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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle." — Frederick Douglass

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County Seeking Ways to Improve 911 Services

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The Forsyth County Managers office is looking at new ways of improving the county's 911 emergency service, after proper procedure was not followed in response to a 911 call.

Residents at Cherry Hill Apartments are complaining about the County's 911 emergency service, after a fellow resident was in a diabetic coma for more than 30 minutes, while waiting for an ambulance.

"What happen was the crew got misdirected, and couldn't find the intended destination," said Ron Graham, assistant county manager.

According to Graham, the 911 call was originally dispatched to Tom Higgs Ambulance Service, one of the County's two franchise ambulance services.

"We have two franchise operators we use for our non-emergency calls," Graham said. The other ambulance service used is Sher-Mack Ambulance Service.

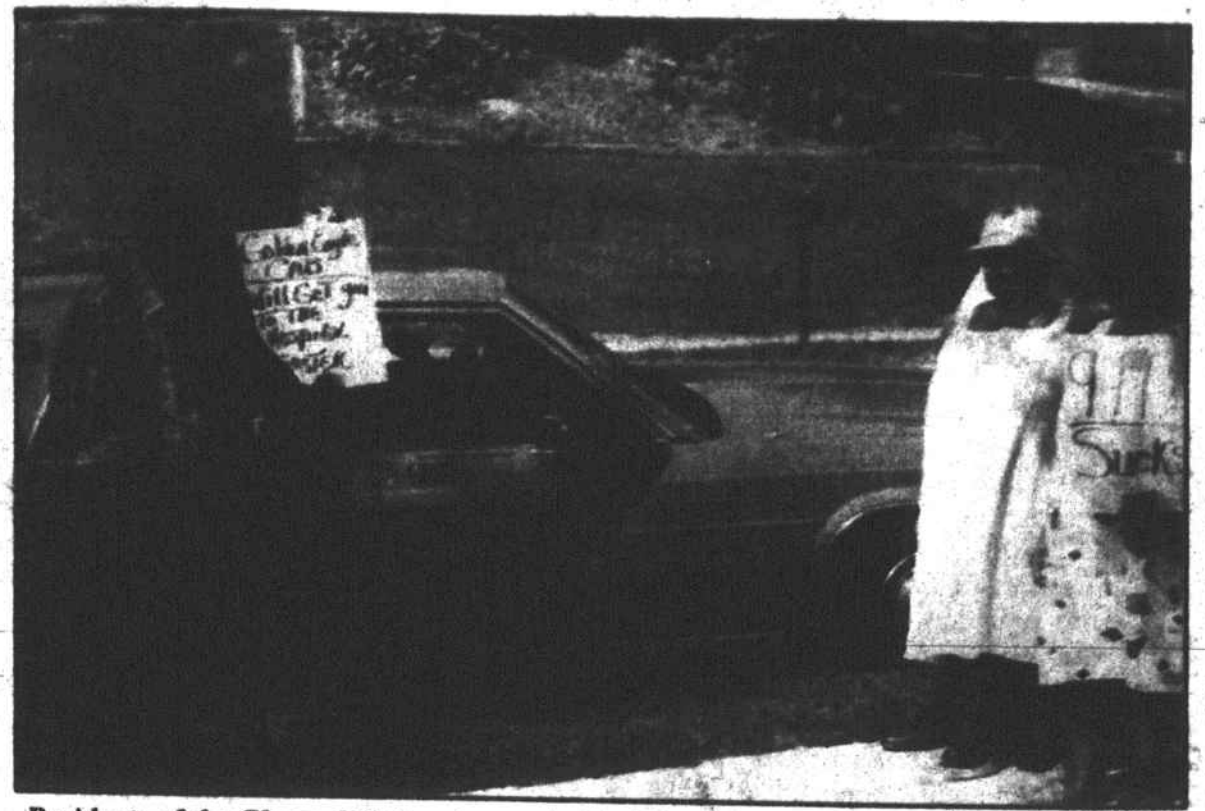
The call was ruled a non-emer-

gency because the dispatcher at 911 communications assumed, 78-year-old Cindy Lindsey was conscious at the time of the call.

Although a lost for directions may have played a part in the delay, Graham said there are certain procedures that needed to be followed.

"We have a procedure, that if a crew sees there is going to be a delay, they are to call back and let communi-

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Residents of the Cherry Hill Apartments hold picket signs, during a protest of 911 services. EMS personnel took more than 30 minutes to respond to a call.

TEACHING OUR YOUTH

By VERONICA CLEMONS
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Members of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school didn't have to travel outside of North Carolina to study the concept of Afrocentric schooling in a private setting. They only needed to visit Carver Road Church of Christ and Quality Education Institute here in town.

Out of concern for African American students in the public school system, a group of concerned church members aggressively set out on a task to offer an alternate educational setting that would enrich students academically, culturally and spiritually.

Now in its third year, Quality Education Institute (QEI) can easily serve as a model for Afrocentric and community schooling as well as being an example of how the church and community can form strong partnerships in the education of African American children.

