'White flight' remains an issue for public schools, study shows



A new study says all-black schools are becoming common because of white flight.

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DURHAM - "White flight" the exit from or avoidance of racially mixed public schools - was as strong a phenomenon in the 1990s as it was when first identified in the

1970s, a new study shows.

The study, "Are Whites Still Fleeing? Racial Patterns and Enrollment Shifts in Urban Public Schools, 1987-1996," was conducted by Charles T. Clotfelter, Z. Smith Reynolds Professor of Public Policy Studies and professor of economics at Duke University. The study appears in the spring 2001 Journal of

Policy Analysis and Management. "We know from other studies that racial contact in schools may affect such things as the level and distribution of academic achieve-ment in the population, racial atti-tudes, subsequent social and economic outcomes of students, and patterns of racial integration," Clot-felter said in an interview. "Given the importance of those issues, I wanted to evaluate the current status of segregation in urban public schools and, in particular, whether the phenomenon of 'white flight' still exist-

Analyzing detailed, school-by- population is changing.

school data from 1987 and 1996 in 238 metropolitan areas across the country, Clotfelter found that white sses in enrollment "arise not only when white families move from one district to another or enroll in private schools, but also when they simply avoid moving into districts with high interracial contact." The study found this to be "remarkably consistent in large and small districts in both large and small metropolitan

"Immigration and differences in birth rates are resulting in faster growth in school-age populations of both blacks and Hispanics than whites," he wrote. The result: The student population in the average public school is becoming increas-ingly non-white. Other trends include school district consolidation, the overall increase in interracial contact and an accompanying decline in racial prejudice, as docu-

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- Charles Clotfelter

areas," and not just in central city

The study addressed several questions, including: Are interracial contact and seg-

regation increasing or decreasing? Is there evidence that the South.

with previous patterns deeply influenced by legal segregation in schools, is evincing patterns increas-

ingly similar to those in the North? In analyzing the data, Clotfelter "It is important to be aware of the broader patterns and trends in metropolitan areas," including the fact that much of the existing school segregation in metropolitan areas is associated with segregated housing patterns, and that the racial and ethnic composition of the school-age

mented by annual surveys of high school seniors through the Monitoring the Future project.

Overall, Clotfelter's study found that "public schools in metropolitan areas became more segregated between 1987 and 1996, and the pic ture that arises is one of entrenched segregation, caused mainly by racial disparities among districts rather than segregation within school districts, and steady increases in segregation.

"The rate of white loss is affected by the push of exposure to nonwhites as well as the attraction of more predominantly white districts elsewhere in the same metropolitan area," the study concluded, "Since segregation within districts by 1996 was rather mild in most districts, the key element in predicting whether whites would rapidly abandon central city districts is the size and

homogeneity of all districts in the metropolitan area." The study added that "these forces appear to work similarly both inside and outside the South, without regard to the size of the district or the metropolitan area.

Given the implications of decisions of households for the racial composition and segregation of the public schools, research on this topic remains as important today as it was two decades ago, Clotfelter noted.

NOTICE OF A CITIZENS INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGES ON US 52 OVER LIBERTY STREET (SR 2456) AND THE NORFOLK SOUTHERN RAILROAD IN WINSTON-SALEM

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The North Carolina Department of Transportation will hold an informal Citi zens Informational Workshop on the subject project on Monday, April 30, 2001 in Auditorium B of the Forsyth County Agricultural Building, located at 1450 Fairchild Drive in Winston-Salem. The Workshop will be held between the hours of 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM.

This will be an open house meeting. Interested citizens may attend at their convenience during the above hours. Department of Transportation representatives will be present to answer questions and receive comments concerning the project. Information presented at this workshop will be general in nature, since detailed plans have not been prepared for the project.

