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IT'S BECOMING A ROUTINE--However, like all political candidates Mayor Harvey Gantt had to go through the preliminaries of filing to run for Mayor of Charlotte. Mayor Gantt is seeking a

third term in office. Bill Culp (l), Election Board Supervisor, verifies that all Gantt's information is correct.



FIRST AT FUNDRAISING--These civic-minded individuals got right to work to raise money for Mayor Gantt's mayoral campaign. The first fundraiser for Gantt was held at the home of Dr. Spur-

geon Webber Jr. and (l-r) Will Bullock, Dr. Webber Jr., Carol Jolly, Michael Daisley, Bob White and Alvin Howard were glad to throw their contributions into the basket.

NC State NAACP Sues Albemarle City

Ms. Carolyn Coleman, Field Director of the North Carolina State Conference of Branches of the NAACP announced the NAACP, its affiliate, the Stanly County Branch along with four Albemarle citizens, Mr. Tidus Stanback, Ms. Sharon Davis, Mr. Roosevelt Horne and Ms. Brenda James filed suit in the United States District Court in Greensboro against the Albemarle City and City Council. The suit under the Voting Rights Act seeks to change the at-large method of elections to a district system where residents of the district vote for the respective candidates.

The present City Council is composed of five persons and the mayor elected at-large, all white.

The suit alleges that the election procedure in Albemarle effectively dilutes the black vote and denies the black community a fair opportunity to elect representatives of their choice.

The black population of Albemarle represents 16% of the total population and constitutes a majority in at least one district, if a district system were implemented.

The City Council of Albemarle studied the feasibility of implementing a district system by appointing a bi-racial committee to make recommendations as well as designating the Centralina Council of Government to prepare and present several options, only to reject the recommendations of both groups.

There is no doubt but that the Albemarle City Council is unwilling to effectuate positive change without the mandate of the court. After several years of the NAACP's conducting voter registration, voter education and get out the vote campaigns -- all to no avail, we feel we must now re-

move those barriers which prevent blacks from a fair option of electing representatives to the City Council of their own choosing.

The plaintiffs, are represented by NAACP Attorneys Romallus O. Murphy of Greensboro, Angus

Awakening Love Of Learning In Minority Students At Davidson

Davidson, N.C. - Twenty nine black students from Charlotte-Mecklenburg high schools got their first taste of college life this summer in a pilot program Davidson College hopes will awaken a lifelong insatiable appetite for learning in promising minority students.

One of them was Kymra Motley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Motley of Charlotte and a rising junior at West Charlotte High School.

"It's a challenge, but I like challenges," she said. This program gave me a sneak preview of college life and prepared me for the workload in college courses. It also taught me to use my time more wisely. I think that's the key to succeeding in college.

The new program, called Love of Learning, attempts to identify "diamonds in the rough," that is, minority students with underdeveloped potential and encourage them to pursue college educations. It involves a four-week intensive effort that touches every aspect of a student's academic, physical and cultural development. Directed at rising juniors, this translates into a rigorous schedule of English and math classes, SAT preparation, library study, physical fitness programs and workshops on leadership and positive relationships.

The program is an attempt to address the root causes of a nationwide problem: declining enrollment of minority students in

Thompson of Lumberton, NAACP National General Counsel Grover Hankins, Assistant General Counsel Dennis Hayes of the NAACP National Office and the NAACP Special Contribution Fund of Baltimore, Maryland.

higher education. The percentage of black college students nationwide is about 8.4 percent. At Davidson, it's 4 percent. By identifying talented minority students early in their high school careers, college officials hope to increase the pool of qualified minority applicants. Although a handful of other schools have started similar programs, Davidson's is unique in several respects.

"Too many programs use a deficit model and try to turn minority students into something they're not," said Brenda H. Tapia, director of the Love of Learning program and assistant chaplain on campus. "We're helping these students to know who they are and to look at their differences as something to celebrate. If people feel good about their talents and abilities, they can't be intimidated or made to feel inferior."

Love of Learning is also unique because it doesn't target the top 10 percent of high school students who would almost certainly go to college anyway. Instead, it concentrates on promising, B-average students who may need an extra push to reach their full potential. Some lack the assertiveness or self-confidence needed to succeed in a highly competitive college environment; others need more individual attention and encouragement than they can get in overcrowded high school classrooms.

