

# Police end probe into unsolved racial incident

**GREENSBORO (AP)** — Investigators have closed their inquiry into a purported racist attack on a white student leader at Guilford College, saying the assault probably did not happen as claimed by the victim.

Student Senate President Molly Martin said she was knocked unconscious while alone in her office late Feb. 11. She told police someone scrawled the words "nigger lover" across her chest.

Martin, who is white, was running for re-election, and the attack was presumed to be politically motivated. She won.

Detectives found no evidence to support Martin's account of the attack despite spending more than 300 hours investigating the case. Lt. Gary Cundiff said Thursday. "Police have asked Martin to take a lie detector test," Cundiff said, but that does not imply detectives suspect she staged the incident.

"It's not my intention to indict her," he said. "But I do want to defend our investigation."

Cundiff said police directly asked Martin and her attorney to submit to a lie detector test, but they had not responded.

Neither Martin nor her attorney could be reached for comment Friday. Martin had left a phone message with the News & Record of Greensboro saying she was never asked to take a lie detector test.

Detectives normally spend no more than eight hours on an assault case, Cundiff said. But the incident shocked the college and drew national media attention.

Students and faculty held forums and rallies to bring attention to race relations on campus. Police were criticized for not finding a suspect.

"It's difficult not to have a conclusion," Don McNemar, president of the college, said Friday. "But folks on campus are prepared to live with the uncertainty."

The investigation was hindered from the start because the crime was not reported to police until the following day, Cundiff said. By

then, Martin had washed the writing off her chest and her office had been cleaned up.

Martin was a "reluctant witness," Cundiff said. The night of the attack, she refused medical attention and asked a campus security officer not to call the police.

She spoke with a detective at least twice, the second time with an attorney at her side.

Last month, Martin and attorney Locke Clifford gave police the results of a polygraph test that she paid for. The expert who administered the test concluded that Martin told the truth when she said she did not know who attacked her and that she did not stage the attack.

Police reviewed the test but still wanted her to take a polygraph administered by their expert.

"We were just uncomfortable with the questions that were used, and we felt like we had more in-depth information on what occurred," Cundiff said.

Martin told police that someone shoved her into a partition covered with papers and notes. Yet people who saw Martin immediately after the attack said nothing had been disturbed.

Cundiff said he also found it unusual that someone took the time to unbutton the sweater Martin was wearing before writing on her chest.

The day after the attack, Martin told police she was sitting in a chair when someone approached her from behind, shoving her and the chair into the partition, Cundiff said.

Martin later told a detective she was standing when someone pushed her between the shoulder blades.

Neither the security officer nor students who saw Martin that night or the following day said they saw any bruises on her. Martin said she was bruised and two friends saw her injuries.

Martin said she hired Clifford and paid for a polygraph test to halt campus rumors that she staged the attack.



**GREENSBORO** — The Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps at North Carolina A&T State University inducted five distinguished graduates and A&T's first professor of military science into its Hall of Fame at the first induction ceremony earlier this month. The inductees are (left to right) Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Clara Adams-Ender, Brig. Gen. Vonere DeLoatch, Maj. Gen. (Ret.) Charles D. Bussey, Maj. Gen. Reginald G. Clemmons and Brig. Gen. Hawthorne Proctor. Inducted posthumously was Capt. Robert Lee Campbell.

# Local student named Ron Brown Scholar

Tomeka Suber is one of 20 African-American High School Seniors to Win \$40,000 College Scholarship in National Competition

Charlottesville, VA (April 10, 1998)

On the second anniversary of the death of Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown, Tomeka Lynette Suber, a student at Parkland High School, is among 20 top African-American high school seniors from across the country to be named a Ron Brown Scholar.

She will receive \$40,000 over a period of four years.

Ranked first in her class with a GPA of 4.0, Tomeka participates in a myriad of activities including the March of Dimes Chain Reaction Council, Student Leadership Council, and the Future Business Leaders of America.

The students, representing 12 states across the county, were selected based on academic excellence, leadership potential, community service and financial need and were chosen from more than

4,000 applicants from 46 states. In September, the 20 Ron Brown Scholars will begin matriculating at some of this nation's top colleges and universities.

