

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Officer Says Lawsuit Has Black Support

By RUTHELL HOWARD
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Public Safety Officer James F. Hull says black officers in the Winston-Salem Police Department support a reverse discrimination suit that he and 26 fellow white-officers recently filed against the city and the police department.

Charging that Police Chief Lucius Powell was "discriminatory" in throwing out the results of a Jan. 8 department promotions test, 28 of 35 officers who passed the test filed the suit in Federal Court in Greensboro on May 16.

"We have received contributions (toward the suit) from black officers," Hull says.

Powell decided to throw out the test, saying that it was unfair to minorities and women after there were only two black males and one white female among those 35 who passed.

But one black officer disagrees. "It was not," says the officer, who took the exam. "I haven't heard one black officer who took the test say it was (discriminatory)."

He says the test consisted of questions on police-related situations and adds that a few of the black officers who took the test said there was only one question they had reservations about. "I don't feel it was discriminatory," the officer says.

The officer adds that the chief should have stated in writing, before he administered the test, that if a certain number of minorities did not pass the exam, it would be invalid. "People took months preparing. This is what they were upset about," the officer says.

Hull says there are other blacks who support the suit, but those questioned by the *Chronicle* refuse to comment on the situation.

Hull says a white female also supports the suit.

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Cover Girl

Julie Landau, 17, a senior at Northwest Guilford High School, has been selected to participate with nine other teens nationwide for the 1983 High School Cover Girl title. The annual contest, now in its 22nd year, is co-sponsored by Co-Ed Magazine and the Noxell Corporation.

Missing: Black Parent Involvement In Schools

By ROBIN ADAMS
Staff Writer

The meeting room was full. In fact, all of the permanent seating was occupied and extra folding chairs had to be placed in the aisles.

But out of the estimated 200 or so people who were there, only a handful were black.

The meeting was the recent public hearing by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education on the four-year high school plan and the reorganization of the schools.

On the agenda were numerous issues that at least indirectly affect black people in general and many others that specifically and directly affect any parent who has school-aged children.

Twenty-one citizens had signed up to speak at the hearing and only six of them, most without school-aged children, were black.

But the recent public hearing is not the only meeting where black parents don't show up. In fact, at most school board meetings, very few, if any, of the people in the audience are black.

And, according to observations of teachers and other school officials, black parents generally don't participate in the individual school PTA meetings, school programs,

parent-teacher conferences or any other school activities. One teacher notes that less than five percent of the black students in her class this year had parents who participated in any school activity.

"I feel very lonesome down here sometimes," says Beaufort O. Bailey, the only black school board member.

"I think some parents use the excuse that it's too far out, or that they don't have transportation, too often."

-- Mildred Griffin

"Our children are suffering if the parents aren't taking an interest. I don't care what kind of English you use when you come down here, but just come and be concerned."

"The number of parents we get to come out depends on the type of program offered," says Fran Douthit, an assistant principal and teacher at Clemmons Elementary School. "If we have a program where the children have to participate and the parents have to come and bring them, then we have black parents there. But if we are

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By Aldermen, Businessman

Use Of City Funds Questioned

By RUTHELL HOWARD
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Two members of the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen strongly criticized the city's Community Development (CD) and Jobs Bill programs at Monday night's meeting, saying economic development is gradually gaining priority over housing and community development.

Alderman Larry Womble and a private businessman opposed making a short-term loan of \$333,000 of CD money to First Stevens Limited Partnership for private development downtown. And Alderman Larry Little

questioned whether the Jobs Bill money would be used to provide employment for those who really need it.

Both programs were adopted by the board, but not without heated debate from both sides, "no" votes on the CD Program by Aldermen Womble and Little and a "no" vote on the Jobs Bill by Womble.

Womble said that loaning CD money to First Stevens was "getting away from the original intent" of Community Development.

"We have a very serious housing problem here and we haven't proposed a really strong housing program," Womble said.

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Blacks Unhappy With School Plan

By ROBIN ADAMS
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During a heated two-hour meeting before an overflow audience Monday night, the city/county school board voted 7-1 to establish eight four-year high schools and middle schools with independent districts by the fall of 1984 and at a cost of approximately \$9 million.

Under the board's new independent districting plan, students who start elementary school (grades K-6) together might be separated when they attend middle schools (grades 6-8) and again when they attend four-year high schools.

But the new plan the board adopted last night does not include recommendations made recently by members of

the black community and the NAACP.

"This doesn't sit well with us at all," said NAACP Vice President Walter Marshall following the meeting. "Under the label independent districting, no clear methods are used to draw lines. Political pressures and the affluent community can determine where the lines will go."

The plan that uses geographic lines -- under which children who start out in elementary school together will be assured of attending middle schools and high school together, unless they move from their districts -- is the plan Marshall says will best serve the black community.

The other concern Marshall expressed with the plan endorsed by the board is that the majority of the elementary

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'Courting:' Elderly People Do It, But They Don't Like To Talk About It

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Janie Thomas can remember her first boyfriend with the ease that most people can recall their names.

"I was at the bus station in Greensboro waiting for the bus to take me to college," Mrs. Thomas says. "And he looked at me and said, 'You are cute. What's your name?' Well, I looked at him and said, 'Some call me honey, some call me sugar, you can call me baby if you want to.'"

Well, Mrs. Thomas is not college-age anymore -- now she's 78 going on 79, but that still hasn't stopped her

from enjoying herself.

"I still have a good time and still enjoy living," Thomas says. "Now I go out with a lot of ladies my age and we go to different parties. I don't have many male friends now, but I'm not against male friends. I have had male friends who wanted to marry me. But I wasn't ready for them."

"When you are younger, you view males differently than the way I see them now. Now they are basically companions. I have a friend who comes over and fixes the faucet or the door bell. But it's companionship and not courting," Mrs. Thomas says.

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• C.C. Ross is retired from the political arena, but he still loves to talk politics.

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Principals Say It's Fair, Students, Parents Disagree

By RUTHELL HOWARD
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A number of black students in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system and their parents agree that black children are punished corporally more often than their white classmates -- while others say they haven't perceived a problem.

Statewide statistics rank the area's system as reporting the largest number of black students punished corporally and the eighth largest percentage.

Black students from grades five to 12 say there are problems with corporal as well as other types of punishment. "Teachers don't treat us right," says one ninth-grader who asked not to be identified. "If we do something wrong, they write us up. White students, they can talk all loud and stuff, but if we do something, they'll write us up."

"It seems like, since they got the white principal, we get punished more often than the white children," says Jeff Nivens, a 12th-grader.

Anthony Hazel, a 12th-grader at West Forsyth Senior High School, agrees. "I feel the same way because, in some classes, they don't let black kids get away with what the white kids get away with," he says.

Tamia Miller, a student at Kennedy High School, and Sharon Washington, a former Kennedy student who will attend the Optional Education Center next year, also say black students are treated unfairly. "If the white kids wear shorts, they don't say nothing," Miller says. "But if

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