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Project Rise goals not met

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This school year will be the third since the Project Rise Task Force submitted a lengthy list of recommendations to school officials, and while some recommendations have seen action, most will wait for something to happen inside the big, bound task force report.

The task force was created in 1986 to study the characteristics, causes and answers to the problem of under-achieving students, those who don't do their best in school. Task force member and president of the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Walter Marshall, said the group grew out of our demand for some accountability for the widening gap between white and black achievement.



Dr. Barbara K. Phillips, coordinator, Project Rise

Former school Superintendent Dr. Zane E. ... adopted the recommendations for his own ... as they were never formally adopted by the county Board of Education. Since Earle ... the new superintendent must decide whether to adopt the recommendations in his program. "We don't know what will happen," Marshall said. "It would never be addressed if it went to the Board of Education. The issue is too delicate. Anytime you bring up race in Forsyth County, the board members cannot face the fact

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Just Enough To Fight Over



photo by Mike Cunningham

Three-year-old Chi Chi White gets ready to chow down with a meal from the free lunch program at Happy Hills Recreation Center.

MWBE chief Hanes: Set-asides don't work

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG
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The director of the city Minority/Business Enterprise Program recently voiced opposition to "set-aside" programs that guarantee a proportion of city contracts to minority- and women-owned businesses, a stand some community leaders disagree with.

Betty Hanes, director of the city's Minority/Women's Business Enterprise Program, said the city does not set-aside a certain proportion of contracts for minorities, because they generally take the lowest bid. "I don't think it's (set-asides) something that works," Hanes said. "It encourages bad habits. I think all businesses, everybody in there, is there to be competitive. That's just the bottom line, especially with construction. Being certified doesn't mean you get the contract. You have to sell that product or service."

Task force says Hanes needs help

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG
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A citizens committee found Monday that no money was budgeted to the city Minority/Women's Business Enterprise Program for staff assistance or to conduct educational workshops.

The program is designed to

give businesses owned by women and minorities a chance to learn about and bid on city contracts. It was overseen by the city Purchasing Department until almost five months ago when Betty J. Hanes was hired to direct it.

"It disturbs me that there's not

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Under the city's current minority- and women-owned business enterprise system, goals are set for the percentage of minority contracts the city awards, but no specific proportion of city contracts is guaranteed to go to minority- or women-owned firms. The city has a list of firms certified as minority- or women-owned and these firms are given an opportunity to learn about and bid on city projects.

The firm with the lowest bid, however, will always get the contract, Hanes said.

If minority firms are not used by a contractor, the firm must provide Hanes with an affidavit specifying the minority- and women-owned firms asked for a bid. "If we don't meet the initial goal, we must show a good faith effort in trying to spend city money with them (minority- and women-owned contractors)," she said. "When we set goals for the percentage of minority firms, we look at the plans and base it on the areas of contracts and the

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WSSU passes audit

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Despite what N.C. State Auditor Edward Renfrow termed "several significant deficiencies," Winston-Salem State University has been given a "clean opinion" on the state of its financial affairs.

The state auditor recently completed a financial and compliance audit of WSSU for the school years ending June 30, 1987 and 1986. The audit found several discrepancies in financial reports, but Renfrow said they were "technical audit findings" which appear more glaring because the audit covered two years instead of one.

"I wouldn't call them significant audit findings from the standpoint of impacting on the financial statement," said Renfrow in a telephone interview Tuesday. "But they

are things that need to be looked at so they don't go unchecked."

Dr. Cleon F. Thompson, chancellor of the university, issued a statement Wednesday saying the university had already taken action to correct the deficiencies cited in the auditor's May 24 report.

The report, which was released to the public today, stated that all state agencies and universities are required to prepare financial statements within sixty days of the end of the fiscal year.

WSSU filed its financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1986 on April 24, 1987, and the statement for the year ending June 30, 1987, was filed on February 2, 1988. The audit report noted that the reports "also contained numerous errors."

