



(photo by James Parker)

## Someone You Should Meet ...

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**Describe Yourself in one word:** "Caring"  
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(If you are single, at least 18 years old, doing something positive in the community, employed and interested in appearing in this column, or if you know someone who meets these criteria, please send your name and daytime telephone number to: Someone You Should Meet, Winston-Salem Chronicle, P.O. Box 2151, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102.)

## NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by Greg Brown

### Martin Luther King Sr. dies at age 84

ATLANTA -- The Rev. Martin Luther King Sr., father of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., died in Crawford Long Hospital on Sunday at the age of 84.

King was stricken by an apparent heart attack at his home Sunday and was taken to the hospital, where "extensive resuscitation efforts were taken." He died at 5:41 p.m. and had suffered from a chronic heart condition. He was hospitalized last month when a lung infection aggravated the heart ailment.

King's daughter, Christine King Farris, his only surviving child, announced the death at a press conference attended by about 20 family members and black leaders.

"Daddy King did more for this city, the South and the nation than any of us yet realize," said

Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young. "Before he was famous, Martin Luther King was always fighting for people's rights and standing up for the little people of this community and telling people not to hate."

The son of a Georgia sharecropper, King's adult life was marked by the assassination of his oldest son in 1968 and the sniper slaying of his wife, Alberta, in 1974 as she played the organ in the church where her husband and son had been pastors. His other son, A.D., drowned in a backyard swimming pool in 1969.

"It's no accident that Martin or my other son didn't hate anybody," King Sr. once said in an interview. "I taught them to love everyone, rich, poor, high or low. I instilled that in my children."

### Black enrollment lags at white UNC schools

CHAPEL HILL -- Traditional white schools in the University of North Carolina system are falling behind schedule in federally-mandated minority enrollment goals, while traditionally black schools in the system have exceeded those goals, the UNC Board of Governors was told Friday.

Black enrollment at traditionally white schools increased very little this fall, while the total number of blacks enrolled in the 16-school system decreased by 2.5 percent or 564 students. Black enrollment at the 11 historically white schools rose to 8.23 percent or 22,345 students, compared to 8.08 percent or 22,909 students last fall.

The overall decline in black enrollment was led by N.C. Central University in Durham, which lost nearly 700 black students this year, and N.C. A&T

State University in Greensboro, where black enrollment dropped by 199 students.

UNC-Chapel Hill had 109 fewer black students this fall for a total black enrollment of 1,760 or 8.22 percent. UNC-Wilmington experienced a slight decline in black enrollment, dropping to 355 black students or 6.41 percent. East Carolina University in Greenville had a slight increase in black enrollment, rising from 1,467 last year to 1,508, but saw a slight decline in the ratio of blacks to whites on campus because of a significant increase in white enrollment.

"Whatever disappointments or problems appear to emerge in the cold numbers, however, let me assure you that a good-faith effort has been made," said Raymond Dawson, UNC's vice president for academic affairs.

### Black leaders blamed for poor progress

WASHINGTON -- The chairman of the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission says black leaders have "essentially disenfranchised blacks" by refusing to work with President Reagan.

Clarence Thomas told *The Washington Post* that as a result, black leaders are "watching the destruction of our race."

As head of the EEOC for three and a half years, Thomas said no major black leaders have asked him, a fellow black, for help in influencing the Reagan administration. He said that black leaders should be working with the administration to alleviate teenage pregnancy, black unemployment and illiteracy, but instead go to the news media and "bitch, bitch, bitch, moan and moan, whine and

whine. That doesn't help anything ... It's a basic law of politics that you should always have access to people in power. You don't alienate them at any cost. You don't call the judge reviewing your case a jackass; you don't call the banker reviewing your loan application a fool. But that's exactly what black leaders have done with this administration."

Thomas said Jesse Jackson's experience proved blacks don't have clout in the Democratic Party and that "the black leaders have alienated blacks so badly from Reagan and the Republican Party -- made him into some evil person -- that there is no chance at this point for blacks to discuss the Republicans as an alternative to the Democratic Party."

