



"Some of you if given the opportunity would push us back pass the time we fought so hard to overcome."

— Vivian H. Burke

Burke Rebukes Nordlander's Assault

▲ Defends her position promoting minority hiring

By MAURICE CROCKER
 Chronicle Staff Writer

Northeast Ward Aldermen Vivian Burke burst into a series of rebuttles after being publicly chastised by fellow Alderman Robert Nordlander for statements Burke recently made questioning the hiring practices of the police force.

"I want you to understand one thing, no one puts anything over my mouth to try and hinder me for standing up for other people," Burke said.

Burke and Nordlander exchanged heated words at this week's Board of Aldermen meeting at City Hall.

"As I sat there and looked at the graduates, I saw two white females, and one black male out of 26. I felt that something needed to be said," Burke said.

Burke said she feels the police force should show equal representation of the city's ethnic and gender make up.

Nordlander said he felt the graduation was not the appropriate place for Burke to make her statements.

"As I attended the graduation I was appalled as was others at some of the statements made at the graduation," Nordlander said.

According to Burke, she felt her statements were well taken and received as information by the audience.

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Local Ministers Group Joins Boycott of Kmart

▲ Union files charges alleging Kmart aided anti-union activities

By JOHN HINTON
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The Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem has sent a letter to Floyd Hall, president and chief executive officer of Kmart Corp., informing him that they are supporting the Kmart workers at the distribution center in Greensboro in their labor dispute with management.

Meanwhile, the union representing employees at the distribution center filed, charges this week against Kmart at the National Labor Relations Board in Winston-Salem. They allege that Kmart Corp. violated federal labor law by instigating and supporting activities of a group of anti-union employees and workers at the facility.

Protests continue at the Super Kmart Center on University Parkway, including one where a group of 14 demonstrators asked motorists to boycott the store.

The Ministers Conference criti-

cized the Kmart representatives who have threatened to shut down the distribution center and accused the union of "injecting race" into the dispute.

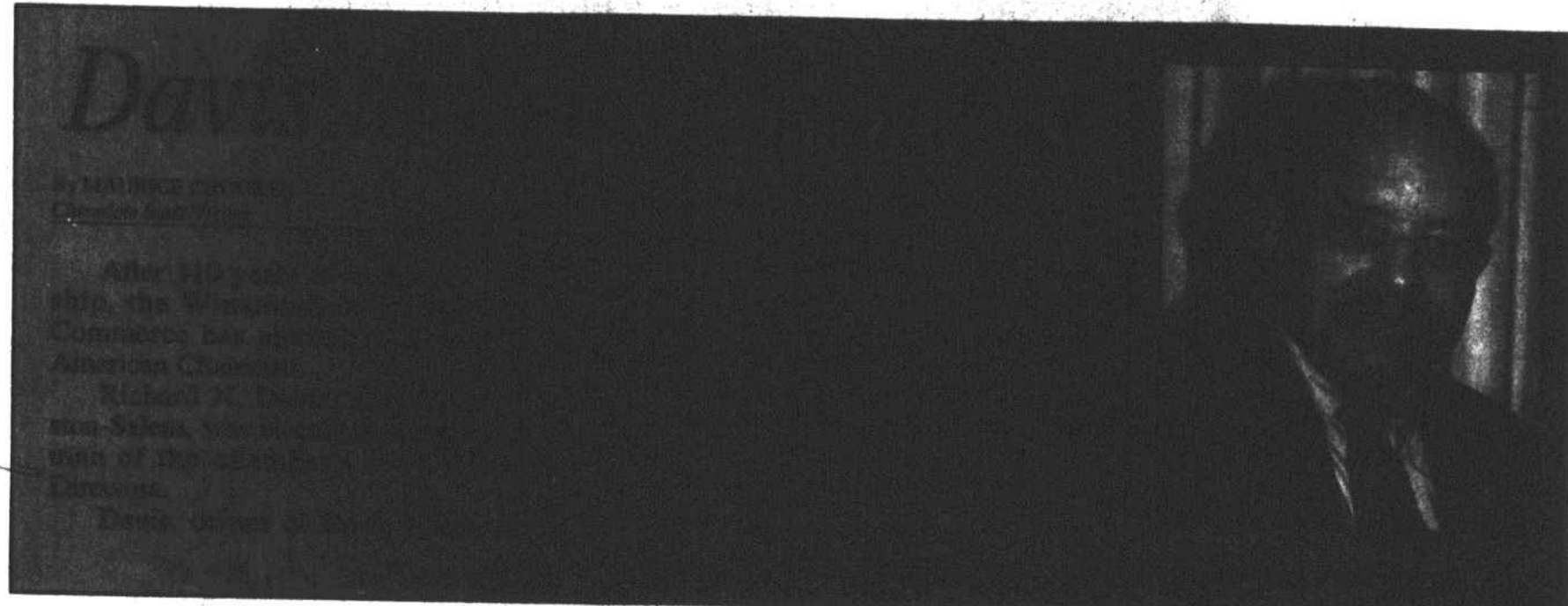
"Shutdown threats are not helpful when the corporation certainly wants to build, not destroy, goodwill throughout this mid-Atlantic region," the ministers said in the letter. "It is Kmart's unwillingness to equalize salaries at this single majority African American distribution center that 'injects race' for us."