The untimely financial statements were attributed to the delay



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in the university completing its conversion from a manual general ledger system to a computerized Financial Reporting System (FRS). WSSU began converting to the computerized system during July 1984, but has not recorded all funds

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Support given to CDC proposal

East Winston development group says wait for CDC tax-exemption

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG
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A subcommittee of the East Winston Development Task Force has recommended that the group endorse a city land gift to the East Winston Community Development Corporation for a proposed shopping and residential development, contingent upon the CDC getting its 501(c)3 non-profit status.

The city cannot legally contribute the land to the CDC, because the group does not have tax-exempt status, the report states.

Turner Development Services and the CDC presented the proposal last week which asks the city to deed 14.5 acres to the CDC. Turner Development Services is the company that would oversee planning and construction of the proposed

development.

In turn, the CDC would donate the land to the newly formed New Walkertown Associates who would become corporate owners of the proposed development. The CDC then would receive ownership of 20 percent of the development.

The CDC has not received tax-exempt status, and the city cannot legally deed land to an organization that's not tax-exempt, according to the subcommittee report. The CDC filed an application for tax-exempt status with the Internal Revenue Service on July 13, 1988, according to the report.

"Because of the current prohibition, we suggest that our task force ask the city to consider dealing directly with the Turner Development group considering their

neighborhood strip shopping center," the report states.

The subcommittee suggests that the city deed its equity in the project to the CDC once they receive tax-exempt status. The subcommittee report endorsed the concept of the development as long as a majority of local residents favor it and the building is carefully reviewed, leased and financed according to high standards. The report also wants the ownership benefits to be equitably divided as the result of a detailed study of the project's economics.

"Our recommendation is that the city give the land to the development group in exchange for an equity position in the development, and once the CDC gets tax-exempt

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Majority in poll say America still a racist society

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NEW YORK -- Twenty-five years after the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. declared his dream of racial equality, a majority of Americans say society remains racist, a Media General-Associated Press poll has found.

The national survey of 1,223 adults found broad agreement that the United States has moved toward equality since August 1963, when King voiced the goal in a celebrated speech. Seventy-one percent said equality is

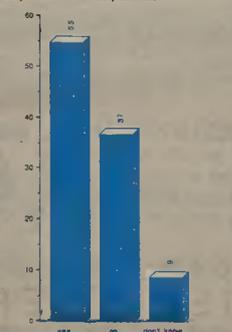
achievable.

But of those who said it is possible, four in 10 said racial equality would not occur within their lifetimes. And 55 percent of all respondents said American society is racist overall, while 37 percent said it's not racist.

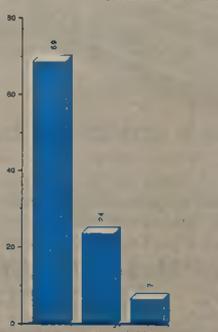
The poll found several other measures of concern over racial inequality in the United States. Among them:

-- While 54 percent of respondents said black people and members of other minority groups have the same opportunities as whites right now, 42 percent of all respon-

Do you think our society is racist?



Are minorities denied justice because of race?



dents, and 69 percent of blacks, disagreed.

-- Majorities in all education, income and ideological groups, and in all but the oldest age group, said American society is racist overall.

Fifty-three percent of whites agreed, as did 68 percent of blacks.

-- Respondents were evenly divided, 43-43, on whether members of minority groups receive equal treatment in the nation's criminal justice system, and three in 10 said minorities are denied justice because of their race.

Among whites, 46 percent said there is equal treatment in the jus-

stice system, while 40 percent said there isn't and nearly 15 percent said they did not know. Among blacks, 61 percent said minorities are not treated equally.

In his "I have a dream" speech to 200,000 demonstrators on the Mall in Washington, D.C., King established civil rights at the forefront of the nation's social agenda.

"I have a dream that one day on the red hills of Georgia sons of former slaves and sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood," King said. "I have a

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