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He feels that state legislators were unwise in voting down money proposed for AIDS education and passing measures that allow for discrimination against people who have the disease. "Not a dime of state money is now spent in AIDS education," he said.

And because of the new laws, people who test positive for the AIDS virus can be fired from their jobs and evicted from their homes with no recourse, he added. The Handicap Protection Act does not apply to people with AIDS.

"If one white legislator's daughter sleeps with a bisexual male and gets AIDS, all of this will change," he said of the state government's actions.

Susan Leonard, a psychologist who is on the task force board and volunteers counseling services to the organization, agrees with Hume about the negative effects of the legislature's moves.

She feels that denying jobs to people with AIDS will cause taxpayers to be forced to pick up the tab for supporting them. She also sees the dilemma caused by viewing AIDS as a moral issue. "There are still people who believe this (AIDS) is a punishment from God," she said. "AIDS is a disease. It is the result of a virus. It is. It exists. It is not divine retribution."

The AIDS Task Force provides education about AIDS to the public and assorted services to AIDS

sufferers and their families.

The services cover everything from transportation to the doctor, housecleaning, personal grooming, companionship and running errands to professional counseling. Three organized support groups are maintained by the task force for families and volunteers as well as people who actually have AIDS.

The task force's AIDS education includes information about what AIDS is and is not, who is most at risk of being infected with the disease, its symptoms, how AIDS is transmitted and how it is not, and ways to avoid contracting the disease.

"I keep coming back to education as the most important

thing," said Leonard. "Every time we are talking about fear, we are talking about ignorance."

Jim Steele, the only African-American on the board of the task force, said, "I found there is a definite communications breakdown between minorities, the poor and information about AIDS."

The organization plans to expand what they have to offer soon since they recently received tax-exempt status and can begin raising funds, he added. All services provided by the task force are free and confidential. But no AIDS screening is done by the group. The health department handles such testing, he said.

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said. Total liquor sales for this year were \$15 million, Deudney said. Profits from the sale of liquor totaled \$1.6 million, with 75 percent going to the city and 25 percent to the county.

Some of the items included in the budget are the replacement of up to six automobiles in the law enforcement division and the hiring of two additional law enforcement

officers. There are currently three law enforcement officials in the division, including the chief.

In other business, Mann said that the board directed Deudney to proceed with drawing up the contract for the ABC to lease a new facility included in the proposed expansion of the East Winston Shopping Center. The new ABC store would be self-service, he said.

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In addition to the features section, the *Gazette* also had sports, church and advertising sections. An original cartoon was even provided by one of the staff.

"I wasn't looking for money," Cunningham said of his enterprise. "I just liked doing it. I still do. I like paste-up. I like interviewing people. I like writing stories, and I like photography."

Cunningham likes it so much

that he is planning to be a newspaper publisher when he finishes college. His role model is his uncle, *Chronicle* Publisher Ernest H. Pitt, with whom he is living while attending WSSU.

"He bought my first camera the Christmas before the (first) summer that I came here," Cunningham said of the man who sparked his interest in the newspaper business. "I'm still using it now."

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"I really hate the response of people -- the rejection," Roberts said. "I think these black churches should have some kind of program (of assistance for people with AIDS) I can tell you one thing, if I came back to this world, I wouldn't want to come back black."

Mrs. Roberts and her son attend support meetings for people with AIDS and their families "and never see a black face," she said. "What he (Roberts) really hurts about is that the black community has walked away from him."

Roberts has felt rejection from many people. His brothers and sisters were reluctant to visit when he first announced that he had AIDS, he said. And last week, a nurse at Forsyth Memorial Hospital refused to enter his room after he had been admitted to the hospital for observation under orders of his doctor.

The nurse claimed that there were no scrub gowns or surgical gloves available on the hospital floor where his room was located, Roberts said. So she would not enter the room, and instead, she stood outside the door asking the questions to fill out his chart. Roberts walked out and went home, he said.

"I felt like they should have been prepared for me and they weren't," he added. "They should have more respect for people with AIDS. They never know when their son or daughter will get it, the way teen-agers are out there having sex."

When Roberts was diagnosed with AIDS, his doctor told him he could expect to live for a year to 18 months. He is now taking an experimental drug and hopes his life expectancy is being prolonged as a result, he said. The daily vomiting that he suffered for a year has ended since he started the drug treatment about three months ago, he added. When he first got sick, he weighed "pretty close to 200" pounds. Now he is down to a little more than 150 pounds.

He said he was sick for two years before being told he had AIDS. "I went to Reynolds Health Care, and they never could find what was wrong with me," he said.

He then entered Baptist Hospital, where the disease was found. "That doctor (who diagnosed his condition as AIDS) didn't give me any information about the disease," he said.

After several months of keeping his condition secret, his mother mentioned it to a daughter in the health-care industry. She suggested that her brother see Dr. Link, who was involved with the AIDS Task Force. Roberts has been receiving services from the group ever since, and Dr. Link is still treating him.

The task force operates on a "buddy system." Roberts' buddy takes him places he needs to go, visits with him, and invites him home to watch ball games with her and her husband. He attends church with the couple.

"I think the world of her," he said. Volunteers and people with AIDS do not discuss each other's identities with anyone.

Although many men suffering from AIDS are homosexual, Roberts says he is not. He had been living with a girlfriend for 18 months when he first became ill with AIDS, and he did not know what he was sick with, he said. As the disease progressed and he became unable to work, he moved back in with his family.

When he first learned that he had AIDS, he contacted his former girlfriend and informed her. He does not know whether she has been tested, he said, but he does know that she has not shown any outward signs of the disease.

His 12-year-old daughter also lives at his mother's with him.

When asked what one thing about being an AIDS victim he would most like to have people understand, Roberts replied, "I'm human, just like they're human."

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