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White UNC students challenge race-based scholarships

By Dennis Patterson
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RALEIGH — Past racial discrimination at the University of North Carolina does not justify race-based scholarships now, according to a federal lawsuit filed by eight Republican students.

Jack Daly and seven other UNC students are challenging minority presence grants that have been used since the early 1980s to attract white students to predominantly black campuses and black students to predominantly white campuses.

The grants initially were

part of a court settlement over desegregation. But when the consent order ended, the state kept the grants, earmarking \$1.6 million for the program this year.

"There has been an unconscionable history of racial discrimination in the UNC System," said Daly, a UNC

law student and GOP candidate for state auditor. "That does not justify race discrimination in 1996."

Daly said at a news conference Monday that the grants discriminate against both whites and blacks.

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Kmart boycott planned

By John Minter
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Workers at a Kmart distribution center in Greensboro are calling for a national boycott of the troubled retailer starting during the Easter shopping season.

Easter is April 7.

The group came to Charlotte last weekend to meet with local ministers.

Rev. Wardell Henderson, president of the Christian Ministers Fellowship Association, said the interdenominational group will consider the workers' request for support at its April 13 meeting. Two workers met with the ministers at Henderson's Weeping Willow AME Zion Church Saturday.

Workers at the Greensboro center say they are paid as much as \$5 less per hour than those at 10 others around the country, according to Ben Hensler, a spokesman for the union representing the workers. The pay practices are racially discriminatory, Hensler said. The Greensboro union is predominantly black.

"All we are asking for is to be treated the same as other Kmart employees who do the same jobs we do," said worker Deborah Compton-Holt. "We can't let a company like Kmart, that makes millions of dollars from our community, turn back the clock on discrimination."

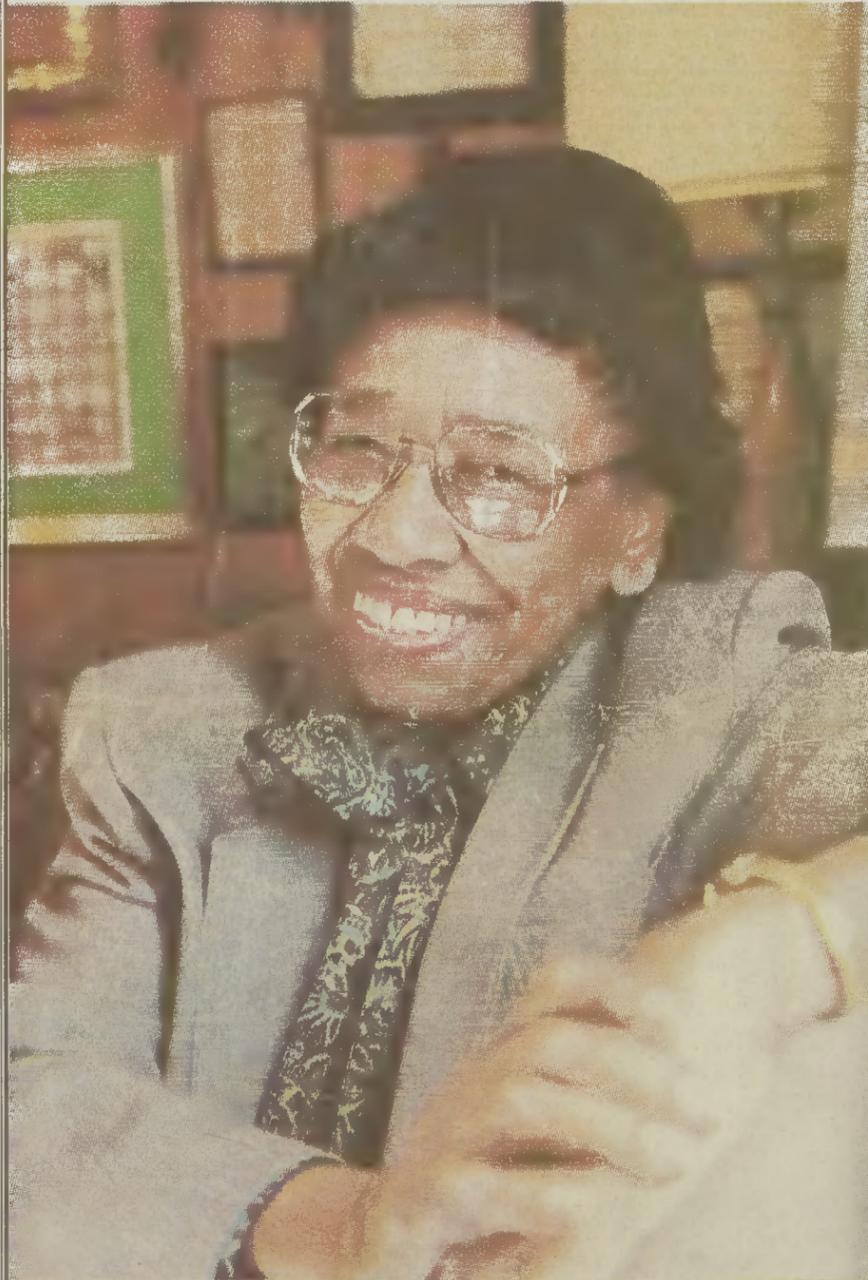
Hensler said the Union of Needletrades, Industrial and Textile Employees is seeking support from around the country for a nationwide Kmart boycott. UNITE has taken on several major North Carolina employees in long hard battles and won, including J.P. Stevens and Cannon Mills.

