

N.C. to increase minority teachers

Special to the Chronicle

If the General Assembly has its way, there will be a much higher number of promising minority students entering the teaching profession than we've seen in the recent past.

The North Carolina Legislature has been awarded a \$12,000 matching grant from the National Council of State Legislatures (NCSL) to study how best to increase the number of minority students who choose teaching as a career.

Sponsored by Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, and Rep. Daniel Blue, D-Wake, the unique research project is one of nine

winning grant proposals nationwide. The U.S. Department of Education, which funds the grants, has provided \$100,000 this year for the nine states to conduct education policy studies.

The North Carolina project will attempt to involve parents in preparing their students for the college application process and to inform them about financial opportunities available to students interested in teaching as a career. The project is designed to reach parents through community committees.

"The percentage of minority teachers in North Carolina had declined rapidly," said Rand, "as new job opportunities open

up to minority young people. Only 9 percent of last year's newly certified teachers were members of a minority, while almost 30 percent of the state's student population is a minority member.

"This research project will help determine if, by involving parents, we can attract more talented minority young people into teaching," Rand said.

"The dwindling number of minority teachers is a national, as well as a statewide, problem," said Blue. "We believe the findings of this project will give us a road map to use to find promising minority students and attract them into the teaching profession."

Small

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Let us regard nothing except facts and profoundly comprehend the truth and lay away our prejudices and highlight what we have been presently working for in the city -- harmony and unity. We appreciate this relationship. We've invited one another into our homes, we've dined together, exchanged rides, we've exchanged money in emergencies, we've socialized together as well as exchanged gifts and cards. This is our destiny. How will it end?

Why should we not be disappointed with our city planners? It seems as though the question has been asked, "How can we rid our town of this unique clan?" The

answer is destroy their business!

The most essential part of the wonderful project the city is undertaking, for the betterment of the people who rely on bus rides back and forth to town, is that the men in charge of plans use all the intelligence, the brains and the sense of truth and honor that resides in them to conduct and make the selected site the best and most attractive, and most useful, for our honored city, Winston-Salem.

We appeal to the reasoning and

consciousness of our planners. If the consciousness will not respond, then, and then only, should we use other plans. We must try to keep our business intact. I omit many thoughts because I do not trust myself to speak them.

I beg that the Fifth and Liberty street site be stricken from the city slate in that it involves open businesses and would cost the owners and the city more money than any other selected site in town.

Correction

In the June 18 issue of the *Chronicle*, a picture of Judge James Beaty was incorrectly identified as a photo of Judge Richard C. Erwin. Erwin was scheduled to speak at the 11 a.m. service at St. Paul United Methodist Church June 21. The *Chronicle* regrets the error.

Correction

An announcement in the wedding section of last week's *Chronicle* incorrectly reported that James Kinchen received his doctorate from UNC-Charlotte. Kinchen earned his doctorate at UNC-Greensboro. Also, JoAnn Mitchell, the matron of honor at the ceremony was inadvertently omitted. The *Chronicle* regrets the errors.

Ministers

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Earlier, Mrs. Small, who owns TES Dress Shop at the corner of Fifth and Liberty, was given a rare time extension normally allotted to agenda speakers. "Ours is a voice crying in the wilderness," she said, speaking for the small group of Greek, Jewish, Oriental, Indian and six African-American businesses. "And we are crying. We know the hour is late. We only have until Monday."

The ministers listened in stony silence as Mrs. Small explained why the relocation money offered the merchants does not address hidden costs which accompany such moves. One business, she said, would have to buy new equipment because the move would damage his present machinery. Others could not afford the certain rent increases, she added.

Also, the ministers plan to hold the county commissioners "accountable" for not responding to their June 10 letter concerning the Board's selection of a white minister to replace the lone, retiring African-American on the Social Services Board. The commissioners selected the Rev. Ronald Pegram over Mazie Woodruff and Mary Hargraves.

"We've been trying to give the commissioners a fair chance to respond," the Rev. Leonard V. Lassiter Jr. told the *Chronicle*.

The letter was addressed to commission Chairman James Ziglar Jr., "and he will be held accountable," Lassiter warned. "We think it's irresponsible on his part not to respond to our letter."

Gov. James G. Martin (R), also has an appointment to fill on the Social Services Board by July 7. The ministers plan to discuss the possibility of his appointing an African-American.

The Conference also welcomed Golden State Insurance's new district manager, Eddie Stanton to the city. He is formerly from Detroit and plans to find a church home in the area.