According to Tracey Brown, who is Secretary Brown's daughter and author of the recently published biography of her father, "The Life and Times of Ron Brown: A Memoir By His Daughter," "The Ron Brown Scholars are not only academically gifted, but come from diverse backgrounds and have superb leadership skills. They are young men and women who want to make a difference in this world-not because it sounds good to say, but because they want to give back to the communities that raised them."

As part of the application process, each applicant was asked to submit an essay describing the one activity they listed as most important and discuss its significance. Tomeka says of her work as Vice-Chair of the March of Dimes Chain Reaction Council, "This youth council has helped

set an example that proves that the youth do care about their futures and their communities. I will continue to work in this organization even during my college years, because it has taught me that the only method to improve society is having initiative and maintaining a strong responsibility to my community."

The Ron Brown Scholarship Program is funded entirely by the non-profit CAP Foundation, a Charlottesville, Virginia-based charitable foundation established in 1996 and dedicated to education, arts and the environment. The Foundation has an extensive history of providing educational opportunities through a variety of scholarship programs.

An important goal of the Ron Brown Scholars Program is to identify students who will make significant contributions to society. "We are investing in the future of 20 youngsters who have in common a willingness to extend themselves to others who may be in need of assistance," according to Michael Mallory, Executive

Director of the Ron Brown Scholarship Program. "In addition to the financial award, we make a lifetime commitment to providing our scholars with internships and other resources which will prepare them to make major contributions to this nation. They are deserving."

Brown, the first U.S. Secretary of commerce under President Bill Clinton, died April 3, 1996 at age 54, along with 34 others in a plane crash in Croatia. He was drawn to politics shortly after graduating from St. John's University Law School. He joined the National Urban League, then the staff of Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA). Secretary Brown worked in the presidential campaigns of Kennedy and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, before becoming the Chairman of the Democratic National Committee (DNC)-the first African-American to head a major political party. While DNC Chairman, he was also a partner in Patton, Boggs & Blow, a Washington, DC law firm.

# Sorority raises benefit money to benefit March of Dimes

Theta Mu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., has just completed its annual March of Dimes fund raising project.

Sorors Samuels, Lane, Allen, Wright, Lash, Bullard, Williams, Edgerton, and Sanders raised over \$300.00 by selling raffle tickets. Prospective Rhoers participated in a March of Dimes canister drive collecting coins. The young girls raised over \$18.00 in coins.

Sorors Cathy Oliver and Denise Bazemore were not present at the April meeting but contributed at a later time.

The winners of the March of Dimes raffle drawing are Cheyenne Darrett, first place, JoAnne Burnette, second place, and Hallie Chinault, third place. First place winner received a \$50.00 gift certificate from Hanes Mall, second place was a \$40.00 gift certificate from Darryls, and third place was a \$20.00 gift certificate from Special Occasions. The drawing was held April 11 at the Main Library downtown. Little Miss Geniece Lane, the daughter of Jackie Lane drew the names of the lucky winners.

Funds raised were donated to the local Winston-Salem March of Dimes for healthier babies. March of Dimes is a national project of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., called project reinsurance. Soror Lisa Allen chaired the raffle ticket fundraising project. Soror Evelyn Sander chaired the canister drive.

Soror Cherly Wright volunteered at the Soup Kitchen on behalf of Theta Mu Sigma. A symposium of adolescent issues were done in part I and II by the chapter.

Sorors Felecia Lash and Lisa Allen are chairing the Health Fair Day project which will be held in June 1998. The community is invited. Contact Evelyn Sander at (336) 788-9456 or Lisa Allen at (336) 786-0246 for more information or to volunteer your time and expertise. All Sigmas active and inactive are invited to participate.

The Health Fair Day will include free blood pressure checks, cholesterol check breast exam demonstration, eye examinations, diabetic counseling, fire safety, crime prevention, cosmetic demonstrations, skin care, can

cer prevention and signs, heart association representatives, and much more.

## SIGMA ROUND UP -CALLING ALL SIGMAS

Theta Mu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho is calling on all inactive sorors to be active with your local chapter.

Theta Mu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., was chartered September 23, 1997 in Kernersville, North Carolina.

The Chapter was chartered with five members and has grown to 13 local members within six months.

Contact Lisa Allen at 786-0246 for information on our April Sigma Round Up and interest meeting.

"Once a Sigma, always a Sigma."

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