### Open Line

## Where can I get the facts?

Q: What is the largest depository of historical data about black Americans?

T.C.

A: The American Library, a book listing all the private and public collections in the country, notes that the Schomburg Collection in New York City is the largest collection of materials about black life in America.

The collection, which is part of the New York Public Library System, has over 85,000 books and 31,000 items on microfilm.

It has 10,000 records, 600 films, and 6,000 subject listings on black life.

Authors, researchers, and historians travel from cross the world to use the vast resources of the col-

lection.

Q: Whatever happened to the Safe Bus Co.?

B.G.

A: After four years of operating at a deficit, the black-owned Safe Bus Inc. was purchased by the city when the new transportation system went into effect in 1972. It was the only black-owned bus company in America to serve both the black and white communities.

Open Line is a weekly feature to answer consumer questions and help citizens cut through government red tape. If you have questions about local government or the black community, write to Open Line at P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101 or call 723-8428.

## A wait-and-see posture

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has been a global view of what needs to be done. But we really need to zero in on the things the money will be used for.

"Progress is slow, and I know it won't happen overnight. It just takes a long time."

Yet, according to Zane Eargle, superintendent of the city-county schools, City Manager Bill Stuart and Dr. Bob Greene, president of Forsyth Technical Institute, many of the projects are ahead of schedule.

Of the eight bonds, six were for city projects:

- \$15 million for the expansion of the Benton Convention Center and the construction of a parking deck.

- \$3 million for the development of an I-40 Industrial Park that will run adjacent to Winston-Salem State University and Interstate 40.

- \$2.2 million for neighborhood improvements that include the planting of trees, sidewalk repairs and site improvements for new housing in the Kimberly Park, East Winston, 12th and File streets, Seventh and Graham streets, south of 14th Street and South Marshall areas.

- \$900,000 for the development of a downtown "Superblock."

- \$1.1 million for downtown sanitary and storm sewer improvements.

- \$800,000 for center-city retail rehabilitation that includes

facade improvements for downtown businesses.

An architect has been hired and plans designed for the convention center project, said Stuart. Work is expected to be completed on the parking deck by July 1986 and on the convention center addition by September 1986.

"We are already booking conventions for the expanded facility," said Stuart.

Only four of the 19 parcels of land the city needs to buy for the I-40 Industrial Park have been purchased but Stuart said the city is negotiating with land owners and that the other parcels should be acquired by December.

Approximately 15 to 20 families will be displaced by the development, but "we included money in the bond program to make relocation available to them," said Stuart.

The development of the industrial park also includes the expansion of Lowery Street to Claremont Avenue, with construction set to begin in May and completion in June 1986, and the creation of an interchange from I-40 to the industrial park that should be completed by 1986.

In addition, an architect has been hired to develop a Superblock that Stuart said should become "the landmark of the Piedmont."

Meanwhile, said Eargle, all of

the major construction projects for the city-county schools have begun and will be completed by the beginning of school next year. And Forsyth Technical Institute has already acquired old Dalton Elementary School and renovated it and is using the building for continuing education classes, said Greene.

Greene also said work has begun on Fred D. Hauser Hall which is one-third complete and will be ready for classes by fall of 1985.

Although the work on the project seems to be going as planned, Louise Wilson, co-chairman of the Citizens' Committee on Jobs and Education Referendum, a group of civic leaders that endorsed and promoted the bond, said she's concerned about the promise of jobs.

"I'm concerned that more black contractors are not able to take advantage of the opportunities," said Wilson. "They were committed to have part of the pie and they should get a piece of the pie."

"But it goes both ways; black contractors have a responsibility and they need to demand a share."

Alderman Larry Womble, bond opponent, said he shares Wilson's concerns.

"At least through the city, we will see that some black contractors will see that some black contractors

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