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School Board approves new plan

Dr. Phillips not among directors

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The Afro-American woman who was once third in command in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools was ousted from the administrative hierarchy Tuesday night when school board members approved a central office re-organization plan.

Barbara K. Phillips, assistant superintendent of Student Services, was eliminated a little over a year ago when she sought the position now occupied by Superintendent Larry D. Coble. Wednesday morning, while eating breakfast in a Kernersville cafe, she read about her elimination from her present position.

Dr. Phillips' duties will go to the new director of the Division of Support Services, Carlinda Purcell, an Afro-American. Dr. Phillips said she received a letter from personnel last week telling her that her contract as an assistant superintendent had been eliminated and that "we'll let you know if we have anything." However, she was not alarmed at the letter because Dr. Coble's re-organization plan necessitates that all assistant superintendents' contracts be eliminated because of the title changes. Those who were assistant superintendents, everyone but Dr. Phillips, are now called direc-



"The strategy is to show that the victims (the assistant superintendents) are the problems."

-- Dr. Barbara K. Phillips

tors of the division of...their area of specialization. "As of right now I don't have a contract and I essentially don't have a job. He (Dr. Coble) can offer me something though. Because I was on a contract and it was not renewed, I shall have to wait and see what the board does."

The Board of Education will meet in executive session next week to assign positions in phase two of the re-organization plan, said Susan K. Carson, director of Communication Services.

Phase one of re-organization will go into effect July 1. Palmer Friende, an Afro-American, will be the associate superintendent for general administration. He was called out of retirement last year to serve as Dr. Coble's executive assistant. A new person, Melody H. Clodfelter, will be Superintendent's Coble's technical

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Selection tampering denied

By RUDY ANDERSON
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There are no straight answers coming out of the administrative office of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system about why the highest ranking Afro-American administrator in the system was removed under a reorganized staffing plan adopted by the city-county school board Tuesday night.

The name of Dr. Barbara Phillips, an assistant superintendent, was conspicuously absent when the names of those who would make up the senior school system staff were released.

Under the plan recommended by Superintendent Larry Coble the position of assistant superintendent

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Photo by Dr. C.B. Hauser

Walter Marshall, president of the Winston-Salem branch of the NAACP, poses with Mrs. Charles McLean during the recent NAACP banquet.

Marshall to give up NAACP presidency

By RUDY ANDERSON
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Walter Marshall, president of the Winston-Salem NAACP, has decided not to seek a fourth term as the civil rights organization's leader.

In an interview Tuesday, Marshall said he felt that one of the problems the organization often runs into is a stagnation of leadership when its leaders stay too long.

Vernon Robinson, chair of the NAACP political action committee, said he did not know why Mr. Marshall was stepping down but that his decision is understandable. "The president of this organization has a tough job. People calling at all times of the

day and night needing help of some kind or another. For Mr. Marshall to have put as much time in as he has is commendable," Robinson said.

Robinson said he was not sure who would take over but that there probably would be several people interested in the job. In terms of focus for the organization, Robinson said, "I think it's important that it (NAACP) reestablish its link to the church." Robinson said he would like to see more pastors on the board of directors. He also said the organization needs to clearly get behind the issues that shows it is in touch with the black community, especially those

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FBI probe labeled political 'set-up'

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Nearly three years ago a businessman went to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Greensboro to complain that he was hindered from doing business with Winston-Salem because of members sitting on the city's Board of

Aldermen. That, said Patrick T. Hairston, was the catalytic incident that prompted an FBI "set-up" and opened up a can of political worms resulting in three black aldermen being investigated for alleged criminal misdealings with a consultant.

The former North Ward alderman, who also is aspiring to be

the first Afro-American man on the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, was singled out in August 1989 along with Aldermen Vivian H. Burke and Larry W. Womble, Greensboro Councilman Earl Jones and consultant Rodney J. Sumler in an FBI/IRS investigation. Federal agents are compiling information they hope

will lead to grand jury indictments for money laundering, tax evasion, mail fraud and extortion.