A spokesman at Kmart Corp. in Detroit said management treats all of its fairly and that Greensboro. The dispute between the union and management is an economic rather than a racial issue, the spokesperson said.

The ministers urged Hall to intervene in the dispute to ensure that Kmart negotiates in good with its workers.

The letter was signed by the Rev.

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African American Economic Effort to Raise \$2 Million

By MAURICE CROCKER
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One Winston-Salem man, along with others, have decided to put their words of economic empowerment into action, rather than letting them blow in the wind.

Willie Cunningham, 51, has begun a community effort to help African Ameri-

cans generate more money with in their community. "I'm trying to do what a lot of people have been talking about doing for years. The only difference is I'm doing it," Cunningham said.

The program Cunningham is in the process of starting is the African American Economic Development Fund Incorporated. Under

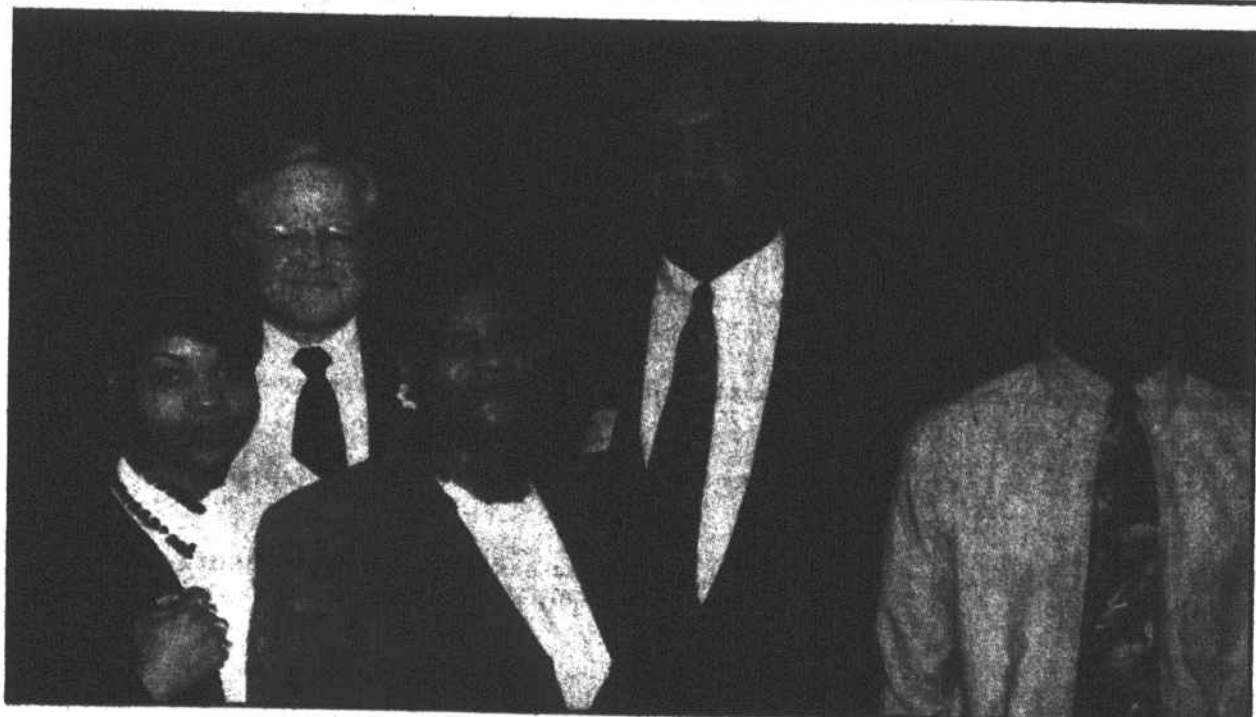
the program African Americans will become share holders of various businesses in their communities.