To be eligible for Love of Learning, a student must have a 3.0

Senate Committee Told Higher Wages Will Destroy Jobs For Black Teenagers

WASHINGTON -- More than one million teenagers will lose their jobs, including 100,000 blacks, by 1991 as a direct result of enacting proposed legislation to increase and then index the hourly minimum wage, according to a recent witness before the Senate Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

Dr. Finis Welch, a UCLA professor of economics and chairman of Unicon Research Corp., in remarks following his July 17 testimony before the committee said that a plan to raise the minimum wage from \$3.35 to \$4.65 by 1990 and then index it to 50 percent of the average non-supervisory employee's hourly wage would increase pressures on young, entry-level workers trying to find and keep jobs.

"By increasing the minimum wage, we're raising one more hurdle to those trying to break into the job market," Welch said in describing the economic consensus that every minimum wage increase leads to job loss. "We're saying that if you can't make more than the minimum now then you can't work at all in the future."

Under the proposed legislation, an indexed minimum wage would reach \$5.25 an hour in 1991 and result in a total teenage job loss of 1.1 million, according to Welch's

calculations. Disemployed adults would raise total job loss figures even higher, he said.

Employees on the bottom rung of the economic ladder are the first to lose their jobs as businesses face higher labor costs without increasing productivity. Often unable to offset these costs through higher consumer prices, businesses are forced to cut back on hours and services to make up the difference, Welch said.

"The losers of a higher minimum wage are those people -- black teenagers, entry-level workers, the working poor -- who supporters of an increased wage most want to help," Welch said. "A higher minimum wage is little consolation if you can't find a job."

34 Public Housing Students Earn Scholarships

The Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Committee and the Foundation For the Carolinas will host the Fourth Annual Charlotte Housing Authority Scholarship Awards Day, Sunday, August 9, 1987 at 6:00 p.m., First Baptist Church-West, 1801 Oaklawn Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina.

The guest speaker will be Ralph Mitchell, Center for Creative Leadership, Greensboro, North Carolina. Mr. Mitchell has served as Leadership Trainer for Fortune 500 Executives and Military Lead-

ers. Thirty-four public housing students will receive scholarships. To date, more than \$400,000 has been raised through corporate donations, churches, residents' organizations, individuals and the community. Sixty students have received scholarships to institutions of higher learning since the program began.

Welch, joining others who oppose a minimum wage increase, also called for new programs, and private and public sector initiatives that would address specifically the needs of the disadvantaged, including unemployed black teenagers.

"Do you suppose that President Roosevelt suspected when he signed the 1938 minimum wage law that we would see a time when black teenagers were only half as likely as whites to find jobs; when black youth unemployment rates approached 50 percent and when 9.5 percent of all black men aged 20 to 24 who have not completed high school would be in jail?" Welch said in his congressional testimony.

Deadly Paper Found in Gaston County

According to police and authorities of Gaston County, there are small sheets of paper impregnated with LSD circulating around local areas. They are small tabs of paper containing blue stars about the size of a pencil eraser. The harmful drug, LSD, can be removed from the paper through absorption through the mouth, skin or by handling the tattoo.

There are also, brightly colored paper tabs resembling postage stamps in size, which have pictures of Superman, Mickey Mouse, and other Disney characters, (butterflies, clowns, etc.) These stamps are packed in a red cardboard box with a picture of Mickey Mouse wrapped in foil in a zip-lock bag. This is a new way of selling drugs--designed to promote addiction and appeal to chil-

dren. "The Gaston County authorities reported that they have seen the sheets but they have not turned up here in Charlotte," stated Vice Squad Captain, Bob Schumiere. "We know what they look like and the crime lab has some illustrations, but there have been know signs of them in Charlotte."

These drugs are known to react very quickly-absorbed through the skin and into the blood.

Symptoms are hallucinations, mood change, and severe vomiting. These tabs are not sold in stores but are readily available on the streets.

If you or your children see any of the above described, call the Charlotte Police Vice Squad at 336-3110.



D. G. Martin

D.G. Reunion

A reunion of the "D.G. Martin family" of friends and supporters will be held from 5:30 to 8:00 pm. Saturday, August 15, at 250 Cherokee Road in Charlotte.

Wear a D.G. T-shirt, hat or other memorabilia and get a free prize! Join everyone for a group photo at 7:30! Cast your "straw vote" for the Democratic Presidential nominee of your choice! Plus lots of other reunion activities.



High School juniors LaShonda Simpson (l) and Hope Robinson in Davidson College "Love of Learning" SAT prep class. Photo by Bill Giduz.

grade point average out of a possible 4.0, or must have scored in the 85th percentile on the California Achievement Test. Students must also be willing to participate in ex-

tracurricular activities and must not show a pattern of discipline problems. The program was developed in cooperation with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

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