Kmart workers in Greensboro voted to join the union in 1993, but UNITE and Kmart have yet to sign a collective bargaining agreement. The National Labor Relations Board has cited the company for failure to bargain with the union.

Kmart says it has negotiated in good faith with the workers and pays a wage based on the cost of living in the Greensboro area and on seniority. The Kmart distribution center opened in

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SERVING MANKIND



Elizabeth Randolph has given Charlotte more than 50 years of untiring, dedicated service.

Libby Randolph inspires with five decades of service

By Tammie Tolbert
THE CHARLOTTE POST

After five decades as an educator and civic leader, Elizabeth Randolph still likes being involved.

"Education never ceases to be important," said Randolph, a retired Charlotte-Mecklenburg administrator and recipient this week of the Whitney M. Young Jr. Award



from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League.

Randolph's nephew, Baltimore mayor Kurt Schmoke presented the award, given annually to an individual who has furthered equal opportunity for African Americans and serves as a

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Professor James Roland Law

JCSU remembers professor James Law with campus service

By Winfred B. Cross
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Johnson C. Smith University will suspend classes from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. today in memory of psychology professor James Roland Law.

Mr. Law died Sunday of an apparent heart attack while jogging. His funeral is noon today in the Jane N. Smith Memorial Church on Smith's campus. His body will lie in state from 11 a.m. until the service.

Smith President Dorothy Cowser Yancy issued a statement Tuesday asking the campus to take a moment of silence at noon to honor Mr. Law's memory.

"We are saddened by the loss of our teacher, mentor and friend and extend heartfelt condolences to his family," Yancy wrote. "We ask that the JCSU family take time out...in celebration of the life of Dr. James Roland Law."

Yancy is a former student of Law's, as is Maxine Moore, director for the Center for Integrated Study. She said Mr. Law's death was "a shock to all of us."

"It shocked the total college community because he was doing so well in his pursuit and training in track and was very active in the community," Moore said. "I can truthfully say we are deeply grieved by his loss."

Moore called Mr. Law a "tough professor," but a true gentleman.

"He always joked he was a 17th century gentleman caught in the wrong century," Moore said. "He was a demanding instructor, very accomplished. He worked very hard to see his students possessed the knowledge needed to succeed."

Law's association with Smith began in 1949. He eventually served as vice president for academic affairs before stepping down in 1988 to become the James B. Duke Distinguished Professor of Psychology.

Mr. Law, who was awarded the title professor emeritus by JCSU this academic year, was on a five-year leave of absence from the university. During that time he became an avid runner, earning the title "the fastest senior in the world." His passion for track led him to push Mecklenburg County commissioners to support a bond referendum to build a \$2.3 million Olympic-size track on campus-owned land.

"To know he will not be around to see this project come to (completion) is really a shocker," said Steve Joyner, Smith men's basketball coach and athletic director. "He was very instrumental in this coming about."

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PHOTO/CALVIN FERGUSON

A.D. Neal loves his job, cutting hair and giving out advice and opinions on any and all subjects in his Oaklawn Road shop.

Sixty years on the cutting edge

By John Minter
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Head on out Beatties Ford Road a ways, beyond Johnson C. Smith University and the water treatment plant, and a quick glance to the right gives you a peek at Neal's Barbershop.

The shop and its delightful owner Albert D. Neal have been a fixture near the corner of Beatties Ford Road and Oaklawn for more than half a decade.

And, while at age 73, Neal's planning to cut back on the

number of days he works in the small shop, he's not about to stop cutting hair.

After all, this is a man who spends one of his days off - Tuesday - cutting the hair of the sick and shut-in at their homes or at hospitals and nursing homes. For free.

"I wouldn't trade barbering for a Ph.D.," Neal says. "I love it. You have to love it to (start cutting) hair for 15 cents and still be here."

He spends much of his other day off, Sunday, at church. That's Friendship Missionary Baptist, further out Beatties

Ford, beyond the I-85 bridge and McDonald's Cafeteria.

Neal, a member of Friendship's Adult Choir, is leader of the bass section.

Neal began cutting hair when he was 13 years old, learning the trade from Frank Williams, out of New York.

He never went to barber school and when the state inspector caught him cutting hair in a shop, he gave Neal a chance to take the test. "I made the highest score," Neal said. "I skipped the apprentice

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