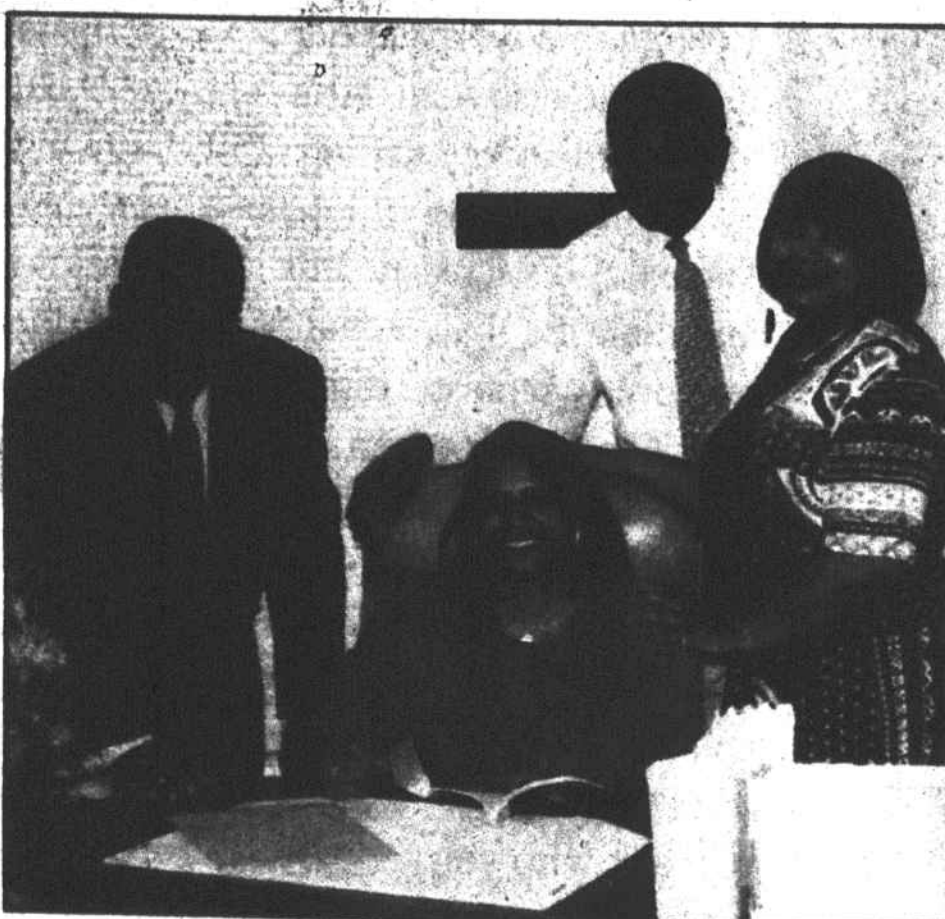
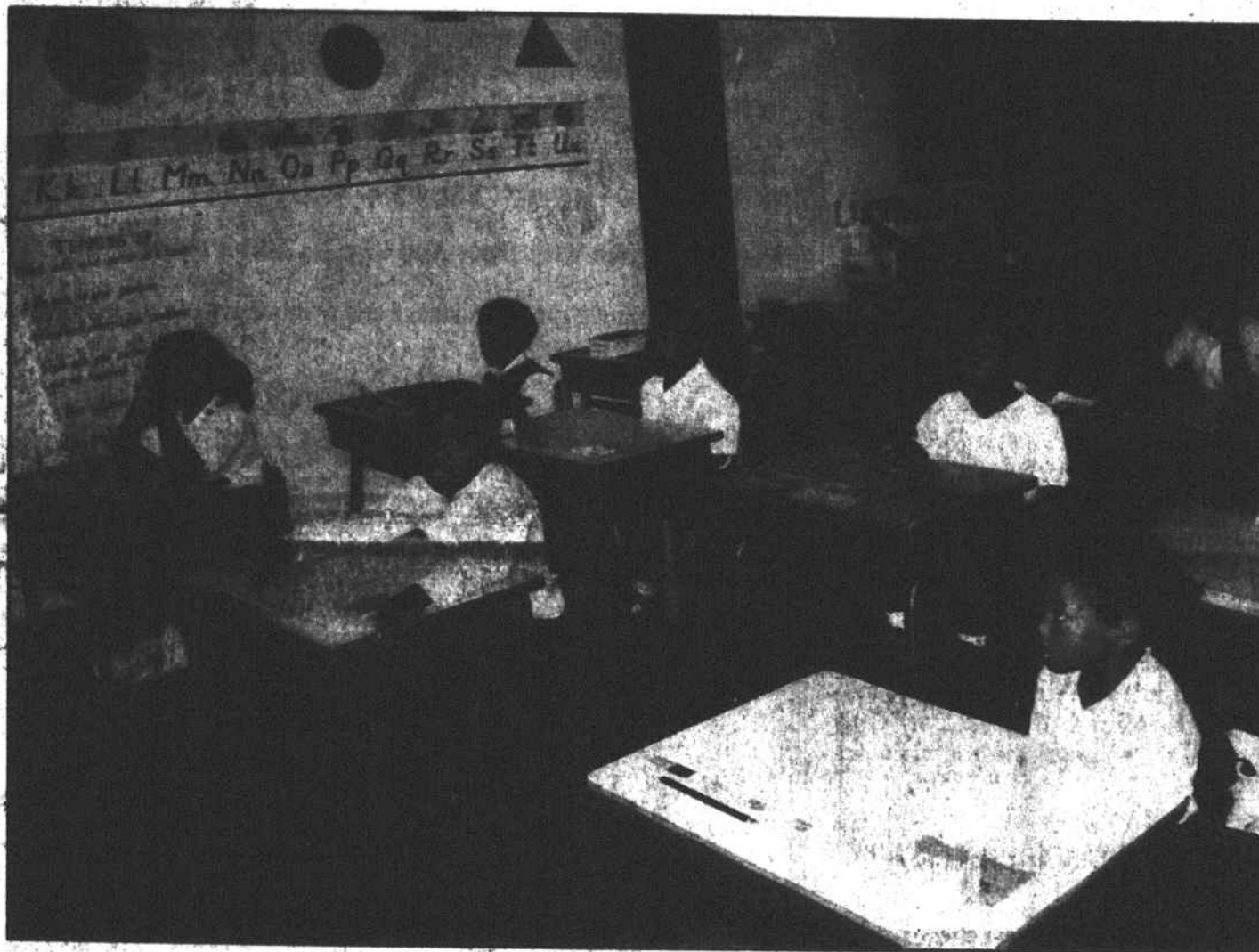
QEI currently educates students in grades K-4. The program has significantly enhanced the standard course of study mandated by the state. It infuses African American culture into academics which provides an important link for African American students.

