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Small Business Administration official says his agency may foreclose on WAAA radio

SBA loan officer says local station has defaulted on loan

By ROBIN ADAMS Chronicle Assistant Editor

The Small Business Administration may begin foreclosure proceedings against blackowned radio station WAAA-AM, a Charlotte SBA official told the Chronicle last week.

But WAAA owner and general manager Mutter Evans says she knows nothing of an impending foreclosure and that she expects the station to have a good year.

According to Bobby Faile, an SBA loan specialist, a defaulted loan may force the SBA to begin foreclosure proceedings against WAAA, though he couldn't say exactly when those proceedings might begin.

Evans said she is unaware of such a development.

"I don't know anything about a foreclosure," Evans told the Chronicle. "There have been some lapses ... and different periods where there have been some cash flow problems. But foreclosure is news to me. It's not at that point.

Faile said in a telephone interview last Friday that a \$200,000 loan made to Media Broadcasting, with Mutter Evans as the grantor, by Forsyth Bank and Trust Co., now Southern National Bank, was cashed in to the SBA. At the time the original loan was made, the SBA agreed to co-sign for 90 percent of the loan in case of a default, he said. When the loan went into default, Faile said, Southern National Bank cashed in the loan

and the SBA now holds the note.

Faile would not give any further details about the loan. Evans paid \$1,040,000 for the black-

oriented, sunriseto-sunset radio station when she purchased it in 1981. In addition to a loan from

Southern National, she also received a loan from blackowned Greensboro National Bank.

When tacted by the Chronicle, receptionist in the bank's loan department said it is bank policy not to release a client's financial records to a third party unless re-

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quested in writing by the client.

While the loan was in liquidation status, Faile said, the SBA attempted to find a

"We hoped to get someone to buy it

(radio station) as a package deal," said Faile. "But nobody was interested. The next step is to post notice and proceed with foreclosure."

The only way to stop the impending foreclosure, said Faile, would be for Evans to find a buyer for the station or pay off the debt. If a new buyer is found, that individual would first have to be approved by the SBA, he said.

"It's true that, like most businesses, there have been some strains on cash flow," said Evans. "But some steps have been made to correct that. The worst part is over.

"We expect '85 to be a good year," she said. "Any changes ... will be changes for improvement."

Evans would not elaborate on what kinds of steps have been taken to correct the station's financial woes. When asked if she characterized the station's problems as extreme or routine for small, minority-owned businesses, Evans said that the economy, down advertising periods and interest rates have all contributed to the present financial situation.

Evans, a native of Williamston, purchased the station from Bob Brown, who owns several other stations. In a telephone interview from his office at WORD in Spartanburg, S.C., Brown said that, since selling WAAA five years ago, he has had no further dealings with the station.

"I got out of WAAA," said Brown.



Heartbroken

Her team came oh so close to a CIAA basketball title last weekend, but as her expression shows, this Norfolk State cheerleader had little to celebrate once the buzzer sounded. Story on B1 (photo by James Parker).

Graves may join Covington at Ala. A&M University

By ROBIN ADAMS Chronicle Assistant Editor

After less than a year as assistant corporation counsel for the City of New Haven, Conn., Clifton E. Graves Jr. may be following his old chancellor.

Graves has been offered and is considering accepting a position as director of university relations at Alabama A&M University in Normal, Ala. A&M is the school where Dr. H. Douglas Covington, former chancellor at Winston-Salem State University,

is now president.

Although Graves told the Chronicle that he has not made up his mind about accepting the position, an article in the Huntsville Times on Friday, March 1, said that Graves will assume the new position on April 1.

"Somebody called me and told me that," said Graves, when asked about the newspaper article. "That's news to me. Obviously, they are moving without my posi-

Graves said he is scheduled to Please see page A5



Clifton Graves

Human relations awards go to sixty-one

By DAVID R. RANKIN Chronicle Staff Writer

Former Gov. Terry Sanford, who is credited with laying the groundwork for the state Human Relations Commission in 1963, praised the civil rights progress made in America over the past two decades during last Tuesday night's Human Relations Banquet. But Sanford also reminded his audience that work remains to be done and challenged the local public school students among his listeners to finish the job.

