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## Coalition Members Say Whites Must Change Attitudes

By JOHN HINTON  
 Chronicle Senior Staff Writer

Whites must change their attitudes and behaviors to improve race relations in Winston-Salem, a member of the Coalition on Race Relations said in a meeting with his colleagues last week.

"It is very difficult for black folk to think we can change race relations without the support of white folks," Al-Woodard Jabbar said at the meeting at the Central YMCA. "We cannot defeat racism without our white brothers and sisters."

The meeting drew 32 people, 21 whites and 11 blacks, for a 90-minute session.

Jabbar criticized whites in the city for not attending the last week Martin Luther King Day march and commemoration in downtown Winston-Salem.

"You cannot say that you believe in the Martin Luther King Day and then not come to any of the events," he said, adding that none of the white office workers of the city corporations attended the events. "There are more white peo-

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Members of the Coalition on Race Relations listen as Al-Woodard Jabbar and the Rev. William S. Falls say that local whites must attitudes and behaviors to improve race relations. Left to Right are Richard Groves, pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church, Annette Beatty, chairperson of the coalition, Lori MaRucci, a member, and Becky Werner, president of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Chapter of the League of Women Voters.



Retired Air Force Col. Harry Sheppard, a Tuskegee Airman, spoke to 225 students at Philo Middle School last week. Pictured here with Sheppard, center, are Steven McCall, Tovonya Frazier, Aaron Phillips, Brionne Williams, Ryan Dorety and Bobbi Smith. Principal William Peay and John Martin, coordinator of in-school suspension stand behind Sheppard.

## Famed Airman Tells Students to Persevere in Life

By JOHN HINTON  
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A Tuskegee airman told students at Philo Middle School to persevere in life to overcome obstacles.

"You must study hard in school and get as much education as you can," said Retired U.S. Air Force Col. Harry A. Sheppard. "Don't let obstacles stop you from becoming successful."

Sheppard spoke to 225 students last week about his military career, especially his experiences as a cadet at the Tuskegee Army Flying School in Tuskegee, Ala., and as a combat pilot in the 332nd Fighter Group.

The local district of the Free and Accepted Masons and R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. sponsored Sheppard's visit to the school.

The students were shown clips of the HBO movie "Tuskegee Airmen" to prepare them for Sheppard's lecture, said William E. Peay, the principal at Philo Middle



William Peay, principal of Philo Middle School, expresses his gratitude to Col. Sheppard for his visit to the school. Sheppard flew 120 combat missions in World War II.

School.

"It was a living experience for them to have him here," Peay said.

Sheppard was one of the all-black cadets, known as the Tuskegee Airmen, who faced segregation and big-

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## N.C. Black Publishers Pledge \$100,000 to UNC Cultural Center

### Media center will be named for association

From Chronicle Staff Reports

CHAPEL HILL - North Carolina's black newspaper publishers have put their muscle behind the Sonya Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill by pledging \$100,000 to help build a new home for the center.

The announcement came at a reception last week to welcome the center's new director, Dr. Gerald Horne.

"We believe in the intrinsic value of this project and feel strongly that it should become a reality," said Ernie Pitt, the president of the N.C. Black

Publishers' Association and publisher of the Winston-Salem Chronicle. "Therefore, we are committing all of our resources to ensure that this project gets the proper support from our community."

UNC-CH Chancellor Michael Hooker thanked the N.C. Black Publishers' Association for its gift.

"I am proud that North Carolina's black newspaper publishers are taking the lead in supporting the Stone Center," Hooker said. "Our dream is that the Stone Center will become the best

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## Kmart Denies Using Race in Worker Dispute

By JOHN HINTON  
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Kmart officials said that their stores in the Triad enjoyed brisk business during the Christmas holidays and that the company did not inject race in its negotiations with the union representing workers its distribution center in Greensboro.

Peter Palmer, Kmart's vice president of labor relations and assistant general counsel, addressed these matters in a letter to the Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem. He was responding to a letter that the Ministers Conference sent to Floyd Hall, president and chief executive officer of Kmart Corp. in December.

"Kmart currently has serious

financial problems, and we are doing everything we can to maintain our workforce at current levels," Palmer said. "We had an excellent holiday shopping season in the Triad area, and we are optimistic about 1996."

The ministers criticized Kmart management for threatening to shut down the distribution center. "Kmart has never threatened to 'shut down' the distribution center," Palmer said in his letter. "Kmart has been negotiating with the union in good faith."

The company has offered two wage increase proposals that the Union of Needletrades, Industrial, and Textile Employees (UNITE) has not

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 January 26, 1863  
 War Department authorized Massachusetts governor to recruit black troops.  
 The Fifty-fourth Massachusetts Volunteers was first black regiment recruited in North.

## Community Leaders Speak Out

By MAURICE CROCKER  
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More than 50 residents, along with family members, friends and concerned citizens, gathered to remember Kevin R. Davis, during a candlelight vigil which was held at the Sims Recreational Center.

The mission of the program was to let the Davis family and the community know that he will be remembered, and to let the Davis family know the community is there for support.

Davis, 20, was shot on New Year's night, while sitting outside an apartment in the Happy Hill Gardens Community.

Police reports record the incident occurring around 10:30 p.m., when Davis and Johari Keith McNair began arguing over a woman.

During the course of the argument, McNair shot Davis once in the neck and in the head. Davis was pronounced dead an hour later.

"Kevin was a good kid. He was not a violent person. He was the type that liked to have fun," said Bessie Davis about Kevin, who was the oldest of her nine grandchildren.

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Kim Roe, Jennifer Marlatt, Kathy Dill, and Easley Abraham of the N.C. Baptist Hospital Trauma Unit presented a slide show concerning guns and violence.