

Beating incident wasn't dreamed up

Boy says he was tied to a tree

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Finney said a lot of people have been feeling sorry for Dwight and his family and

that he does, too.

"They got something started and they didn't know what they were getting into," he said. "They kept pushing it and pushing it and now the day of judgment is here."

The incident attracted national attention. About

three dozen members of the approximately 50 people in the jury pool told Circuit Judge Thomas Cooper they had heard or read about the incident, but all said they could put the publicity aside and decide the case on the facts presented in court.

Avis treated blacks differently

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John Relman, the plaintiffs' lead attorney, told The News & Observer of Raleigh that the company's latest statement

was "too little, too late."

"Why has it taken them so long?" Relman asked. "The evidence is mounting that Avis knew or should have known

about what was going on long ago. It's only now, when this has become a national news story, that they have suddenly decided that they needed to look into this."

Hate crimes increase in S.C.

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ing Tennessee had 25, Georgia 49 and Florida 164, according to the FBI.

In South Carolina, 15 of the 293 law enforcement agencies that participate in tracking

hate crimes reported incidents, the FBI said.

Shaw said Klanwatch keeps its own statistics on hate crimes and hasn't seen much of a statistical change in the past few years.

"Usually they're pretty

steady," she said. "For example, there were 11 hate crime murders (nationwide) in 1994, 13 in 1995 and we are running 13 so far in 1996. We haven't seen a dramatic increase or decrease either way."

Voter education is key in N.C.

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nationally, or even state or local news, people are consumed with concern to keep food on the table, not effective people in office."

Moss, a member of the Executive Committee of the General Baptist Convention, says local and state powers that be rely heavily on their programs to maintain the order of having someone or some group of people to look down on or oppress.

Regardless of the negative

publicity Gantt received during his campaign, Moss thinks that this was still an excellent chance and time to get someone new in the state's top office.

"Four out of 10 whites votes isn't bad and 9 out of 10 blacks wasn't either," he said. "But he needed total support from African Americans. And, now, he (Gantt) will go down in history as one more black politician who fell victim to black voter apathy."

In a final note, Moss said

that we must develop a technique in our communities that he coins as "political evangelism."

"This simply means that we must go out and find the folk, and identify what the voting process is, and how politics play a part with everything we do in life," he said. "We must articulate the social agenda of Jesus Christ and apply that to our political decisions. To put it plainly, we need voter education."

Church play was a real 'mess'

By Brian Powe
FOR THE CHARLOTTE POST

SALISBURY — A play called "Church Mess" really was to an audience that saw it last week.

The play centered around church conflicts within the congregations was not gladly accepted by the crowd of a little more than 100 people who paid good money for classical theatre last Saturday night.

The two-hour play, held Auditorium, was performed by a cast of four actors from New Orleans.

The plot, centered around a church setting of a homosexual pianist, two promiscuous choir members, and a widower

preacher who could not seem to keep his pants zipped. The play's plan of action was telegraphed which led to many people getting up and walking out within the first fifteen minutes of its outset.

Ethel Bamberg-Revis of Salisbury said she was disgruntled by the play.

"I was highly disappointed in it. Its plot was not well developed and the transitions from one scene to the next was hideous. And, moreover, some additional cast members could have made the performance more realistic."