"Education has to be relevant," said Simon Johnson, executive director of QEI. "The subject has to be involved with characters and people that represent that culture."

"There's not just a black week or a black month but it's a natural part of the day."

Leroy Nelson, a member of the school's executive board, agreed.

"Students learn about African American inventors and people who have made history," he said. "They also learn about



(Above) Ms. Pearson's energetic kindergarten class sings QEI's school song. (Left) Simon Johnson, executive director, Crystal Hairston, principal, Leroy Nelson, member of the QEI executive board and Lead Teacher Crystal Pearson are excited about the new school year and what QEI can offer its students.

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Federal Cuts May Hinder Legal Aid

▲ Agency could lose 50% of services to indigents

By JOHN HINTON
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If the U.S. Congress reduces federal funding to the Legal Services Corp., a local non-profit agency that provided free legal aid to about 800 African Americans last year will be forced to eliminate 50 percent of its services.

"People are going to be homeless," said Kay B. House, the executive director of the Legal Aid Society of Northwest

North Carolina Inc. of Winston-Salem. "People are going to wait longer for their disability payments. And we won't be able to help as people from being evicted."

A Senate subcommittee considered last week a recommendation that \$210 million for legal services be administered through block grants to the states.

A House subcommittee is

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NAACP Asks for \$1 Donation

PITTSBURGH (AP) — NAACP Chairwoman Myrlie Evers-Williams is warning that the civil rights organization may close if it cannot climb out of debt, and she asked constituents to send \$1 each to help.

"Where would you be — what would you be — if the NAACP had not been there to fight your battles?" Evers-Williams asked Monday in a speech aired on the Pittsburgh-based American Urban Radio Networks.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is struggling with a turnover in leadership, lawsuits and a \$3.8-million debt.

An audit released last month found that the group's directors overspent their travel and enter-

tainment budget by \$264,000 over a five-year period. It also uncovered \$111,930 in questionable spending by former Chairman William Gibson and \$32,459 in personal expenses that former executive director Benjamin Chavis charged to his agency credit card.

Evers-Williams said that NAACP officials have now appointed an acting chief financial officer who has imposed tough financial controls.

"They are managing an aggressive plan to reduce our debt and pay off our very patient creditors," Evers-Williams said.

"What would it take from you to send \$1 each to help us get out of debt, to help become stronger than ever before?" she asked.

WSSU Graduate Battles Leukemia

▲ Potential donors will give blood at WSSU next week

By JOHN HINTON
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A Winston-Salem man with chronic leukemia needs a bone marrow transplant to save his life.

"If I don't get a transplant, I will eventually die," said Juan B. Wilson, a 1995 graduate of Winston-Salem State University. "My doctors want to treat me within a year. I want to do it as quickly as possible so I can get on with my life."

Wilson, 24, says his chances are good that he will get a transplant to cure him of the disease which was diagnosed last

March.

"I try not to think too much about it," he said. "With God and my family on my side, anything is possible."

A non-profit, volunteer organization called the Bone Marrow Wanted Inc. of Charlotte will screen people for bone marrow matches on Wednesday, Sept. 20, at the Student Union at WSSU.

"We are targeting students as well as people in the community," said Reginald T. Wilson, the executive director of

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Juan Wilson, a leukemia sufferer, must have a bone marrow transplant to save his life.

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This Week in Black History
September 15, 1964

Rev. K.L. Buford and Dr. Stanley Smith were elected to Tuskegee City Council and became first black elected officials in Alabama in twentieth century.



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