Among the ministers attending the meeting were: the Rev. G.W. Roland, president; the Rev. Reuben Gilliam, secretary; the Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley, the Rev. Belvin Jessup, the Rev. Greene, the Rev. Green, the Rev. Humphries, the Rev. F.A. Leak, the Rev. John Mendez, Sister Mamie Rennick, the Rev. Moses Small, the Rev. J.L. Coleman, the Rev. Churn, the Rev. Joseph Samuels, Dr. Stennis, the Rev. David Hedgely, Dr. J.P. Hightower, the Rev. W.M. Schlay, the Rev. J.R. Bridges, the Rev. Joseph Jones, Dr. Quincy A. Caldwell, the Rev. Lassiter, the Rev. Jimmy Montgomery, the Rev. L.M. McCullum, the Rev. E.L. Clark Sr., Dr. H.L. Moore and Evangelist Linda Beale, who preached the afternoon sermon.

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About Town

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Neither can enough be said about the fact that this reader, who asked only to be identified as "a person who cares and wants to learn more about lupus," sent a donation to help one of the disease's victims get to a lupus convention.

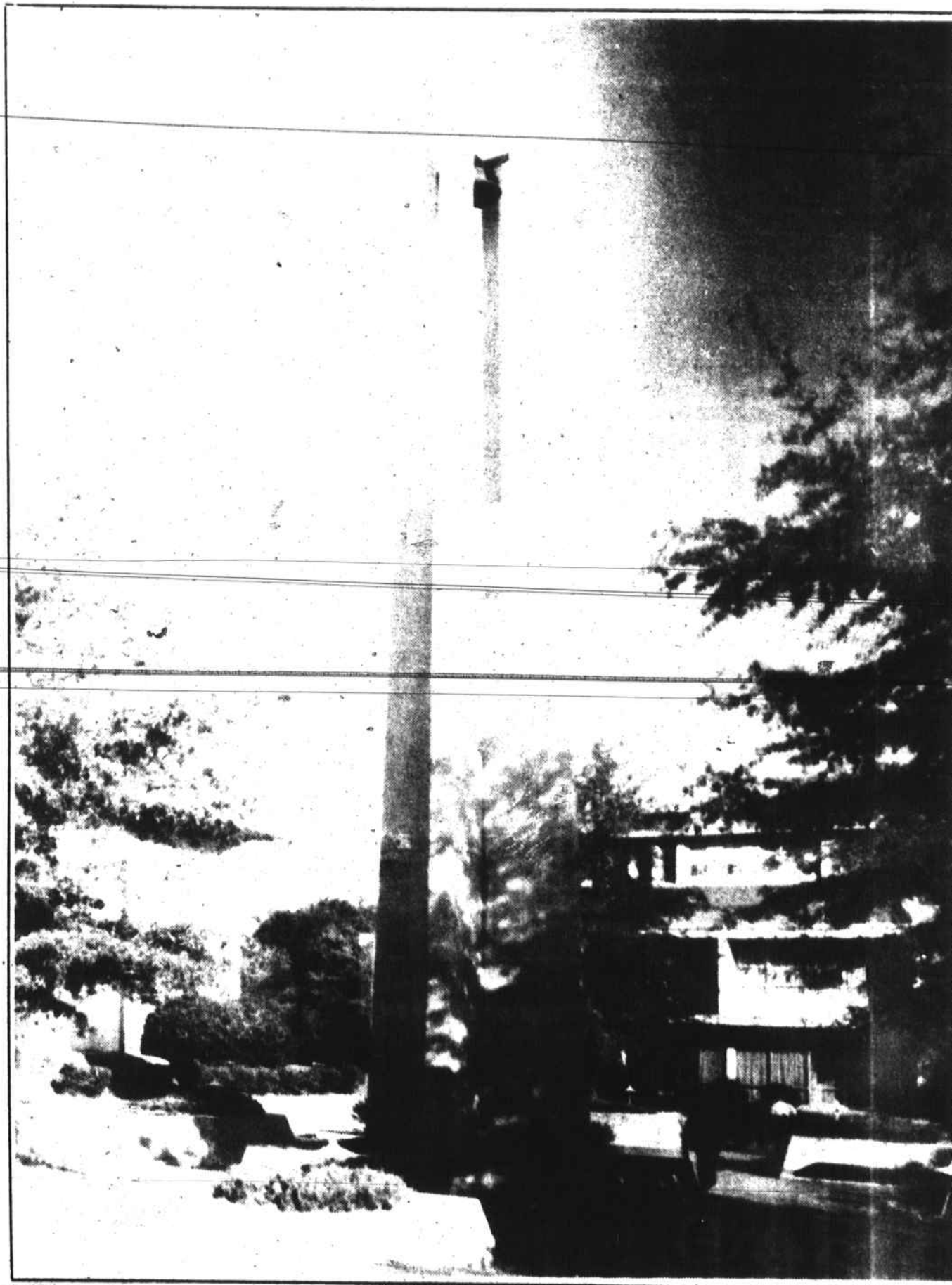
Lupus is an "auto-immune disease" of unknown causes. It is seen most frequently in black women in the child-bearing years.

To the anonymous contributor: Yes, this is a story well worth telling. And yes, the person you describe is certainly an inspiration for all.

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David Mickie was recently named general manager of Conrad's Hair Design. ...

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