Bus incident

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request and that they are still suffering from the incident. Kenneth said he has dreams about Orr and the bus incident. In one dream he said that Orr is in his closet. "When I woke up he grabbed me, and then I ran into my mother's room," he said.

Reginald said that he still feels pain in his side.

According to the two boys, the incident began when they were seated at the front of the bus reading wrestling magazines.

"Roderick said, 'Do ya'll want to jump on these fellows up here?' and everybody said yeah." Kenneth said. "And he (Orr) said, 'Come and get them.' "

Ms. Jeter said that Orr did not take the regular route home. "After they beat them for a while, he told the children, now you can go back to your seats,' " she said.

Two girls who were on the bus, Katina Tucker, 11, of 106 Cleveland Ave., and Dawn Moore, 12, 1442 Oak St. corroborated Kenneth and Reginald's story.

They said that they were trying to reach the front of the bus to stop the attack but were pushed back.

Miss Tucker said that in the past, Orr had told the boys that he would report them for standing on the bus.

But the two girls, and Kenneth and Reginald, said that the boys were not doing anything when the incident happened. "He didn't have any right to do that," Miss Tucker said of Orr. "Instead of him trying to create order, he created confusion."

Morris Hastings, director of transportation for the city-county schools, said that Orr's criminal and driving records were checked before he was hired.

His references were also checked, Hastings said, and all were satisfactory. Hastings said Orr has denied taking part in the inci-

Ms. Jeter estimates that there were about 40 students on the bus. Artis Dolumnon, and principal at Bolton, said that he did not remember how many students were on the bus.

"I'm not at liberty to discuss it," he said.

The case is now in the hands of the state attorney general's office.

"We are investigating the matter now," George R. Parker, a claims adjuster with the attorney general's office said. "We do not

Craig

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result, only 6 percent of the 835,000 citizens with less than an eighth-grade education in North Carolina have been reached by literacy programs.

Business and industry must lead the way in a more intensive battle against illiteracy in our state. Both the companies and the employees benefit. The economic incentive for the company is to have employees who are knowledgeable enough to perform their work responsibilities correctly, safely and efficiently.

Business and other employers should provide the incentive to their employees to achieve basic literacy skills. Workers should beallowed time or even granted paid leave to attend literacy classes. Employers can reward successful students with better jobs and better pay.

North Carolina cannot afford to turn its back on one-third of the state's population who should be given the opportunity to contribute to our society commensurate with their abilities.

Let's invest together in our jointly held future.



have the final report. I can't comment further until we get the final

Parker said that after the report is made, the attorney general's office will advise the Jeters whether the state is willing to pay them for their injury claim.

Meanwhile, school officials will not say whether disciplinary action has been taken against the students who may have been involved in the incident.

School system attorney Douglas S. Punger said that if any disciplinary action at all was taken, no school official would be at liberty to say. It is not public information, said both Punger and Kleu.

"It is a personal matter with the school," Kleu said. "I wouldn't discuss what was going to happen."

Zane E. Eargle; superintendent of the schools, said that any misconduct on the bus is handled by the principals and the bus drivers. Any misconduct by the bus driver is handled by the transportation department, he said.

The school system does not have a policy specifically addressing behavior on school buses, Punger said. But it does have a

policy addressing general conduct. "This policy could apply to student conduct on the bus," he

Kleu said that misbehavior on the bus can be handled by notifying the students' parents and, if the conduct is severe enough, by suspending students from the buses and sometimes from school.

Hastings said bus drivers are instructed to report the names of

any students fighting on the bus to the school.

"We very rarely have serious fights on the buses," Hastings said. He defined serious fights as fights resulting in bloody noses and black eyes. Hastings said that the system transports about 27,000 students each day.

He said that he can not recall any school bus incident involving a bus driver and students. He said such occurrences are "rare."

Bethlehem Center holds Staff Appreciation Week

provides early childhood educa-

Nancy F. Wilks, executive director of the Bethlehem Community Center, has designated the week of May 26 through 30 as Staff Appreciation Week at the center.

The event will take place at three locations, 520 Cleveland Ave., 850 Mock St. and 1348 Oak

Activities will include a special luncheon, and each staff member will receive a token of appreciation from the agency.

Staff members having five, 10 and 15 years of service will be honored during the Spring Festival programs held at each

Staff members being recognized for five years of service are Gloria Thompson, Angela Mc-Cutcheon, Marian Odell, Doris Shannon, Mae Worthy and Violet Summer.

Betty Gentry will be honored for 10 years of service.

The agency is in its 59th year of

Eunice Long hosts flower club group

The Along the Garden Path Garden Club held its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, May 20, at the home of hostess Eunice

Mrs. Ellsworth Banner presided at the meeting. Members opened the meeting with a prayer and the singing of the club song

Mrs. Emmaline Goodwin read the minutes of the previous meeting, and Ruth Shoof presented the treasurer's report.

The agenda included a report from the Council of Flower Clubs and a discussion of the upcoming flower show.

Following the meeting's adjournment, members enjoyed a dinner served by Mrs. Long.

Members attending included Sharon Linsay, Julia Johnson, Louise Hamilton, Carrie Mayfield, Roberta Cook and Sinclair Crowder.

WSSU researcher seeks project volunteers

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Dr. Wilveria B. Atkinson, professor of biology and director of Project Strengthen at Winston-Salem State University, is seeking volunteers to assist in a cancer research project.

Dr. Atkinson has discovered a way to artificially activate normal white blood cells so that they secrete a substance that kills certain types of cancer cells.

Blood donors are needed to allow Dr. Atkinson to isolate these normal cells from the blood of healthy volunteers and use

them to make this substance,

which has great clinical potential. Each volunteer would have his or her medical history reviewed by a local physician at no charge to insure that donating 20 milliliters (about two tubes) of blood would not be harmful to the donor.

A certified medical technologist will draw the blood.

For more information and application forms, call 761-2174 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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swimming classes. A wide range of classes is being offered to people of all ages beginning on Monday, June 9. Weekday classes will be held two times a week over five-week sessions. Saturday classes will meet once a week for 10 weeks. The cost is \$25 for members and \$37 for non-members. For more information call 722-5138.

• The Winston-Salem section of the National Council of Negro Women will hold its honors banquet on Saturday, June 14, at Winston-Salem State University. For more information call Ruth Carter at 723-8596 or Larn Dillard at 725-7810.

· Associated Artists of Winston-Salem, with the support of the Arts Council Inc., will hold the Eleanor Layfield Davis 1986 Selected Flower Exhibition Saturday, June 14, through Monday, June 30. Entries should be delivered to Winston Square, 226 N. Marshall St., on Wednesday, June 11, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A free opening reception and ribbon presentation will be held Saturday, June 14, from 2 to 4 p.m.

· Preregistration for adult summer classes in photography, weaving, basketry, quilting, jewelry fabrication and other areas is now being held at the Sawtooth Center for Visual Design, 226 N. Marshall St. To register or for more information call 723-7395 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m..

• The YWCA is offering Wellness Workshops beginning with a cancer prevention program on June 9. The program, "Taking Control: Cancer Prevention, " will be held from 11 a.m. to noon at the YWCA on Glade Street. The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 722-5138.

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