The project proposes to replace Bridge Numbers 256 and 257 on US 52 in Winston-Salem. These bridges carry US 52 over Liberty Street (SR 2456) and the Norfolk Southern Railroad. This project will also include installation of several cameras, fiber optic cable, and a variable message sign as part of an Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) along US 52. In addition, improvements to the 25th Street/Liberty Street interchange (including widening along Liberty Street), and possible permanent ramp closures are also being studied. Acquisition of new right of way and/or business and residential relocations may be required for the

A temporary detour structure will be required to maintain traffic along US 52 during construction of the new bridges. Temporary ramp closures may also be

Anyone desiring additional information regarding the project may contact Alethia Raynor, Project Development Engineer, at the NC Department of Transportation, 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548 or at (919) 733-7844, extension 247.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. To receive special services, please contact Mrs. Raynor at the above number or by fax of (919) 733-9794 to give adequate notice prior to the date of the workshop. In addition, transportation has been set up through the Winston-Salem Trans portation Center. Anyone seeking transportation to attend the workshop should call 336-727-2000 and ask for the Information Specialist to make transportation

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Women Called According to His Purpose

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On behalf of Pastor Philemon On behalf of Pastor Philemon A. Samuels and the Goodwill Bap-tist Church family, we invite you to our upcoming Women Called According to His Purpose Confer-ence 2001. The conference will be Thursday, April 26, through Satur-day, April 28. The theme for the conference is "I See Myself There" There.

The Daughters of Deborah Women's Ministry is truly excited about this year's conference. Conference speakers and teach-

 Pastor P.A. Samuels, pastor of Goodwill Baptist Church, Arcadia, N.C., will minister at the Saturday afternoon closing session titled "Ministering with Excellence."

Prophetess Gloria Samuels, first lady and director of church ministries of Goodwill Baptist Church, will be the Thursday evening speaker.

 Annie Hinnant, pastor of Power of Praise Tabernacle of Deliverance of Benson, N.C., will be the Friday evening speaker.

speaker/counselor from Dillon, S.C., author of the book "Where Was God When I Cried?

 Mary Cayton will do prayer counsel. She is the regional prayer coordinator for the Women of the Word Conference for Black Moun-

the guest psalmist.

Baptist Church corporate director of church finances

· Dr. Karen Williams and Pas-



Pastor and First Lady Samuels

cle of Rocky Mount.

The schedule: Thursday and Friday – 5:30 p.m., on-site registration; 6 p.m., prayer counsel; 7 p.m., evening worship service; 7, prayer

Registration is \$35 and includes all nightly services, all classes on Saturday. Saturday also will have a

full-service ministry that believes in their God-given destiny. We are building ministries that build peo-

tor Jackie Shaw of Truth Taberna-

counsel and seminars.

Impossibilities; Oh, God, Help Me I Pray, Will God Hear Me?

Seminar topics include: Help Me Control My Finances; Break-ing Through to the Realm of Understand This Body; What is the Ministry of a First Lady?; Fill-ing in the Cracks of Your Faith; If · Kay Twombley, international

Goodwill Baptist Church is a

continental breakfast and lunch.
To register, call the church at tain. She lives in New Bern.

* Cassaundra McCloud will be · Leticha Coleman, Goodwill reaching, healing and teaching the people of God so they can fulfill

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Opportunity follows struggle. It follows effort. It follows hard work. It doesn't come before. - Shelby Steele, 1991

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Winston-Salem or Greensboro: I-40 to Exit 192 (Peters Creek Park-way/Highway 150). Take Peters Creek Parkway South (Highway 150 West) into Davidson County.

Travel approximately three miles past Hickory Tree Crossing Shop-ping Center to Twin Brook Drive (at top of hill Masonic lodge on the corner). Turn right. Go one block to Goodwill Road. Turn

Winston Lake Family YMCA

4th Annual

Black Achievers in Business & Industry Awards Gala Thursday, May 10, 2001 - M.C. Benton Convention Center - 6:30 pm

W. David Shannon JDL Castle Corporation Corporate Co-Chair



GALA SPEAKER: **Herman Boone**

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The movie, "Remember the Titans," is based on a true story about Herman Boone. In 1971 Boone was brought to Alexandria, Virginia to coach a newly integrated high school football team. What is remarkable is how Boone brought his players, both black and white, together as a team.

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