Mr. Hairston was named in an affidavit, filed in U.S. Middle District Court last week, by FBI agent Robert J. Drdak. The court document accompanied a search war-

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Abused children program needs more volunteers

By RUDY ANDERSON
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Four young children are brought into court by the department of social services' child protection division. The children range in age from seven to two. It has been determined that the two older children and the youngest, all girls have been sexually molested by their drug addicted mother's male friend. This scenario is one of thousands of cases that come through the courts each year. The people who help these children with the trauma of going through the court system are called guardians. They are volunteers in a statewide program known as Guardian ad Litem services

which provides abused and neglected children with legal help and other urgently needed help.

In Forsyth County, the guardians are currently working 136 of these types of cases. Of those, 63 per cent, 86 cases involve black children. There are 63 guardians in the local program but only 11 are black. Those are numbers Sheilah Owens wants to change.

Ms. Owens is a 33 year old divorced mother of two. She is a student at UNC-G, majoring in social work. She also works part time as bank teller. She is currently working sixteen hours a week as guardian for

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"Wouldn't it be nice if we had more black guardians."

-- Sheilah Owens

Minorities lacking in gifted programs

By TONYA V. SMITH
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Afro-American and other minority children are underrepresented in public schools' academically gifted (AG) programs across the country, however, educators and academicians are taking the problem to the black board and trying to solve it.

"One of the most serious problems remaining in the field of gifted education is the appropriate identification of gifted black students," said Mary M. Frasier in an article "The Identification of Gifted Black Students: Developing New Perspectives," published by the Association for the Gifted in Reston, Va. "The challenge is to find ways to locate children capable of gifted performance regardless of race, ethnicity or environment."

There are nearly 38,000 students in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School system. Academically gift-

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Gantt calls '90s best, worst of times at NAACP annual banquet

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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Although things could be worse in 1990, they also could be a whole lot better, U.S. Senate candidate Harvey Gantt told the more than 1,100 people assembled last week at the annual NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet.

Mr. Gantt, formerly mayor of Charlotte, said that recent world changes such as the fall of the Berlin Wall and the movement of more countries toward Democracy are encouraging. He said, too, that the large turnout at the banquet sent a message that things are better in society.

"I know that these are the best of times when I look at this country and know that 45 years ago, one half of the world looked at our

model of Democracy and followed it and now more and more people are doing the same," he said. "I know it's the best of times when I look out at this audience and I see blacks and whites sitting together at an NAACP function. My father used to say that simply carrying an NAACP card was a badge of courage. But to see you all sitting together as one says we have come a long, long way. These are the best of times."

But, Mr. Gantt said, borrowing from Charles Dickens, these also are the worst of times. Growing racism and a climbing teen-age pregnancy rate are offsetting other gains which have been made, he said.

"We have to be concerned about growing racism and divisiveness that is cropping up and

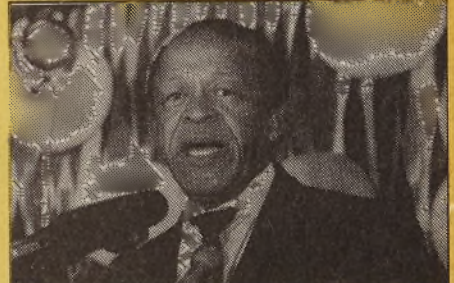
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Mazie S. Woodruff accepts the Sara Lee/Charles A. McLean Award from a Sara Lee Corp. representative during last week's NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet.

Winston-Salem Chronicle NewsUpdate



Savage wins despite media campaign

CHICAGO, Ill. (AP) -- U.S. Rep. Gus Savage claims victory over challenger Mel Reynolds in the Democratic primary race as he speaks to supporters and the media at a Chicago restaurant. He easily won the election despite a series of critical attacks from predominantly white media organizations claiming the veteran lawmaker was practicing "racial politics." Savage had charged that Reynolds' campaign was part of an attempt by white media and political organizations to run so-called "acceptable" blacks in a bid to unseat blacks committed to a black agenda.

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