

Kmart workers launch U.S. boycott

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Holt, who said, "We're living from paycheck to paycheck" but "we'll fight with Kmart until our demands are met for higher wages."

UNITE, which urged shoppers to boycott Kmart, claims that the mostly minority work

force at the Greensboro facility is paid substantially less than workers at other K Mart distribution centers. The union says that other K Marts that are mostly white are paid up to \$4 more. Kmart lawyers, who videotaped the rally, said union demands were unrea-

sonable and released a statement saying the protest was about wages and Kmart had nothing to hide regarding employment.

Union leaders led rallies in Memphis, Houston, Chicago, Cleveland, Greensboro, and Norfolk.

Thompson takes lessons beyond classes

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class and the reaction she gets from her students is sometimes surprising.

"It's a weird experience because some black students felt uncomfortable using the book with white students in the class," Thompson said, "because sometimes the white students don't fully understand some of the black dialect."

Thompson says she started using the book called "Revelations, an Anthology of Expository Essays by and About Blacks," about a year ago. The book is used at other colleges, such as Howard University.

"There is tension in my classes sometimes between white and black students," she said. "I've found that most white students are uncomfortable with the subject of racism."

By the end of the semester, Thompson says she feels like she's gotten through to some students about the issue of racism.

Along with her book promotion, Thompson has been researching and recently published a paper on African American students and eurocentric elements in the classroom.

According to Thompson, the textbooks used in composition classrooms are so Eurocentric that some black students can-

not comprehend because it doesn't relate to their culture.

"A lot of black students write to the dominate culture," Thompson said. "We learn to assimilate and that become problematic for those students who cannot translate."

Her research will be published as a collection of chapters on academic argument in Cultural Prospective by Hampton Press.

Future plans for Thompson include taking a leave in the fall to work on a second book of poems. Her immediate plans however included taking school work home to make in time for the TV game show Jeopardy!

Jordan tries to maintain a private life

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have to make the adjustment to."

Her husband of 36 years was murdered on his way back to his Charlotte home after attending a friend's funeral near Wilmington. His red, \$40,000 Lexus was found stripped and abandoned near Fayetteville. His murder attracted national attention, and more than 500 people gathered for his funeral.

Jordan said she did not read news reports about Green's arrest and trial. She did not return calls from reporters. She admits she tries to stay busy and focused not to let "the negative get in the way."

She also tries to keep a low profile.

"I think the whole family tries to be private as much as we can because we find so many people who want to know you just to say I know you and not on a friendly basis," Jordan said. "So I try just to find a couple true friends."

Jordan plans to settle in Charlotte, where she's a member of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. When she's not attending board meetings, she spends time with her five children and 10 grandchildren.

Son Larry, who owns a real estate business, lives in Charlotte with his wife and two young children. Another

son, James Ronald, who's made a career of the Army, lives in Fayetteville.

Daughter Roslyn lives in Chicago; Delois, the oldest daughter, lives in Philadelphia.

"In September we were all together in Chicago," Delois Jordan said. "We went up to Michael's and had a cookout. All my 10 grandchildren were together. It was a special moment for us."

Schools looking for black teachers, administrators

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employee - may make some trips with him.

The school system still looks to its own ranks to promote from within. Each year Thomas sends out letter of invitation to each school to recruit and cultivate those inside the school system thus asking for certified teachers, assistant principals and counselors who are interested in being promoted. The system also runs ads in newspapers, including The Charlotte Post and other African American newspapers.

The district is now turning to

two new avenues for recruits. Troops to Teachers is a federal attempt to place newly-retired military personnel in public schools. Another program Thomas is using is the N.C. Principals' Fellowship

Program, which provides each student one year of classes in school administration and a one-year internship for interested teachers and counselors. Upon its completion, students receive a master's degree.

"We need more minority administration candidates," Thomas said. "I'm reaching out to all."

Dinner benefits Metrolina AIDS Project's initiative

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that went to MAP. The money was used to provide counseling, case management, advocacy and education programs for people in the Charlotte

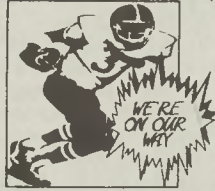
region affected by HIV or AIDS.

April 1 is the kickoff date. To pick up a party kit, visit the MAP office at 227 East Blvd. between 5:30-7:30 p.m.

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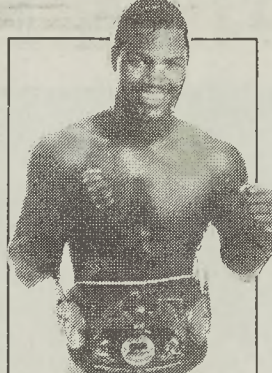
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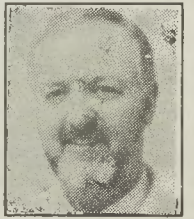


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