



Annette Wilson; Alma Corbett, chairman of Founders' Day Celebration; Mary Shy Scott; Sharen Jordan, co-chairman of the celebration; Janet Wheeler; and Chlores Shore (all pictured l-r) seem to be enjoying the evening of activities during the 83rd Founders' Day Celebration of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.

Nursing program

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students had poor passing rates on the state licensing exam.

"By the end of that two year period, we believe we will be able to meet the standards set by the Board of Governors," said a happy Dr. Sylvia Flack, the program's coordinator. She said she viewed the decision as very positive because before that decision, the program had no time at all.

"The faculty is excited over the news," she said, "because we've worked hard to turn this program around."

She said the university's strategies put in place to improve the program would continue.

The program's current students, who were never in any danger of not being able to complete the program had Spangler stuck to his original recommendation, were also happy that the nursing program had been given a reprieve.

"We're going to prove to them (the Board of Governors) that we can do it," said Tonia Morrison, a junior nursing student from Hillsboro. "I like the nursing program

expanding and there being a nursing shortage, I really think there needs to be a generic program for students in this area." Morrison is a traditional student training to be a nurse.

Morrison said she believes the proposed establishment of a sorority chapter for nursing students will also help strengthen the program and attract others to the program. She plans to work in the Chapel Hill area, where she has worked as a nursing assistant the past three summers.

Jo Ann Miller, also a junior nursing student, is from Winston-Salem. But unlike Morrison, Miller has been a licensed practicing nurse (LPN) for nine years and is employed at Baptist Hospital.

She too was overjoyed about the extension of the program. "We've worked so hard, and I've learned a lot here. It would have been awful if we had lost this program," Miller said. "People would have had to bypass Winston-Salem and go to Greensboro. I thought about how that would effect students

coming after us."

What makes that prospect so much a part of her thoughts is the fact that one of her children has expressed an interest in becoming a nurse.

"My daughter is 18 and told me once that she'd like to be a nurse. If this program had closed, it would have meant she'd have to go somewhere else to get her degree. For us this is home," Miller said.

Students in the nursing program may be able to improve licensing test scores, but the program may encounter difficulty keeping its enrollment up because the pool of college age students has been in a state of decline the last few years.

UNC officials say enrollment figures at Winston-Salem State last fall for first-time freshmen dropped from 550 five years ago to 379. Since the new initiative began, however, the enrollment in the program jumped from 81 in the fall of 1989

to 107 last fall. Eighty percent of the students who took the nursing exam last July passed compared with just 50 percent in both 1988 and 1989.

Problems with the nursing program over the last 14 years have resulted in its near collapse twice. In 1977 due to poor test score performance, the university was ordered at that time to improve test scores or close the program. At that time nursing students had only a 36 percent passing rate. Student test scores dramatically improved to a near 100 percent pass rate several consecutive years during the 1980s.

Dr. Flack is keenly aware that the university's program will be under a microscope during the next two-year period. But she says if the program stays on the course that has been outlined and students maintain their dedication to accomplishing their individual goals, the program will be able to remain intact.

Hine's

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change in assignments that always happens."

But he said he had no comment at this time on what impact that evaluation might have on his salary.

Hine went from supervising a staff of nearly 100 maintenance employees and two assistant superintendents at the city's parks maintenance warehouse to no staff at all. However, Hine retained his same salary of \$51,500 a year.

"I will be studying what the duties of his reassignment involve and make a recommendation based on what his classification is determined to be," said city personnel director, William Hill, in an interview Tuesday.

Hill explained that his examination and recommendation could result in Hine's salary remaining the same, being raised or lowered. "It just depends," he said.

Aldermen Larry Womble and Nelson Malloy called for an investigation a week ago during a rather stormy board meeting into allegations brought to them by employees of the department who were suspended without pay in December.

One of them, Joyce Hayes said Tuesday that she told city manager Bill Stuart and alderman Nelson Malloy during a hearing on her suspension that she did work for Hine several years ago at his home in Davidson County, clearing land behind his home for a swimming pool.

She claims he had her use a city-owned wood chipper to grind trees. She said she used a city-owned pickup truck to transport the wood chipper. Hayes first told her story to the *Chronicle* in late December when Alderman Womble asked for an official probe. She made her complaint against Hine after being suspended for taking garbage bags home from the warehouse.

She said repeatedly during an interview Tuesday that the matter was not over and that she would continue to press her case. "These people are protecting each other and I'm tired of them (whites) doing us wrong," Hayes said.

Willie Smith, another recreation employee, said she had a meeting with assistant city manager Al Beatty Tuesday, with her attorney present, where she repeated her claim that she took city-owned equipment to her supervisor at his request. She claims that supervisor

was Bob Doss, one of the two assistant superintendents now running the department. She says she gave him soccer balls out of the warehouse. But she said Doss, who also attended the meeting, denied her claims.

Beatty confirmed that he did meet with Smith for the purposes of gathering information. Doss confirmed that he did attend the meeting and that he denied the allegations made against him.

Smith also claims that she took a city-owned hose to one of her supervisors. That supervisor she alleges was Hine.

Smith and maintenance employee Charles Peguese were suspended in December without pay for taking board games from the warehouse. She said they were to be given to poor children as gifts.

"I'm down and out," Smith said in talking about the incident. "I keep getting calls from city officials wanting me to state my allegations to them. I keep refusing to do it without my attorney present. They are saying the what I'm telling them is not true but why would I make this up?" she asked.

Smith said she worries now about where her family's next meal is coming from. "I have a six-year-old little boy, I'm trying to get help from here and there. This being without a job and not able to find one, bills piling up, is really throwing my family behind," she said. "My husband works but one income doesn't help much the way things are these days."

Alderman Larry Womble said he doesn't know where the investigation may lead or what is going to happen, but he is happy that the allegations are being looked into.

"I just want to make sure that our employees are treated fairly. I'm glad things are moving forward and hope employees' concerns will be taken seriously," Womble said. "I hope things will be handled in a fair and equitable manner for all employees from the highest to the lowest."

Alderman Virginia Newell was more adamant. "This mess ought to all come out to the forefront," she said. "I don't condone any of it, but if you are going to suspend black workers on the low end of the ladder and let white supervisors continue to work and collect their big salaries before all the facts are known, I think that's just wrong."

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