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Students in the 1985 class at the Sister Clara Muhammad School busily go about their classroom. In the foreground, right, the school's principal, says the school tries "to produce a student who is academically, morally and spiritually fit to make a contribution to society." Details on page 10.



Membership falls at YMCA

Numbers dropped last summer at Winston Lake Family YMCA

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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THE LOSS of approximately 300 members has made the Winston Lake Family YMCA re-evaluate its original membership goals, said its executive director last Thursday.

In planning the new facility, said Norman E. Joyner, YMCA officials set a goal of 1,600 to 1,700 members for the first year of operation.

"After the first year in the facility, the staff and the membership committee of the board (the branch's Board of Managers) felt that this was an optimistic goal and really unrealistic numbers for the first year," he said.

During its first year of operation, the predominantly black YMCA had 1,400 members, but last summer the YMCA lost about 300 members, dropping the total to 1,100, Joyner said.

With the re-evaluation, the YMCA's membership committee has also identified what it considers to be more realistic goals, Joyner said. "Our goal in 1987 is to be around 1,300 members," he said. "In 1988 we hope to add another 200 to get 1,500."

Most of the members lost during the summer failed to renew their memberships, he said.

The YMCA has two types of members, Joyner said: people who purchase participating memberships and use the facility and "a number of people who took out memberships to support the YMCA and have not used the facility."

Joyner said that the Winston Lake YMCA also lost some members because they were dissatisfied with the programs and services offered by the facility.

"You can expect that when you're in a community-type service organization," he said. "I'm not naive enough to say we're at the point we want to be in terms of program quality. We're still young and still improving on things. I think we still have a ways to go."

The decline in membership indicates that he, the staff and the board have their work cut out for them, Joyner said.

"We have to convince the community that we can provide the kinds of programs and services they need," he said.

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The Third World is a part of our world, say panelists

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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Third World concerns are not solely the concern of the Third World, said a panel last weekend at Grace Presbyterian Church.

The program, titled "For God So Loved the Third World," focused on conditions and struggles in South Africa, Nicaragua and Palestine. It also discussed the United States' involvement in the affairs of Third World countries and Christian efforts to improve situations in those countries.

The Rev. L.V. Lassiter, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, feels that a discussion of the Third World countries is important and urgent because it has worldwide implications.

"I think that what is going on in Central America and in the Middle East, Iran and

Palestine, and indeed, in South Africa, is raising questions in our homeland," Lassiter said. "These are the hot spots of the world right now, and important questions are being raised in the black community and in Winston-Salem."

All Christians, said the Rev. Robert W. Andrews, moderator of the discussion, have an overriding responsibility to heed the call for help from Third World countries.

"More than loyalty to Washington or to the red, white and blue," he said, "we, as Christians, have a loyalty to God, who says, 'If you love me, take care of my people.'"

Lassiter said that conditions in the Third World countries will eventually impact on communities in the United States. Many of those communities, he said, will be minorities.

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The Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley, right, discussed the history of blacks' struggle in South Africa at last weekend's Third World Conference at Grace Presbyterian Church. At left is the Rev. Robert W. Andrews of the Presbyterian Synod of the Piedmont (photo by James Parker).

Some strive to be 'un-black,' says study

By The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA -- Many academically successful black students adopt a "raceless persona" by turning their backs on traditional black culture to succeed in school, said an anthropologist at the annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association.

"If you want to succeed as a black, you have to give up an important part of your culture," said Sinithia Fordham, an assistant professor at the University of the District of Columbia.

"That, in turn, creates tremendous tensions and pressures upon black students."

Ms. Fordham's work has centered

on black adolescents, but she said in an interview with the *Philadelphia Inquirer* recently that she believes the emergence of these so-called "un-blacks" has also occurred in the workplace, particularly among upwardly mobile blacks.

She cited the example of Leanita McClain, a journalist who became the first black woman to be elected to the *Chicago Tribune's* board of directors. Ms. McClain achieved enormous success as a Chicago journalist but felt "hellish confusion" and ultimately committed suicide, Ms. Fordham said.

"To her white colleagues at the *Tribune*, McClain appeared raceless, indistinguishable from them ... Accepting this reality proved to be too

burdensome for her," Ms. Fordham said.

In her study of black adolescents, Ms. Fordham said she interviewed and observed 33 black 11th-grade students and their parents at a predominantly black public school in Washington. She also analyzed the responses of 300 of the school's students to a detailed 55-page questionnaire.

She said high-achieving black students who turn their backs on traditional black culture in order to succeed in school do so in a number of ways, such as rejecting black music and changing their hairstyles and their dress.

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Revlon will divest, but boycott's still on

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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Operation PUSH still intends to boycott Revlon products, despite the firm's plans to divest its South African operation.

Betty Magness, director of communications for Operation PUSH, told the *Chronicle* last week that Winston-Salem was one of the cities that will hold a mock funeral for Revlon products.

This week, however, another official said that it is not definite whether a funeral will be held here or not.

The Rev. Willie Barrow, national president of PUSH, said Tuesday that Fayetteville is the only ci-

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Plane crash makes some residents nervous

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
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Residents off Walkertown Road have accepted the flashing runway lights at night.

Patrons at the Winston Lake YMCA routinely hear the drone of engines while playing basketball at the facility. Sometimes the roof seems to quiver.

A black developer even named his shopping center for the area's proximity to Smith Reynolds Airport.

He calls it Jetway.

The airport and its flight path have become a way of life over the years.

But a tragic plane crash two weeks ago off Winston Lake Road killed all four of its passengers and has shattered the routine.

And while crashes near the area are rare, some residents of near-by Lakeside Apartments are concerned.

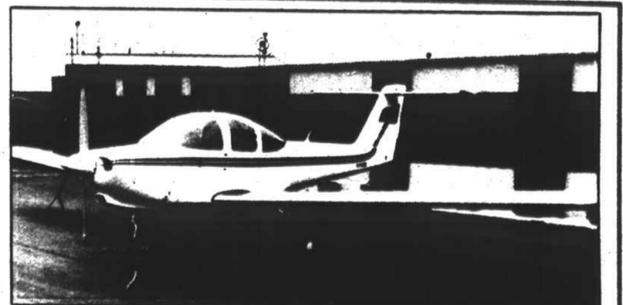
Hattie Fuller, of 114 State St., who has lived at Lakeside for 23 years, said the crash frightened her.

"What if the plane had come down right in the middle of Lakeside?" she said.

Having lived there for so long, Mrs. Fuller said, she has gotten used to the shakes and jolts of heavier aircraft passing overhead.

But she said there are some things about being near the airport that she will never get used to.

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A single-engine plane like the one pictured above crashed two weeks ago off Winston Lake Road, killing all aboard and frightening the area's residents (photo by James Parker).