



"I rarely swear, and I never swear in front of people. There was adequate provocation in this case."

— Alderman Lynne Harpe

Harpe Calls Volunteer 'S.O.B'

▲ Alderman admits verbally abusing local attorney

By JOHN HINTON
Chronicle Senior Staff Writer

Southwest Ward Alderman Lynne Harpe called a Winston-Salem resident a "son of a bitch" in an incident at Miller Park last weekend.

Harpe admitted that she used the derogatory term toward Fredrick W. Evans, a Greensboro lawyer who lives in Winston-Salem.

"I was angry," she said. "I was embarrassed once I said it. I usually don't use that type of language."

The incident took place last Saturday at an Earth Day celebration at Miller park, in the southwest section of Winston-Salem. The city's Recreation Department, Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful Inc., and Recycle Today sponsored the annual event, which attracted about 500 people.

Evans was working at the event as a volunteer parking attendant when Harpe drove into a parking lot reserved for band members, vendors, and volunteers. Evans said he politely told Harpe that she had to move her car.

"She asked me if I knew who she was," Evans said. "I didn't know who she was. When I told her that, she jumped down my throat. I told that I was just a volunteer. She said to me, 'I'm a city alderman. I'm here to talk to someone about this loud music.'"

Harpe said she came to the park after receiving seven or eight complaints about the loud music coming from live bands at the event.

She drove her car into a lot where a police

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"I have never been called that before, and I don't have to take that kind of abuse."

— Fredrick W. Evans

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Statewide Candidates Vie for Seats

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(This is a political profile of the candidates appearing on the May 7 primary ballot in Forsyth County precincts. The information for the story was gathered from the candidates and independent sources.)

The May 7 primary features five African American Democratic and Republican candidates in the U.S. Sen-

ate, Secretary of State, Superintendent of Public Instruction and State Treasurer races.

Gantt Faces Sanders, McKinney in Senate Primary

Former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt faces Charlie Sanders, former Glaxo president and chief executive officer, and Ralph McKinney Jr. of Durham, a political newcomer, in the

Democratic primary for the U.S. Senate. The winner will meet U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., in the November elections.

Gantt was first appointed to the Charlotte City Council in 1974. Nine years later, he was elected mayor of Charlotte and served two terms. In 1990, Gantt won the Democratic nomination to challenge Helms for his seat in

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Students and Chancellor Discuss Campus Issues

By MAURICE CROCKER
Community News Reporter

Students at Winston-Salem State University held a mass meeting with Chancellor Alvin J. Schexnider and other administrators recently to discuss their problems and concerns about the selection of a commencement speaker and conditions of the campus.

More than 100 students assembled in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium last Friday afternoon.

One of the main issues from the students was Schexnider's decision not to allow the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan to speak at the university's May 11 commencement.

Students told Schexnider they did not understand why Minister Farrakhan could not speak if that's who they wanted.

"Given the facts of the school calen-

dar and security, I did not see how I would have time to plan his (Farrakhan) coming," Schexnider said.

During their last meeting, Schexnider told students there were several dates that could be changed: April 17, May 4 and 5.

Schexnider told students they needed to contact Minister Farrakhan and find out what it would take to bring him to the university.

According to student leaders, a confirmation was received from Minister Farrakhan's office stating that he was available to speak at the university on April 17.

"Bringing the minister to this town will call for a major security effort," Schexnider said. "Since I am in charge of the security, I took the responsibility in

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School Demonstrates Culture With Festival

By MAURICE CROCKER
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Students at Walkertown Middle School participated in the school's first Multicultural Festival last week. The purpose of the festival was to make the students aware of the cultures of their peers.

The festival and presenters educated students on cultures such as African, Middle Eastern, European, Asian, and American.

"One of my objectives for the festival is that the students become more educated about those people who are different from them," said Bonnie Welsh, principal at Walkertown Middle. She has been the principal for three years.

The festival was a success, she said. Welsh said she would like to see another similar event

like this in the future.

"It would be nice to have the festival every year, but so much planning and work go into it, I don't know if we'll have it every year," Welsh said.

Although the school is comprised of 665 students, the diversity factor isn't tremendously high, Welch said.

During the festival, each class visited various classrooms, where they received information on different countries and their cultures.

Juanita Tatum educated students on the lifestyle and traditions of the people of Israel. Tatum, who visited the country, shared her experiences with the students.

"Two days after I arrived in the country, the president was shot," she said.

She also informed students

of Israeli form of worship and religious traditions.

"There are three Sundays or three major days of worship, because there are three different forms of religion," she said. "They are Islam, Christianity, and Buddhism."

The students also had an opportunity to participate in activities and demonstrations, such as; Tai Chi, Karate, Greek dancing, clogging, and quilt making.

"I think the culture festival was fun," said Brigitte Stowe, a sixth grader. "My favorite part was the models in the fashion show."

Tasha Chandler, another sixth grader, said she enjoyed watching the Kung Fu demonstrations. "I like the way they were kicking, and they showed us how to kick," she said.



Students at Walkertown Middle School brouse African Display during Cultural Fest.

Sickle-Cell Trait Affects 6,500 Triad Residents

By MAURICE CROCKER
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Sickle-cell anemia affects more than 6,500 residents throughout the Piedmont Triad. To increase awareness about the disease, a community awareness kick-off sponsored by the Sickle-Cell Disease Association of the Piedmont (SCDAP) will be held Thursday, May 2, at the Sawtooth Center.

"We want to heighten the awareness in the community, so we can start providing service for the patients," said Gladys Robinson, executive director for the (SCDAP).

Currently there are 107 sickle-cell patients in Win-

ston-Salem, Robinson said. She also said there are more than 6,500 residents in Forsyth County who are carriers of the sickle-cell trait.

"The difference between the trait and the actual disease is the trait will not make you ill but the disease will," Robinson said.

Sickle-cell is a hereditary red blood cell disorder that affects more than 50,000 persons in the United States.

The sickle-cell trait occurs in about 10 percent of African Americans and two percent of the Hispanic population.

Although the disease is found mostly in African Americans, it is also found in Greeks, Italians, and

people of South Asian descent.

Robinson said statistics also show that one out of four African Americans are diagnosed with sickle-cell.

"What we are seeing is an increase in minority cases, mainly because of the statistics that one in four are carriers," she said.

A major factor in decreasing the number of minority cases is to educate those people who are carriers.

"If two people are carriers, it is likely that they will pass the disease on to their children," Robinson said. "We're not telling people who are carriers they can't get married, but we are letting them know what

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