Sanford was the keynote speaker at the banquet, which was held in the M.C. Benton Convention Center and honored local students and citizens for their contributions to human relations in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

The theme of this year's banquet was "Human Relations Leaders of Tomorrow: Our Youth" and 58 students and three local citizens were on hand to receive awards for their service to the community.

David Logan, chairman of the city's Human Relations Commission, said this year's awards banquet was special because the General Assembly of the United Nations has proclaimed 1985 International Youth Year. Mayor Wayne Corpening also had proclaimed February as Human Relations Month in Winston-Salem.

During his speech, Sanford told the youngsters in the audience to ask their parents about the progress that has been made in the last 20 years against racial segregation.

"I issue a challenge to the future leaders of human and civil rights," Sanford said. "We have not yet finished the job at home."

"Young people today -- with our help -- will not grow up in a prejudiced society," Sanford said.

Sanford also said he would like to see Winston-

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The SAT debate

Critics say proposal for 700 minimum score could close predominantly black colleges

By ROBIN ADAMS Chronicle Assistant Editor

If a bill before the General Assembly had passed in 1983, more than 75 percent of the freshmen admitted to Winston-Salem State University that year would have been turned down.

Freshman Forsyth County House Rep. Frank Rhodes, a Republican, along with six-term House member Rep. Howard Chapin, D-Beaufort, have co-sponsored a bill that would require a minimum score of 700 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test to enter any of the 16 public universities in

The passage of such a bill could mean the end of the five predominantly-black state-supported institutions, say critics of the bill.

WSSU, "it could contribute to the demise of many of the universities in about it." the University of North Carolina system, not excluding the white

Said Hayden B. Renwick, an associate dean at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill who has worked in minority recruitment, admissions and retention: "This will close the predominantly black schools in the state. Black people better look at his thing seriously."

According to data taken from the "Statistical Abstract of Higher

Education, 1983-84," 19 percent of all freshmen in the University of Something is wrong somewhere if they can't do the same. You got to North Carolina system during that academic year made below 700 on have some criteria." the SAT. The rate of sub-700 scores at the five predominantly black schools triples the overall rate in some cases. The number of freshmen at the predominantly black schools who made below 700 on the SAT ranges from 75.4 percent at WSSU, the lowest of all of the public institutions, to 56.3 percent at North Carolina A&T State University. None of the black schools had more than 50 percent of their students make above 700.

But Rhodes and Chapin insist that the requirement would only improve the quality of higher education in the state.

"This is not directed at black, white, yellow or red," said Rhodes. "I "If the Rhodes bill passes," says Dr. Haywood Wilson, chancellor at was hoping that it would motivate the powers that be to do something

Rhodes said he realizes that, if the bill is made law, some schools may be closed, but the closings, he insists, would be in the best interest of education.

"It will eliminate a lot of them (black colleges), I'm afraid," said Rhodes. "The average SAT score at Pembroke State University (which has a large percentage of Indian students) is 792. If they -- and they are a minority -- can attain that, why can't the other minority schools?

Motivated by Washburn Case

The Rhodes-Chapin bill comes on the heels of the recent publicity surrounding a North Carolina State basketball player. Court records show that Chris Washburn, a black Wolfpack basketball player charged and convicted of stealing a fellow athlete's stereo, scored only 470 on the SAT, 70 points above the lowest SAT score possible.

Chapin said he was not motivated by the Washburn incident, but acted to aid Dr. William Friday, president of the University of North Carolina system. In an address to the House's higher education committee, said Chapin, Friday said he supported the 700 cutoff.

"I was trying to help Dr. Friday and help the university system in North Carolina by introducing the legislation," said Chapin.

Shortly after Friday's position was announced, Raymond Dawson, vice president of academic affairs for the UNC system, said in an article Please see page A12