Cunningham said one of his goals is to raise \$2,000,000 by getting 2,000 people to invest \$100 each. "Once we have the \$200,000

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Willie Cunningham



Police Sgt. Thurmond Carter, back center, the city's 1995 Employee of the Year, stands next to his wife, Shirley Carter, his son, Thurmond R. Carter, and his daughter, Shantha Carter. City Manager Bryce Stuart is shown behind the family.

Carter Named City Employee of the Year

▲ His unit cited for reducing crime in city's northeast

By JOHN HINTON
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Police Sgt. Thurmond B. Carter, whose 100 Sector Foot Patrol has been credited with reducing crime in the Northeast part of Winston-Salem, has been named as the 1995 Employee of the Year for the city.

"I feel very good about it," Carter said after receiving the honor. "I had no idea that I would be receive the award. This was a surprise to me."

Carter, 45, is the supervisor of the 100 Sector Foot Patrol, which covers

the northeast part of the city. For the past year, the main responsibility of the patrol has been the Kimberly Park community, a high-crime area.

"I am excited and happy for Thurmond," said Police Chief George Sweat. "He makes that extra effort in the community. He is a real leader."

Carter, a nine-year veteran on the police force, began his supervisory duties in the community by developing daily operation plans for his personnel to deal with the offenses of open-air drug activity, the discharging of firearms, violence, loud music and

a variety of related problems.

These plans involved the residents, community leaders, Housing Authority of Winston-Salem personnel and other agencies.

"The results of these plans and programs are impressive," said Police Capt. W. Clifton Cranford, who nominated Carter for the award. The patrol has seized drugs, weapons, and contraband valued at more than \$123,000 and stolen merchandise valued at

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Fraternity Presents Paper with 68 Subscriptions

By JOHN HINTON
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James A. Rousseau, chairman of the social action committee for the Psi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., presented 68 subscriptions last week to The Winston-Salem Chronicle to Ernest H. Pitt, the publisher.

"I am happy that a community group is being supportive of the Chronicle," Pitt said. "They know and understand that circulation makes a newspaper valuable to the community and to advertisers. They want to know that people are reading our newspaper. That is why our circulation is paid and audited."

The Chronicle is the only weekly newspaper in Forsyth County that is examined by the Audit Bureau of Circulation, Pitt said.

As one of the many 1995-96 initiatives of Psi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., Rousseau presented to the Chapter a proposal that would solicit support for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County's voice of the African American community.

The proposal was to implement an in-chapter drive for members to become subscribers to The Chronicle.

"It is imperative that we, as an organization, support the one area medium that provides African Americans with the positive contributions and events of our community," Rousseau said. "Advertisements are monetarily necessary for the continued operation of any and all news media. However,

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(l to r) James A. Rousseau, Ernest H. Pitt and Robert B. Phillips.

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This Week in Black History
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Martin Luther King Jr. awarded Springarn Medal for his leadership of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.



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