



that chore at the commish meeting Tuesday night. Maybe it was the television cameras and all. Maybe it explains why he voted with the losers when the commissioners decided that a prayer will open each meeting of that august body.



Cline

Over at West Charlotte High, principal Terry Cline is still struggling to get things right on campus. Seems he can't find a qualified journalism instructor and announced over the school loudspeaker that the school newspaper and yearbook would be handled as an extracurricular activity rather than a regular class, as it is at other high schools.

Luckily for the students, parents' calls to school board members got the attention of Supt. Eric Smith, who ordered the principal to keep the regular journalism classes.

Students weren't so lucky when the University Park Baptist Church folks asked the principal about the parking situation. Seems some of

the students have been parking in the church's lot, across the street from the school. Church officials said that was OK as long as the school made sure the lot was kept clean. Principal Cline told church officials that was not the school's responsibility and that the students were just avoiding using the many parking spaces already available on the campus for a nominal \$15 fee.

Last year, Principal Kenny Simmons, who was booted out by Supt. Smith, accepted University Park's offer and a group of students regularly cleaned the lot.

University Park officials are looking out for the kids, though. They can get parking permits directly from the church.

While Fly's buzzing West Charlotte, what happened to the highly-praised gospel choir, the one that went all the way to Washington, D.C. and the Lincoln Center?

A parent said she asked the West Charlotte music department chairman about the choir and was told that the chairman didn't know anything about it. Hmmm. Cline promised the choir would survive last summer's shake-up at the school. Those children could sure sing.

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the spread Watson's in danger of owning. Seems the bank was holding the bag when the music stopped at last month's foreclosure sale.

A \$1.25 million bid defaulted when the Baldwin, Skakur group failed to put up the required 10 percent deposit. So Amresco, the mortgage holder, still owns the hotel and adjacent Fun City. It also has a judgement against the cafeteria. Ain't no happenings at either business. They're still closed.

Pray for the prayer... Don't ask Mecklenburg County commissioner Darrell Williams to pray at your funeral. The brother struggled when given

## Miss JCSU proud to represent her school

By Lauren Kendall  
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Miss Johnson C. Smith University Davida Haywood is the type of person who who believes in accomplishing her goals and promoting school spirit. Her personal motto is "A setback is a setup for a comeback."

As homecoming approaches, Haywood is preparing for the week's major events. Haywood, a business major with a concentration in banking and finance was chosen to represent JCSU last spring.

Haywood is a graduating senior who has participated in community based activities around campus such as ROC, Reclaiming Our Children. The project is aimed at encouraging young people to seek degrees at historically black colleges upon graduating from high school.

Haywood believes that individuals should have a spiritual foundation, study and be disciplined. "It was always my dream to represent whatever college I attended," said Haywood.

Haywood's advice to women interested in running for Miss Johnson C. Smith is to have a platform or something you want to do, have school spirit, and take the initiative.

"When I graduate from Johnson C. Smith I want to be



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Davida Haywood is Miss Johnson C. Smith University

remembered as a Smithite a proud member of the Gold and Blue," said Haywood.

The homecoming itinerary is as follows:

- Friday, Oct. 10, A block party will be held in the evening and a pep rally including step show performances on the block.

- Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m. Parade in uptown Charlotte, Trade street. Homecoming football game, 1:30 p.m., JCSU vs. Livingstone at Memorial Stadium. 7 p.m. A concert in the Brayboy Gymnasium featuring Mobb Deep, D.J. Clue, Camp lo and Backyard.

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