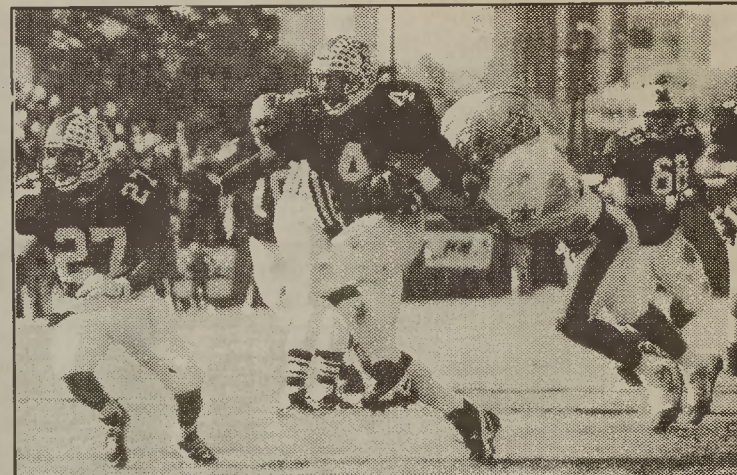
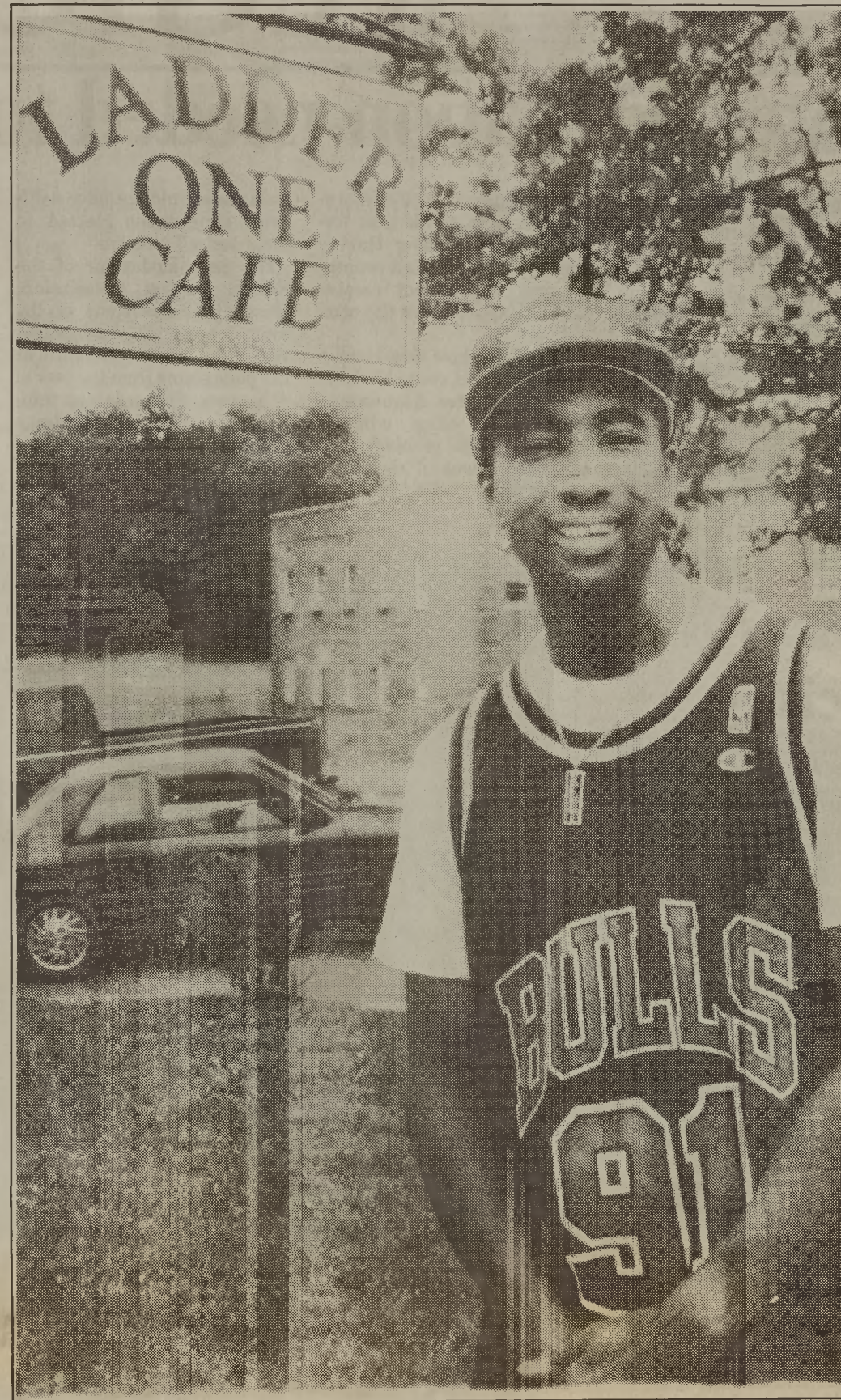
The resolution of the play was the plot of a preacher who was commanded by God to marry the woman that he was

having an affair with. Reluctant to follow God's instructions, he bears the brunt of some harsh punishments until he gives in to God's will.

Denise Redmond believed that the play "beat the dead horse" of overused and trite misconceptions about the business of the black church.

"Every church in America does not run by the same rules and conduct. This play suggests that the business of the church is foolish and full of folly," Redmond said, "If more time had been put into continuity and structure rather than illusions and falsities, then the stage show could have been worthwhile."

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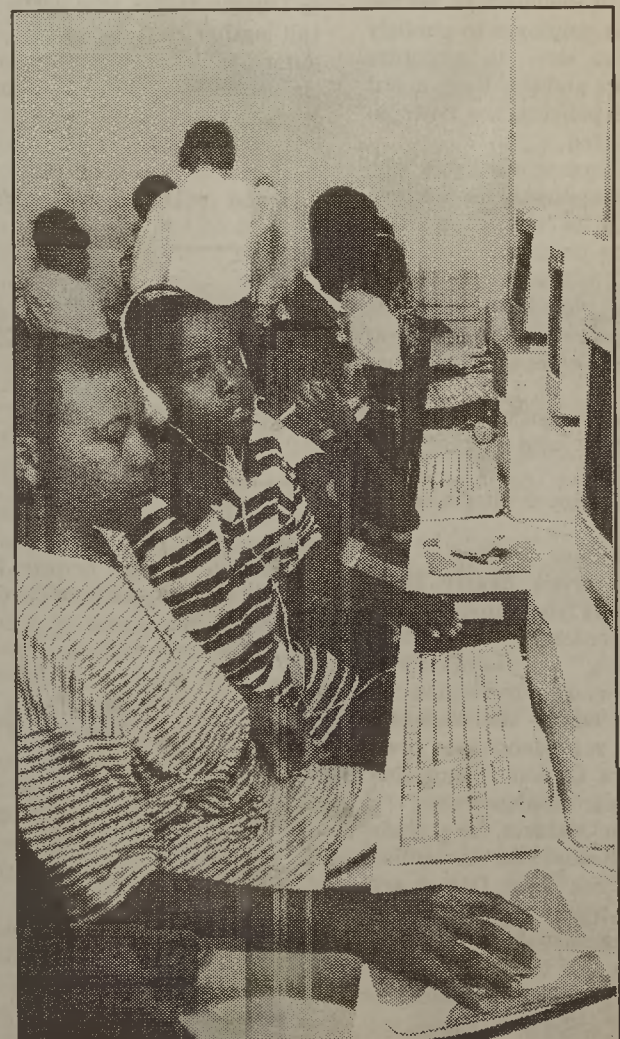
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