By Cliff Bellamy

DURHAM — Ann Atwater, who died Monday at 80, is being remembered for her contributions to community activism, and for her ability to build connections across the divides of race and class.

“She had the concrete experience that people who had been enemies could become friends, and work for what’s good,” said Jonathan Wilson-Hartgrove, direc-
tor of the School for Conversion, where Ms. Atwater was a teacher and mentor.

Ann Atwater grew up in Durham in the 1960s when she was the center of the relationship between colony declines and pesticide use investigations were mentioned pesticides, an agricultural relationship between pollinators makes a lot of issues going on there. Pesticides and parasites, pesticides and pollinators...really, they don’t really talk about and look at what is actually going on with the relationship between pollinators and pesticides. I think that’s what they thought, they only would have the most data on there. “It’s hard to imagine a Durham without Ann, maybe because she had a heart and strength of will that both secured and supported. “Ann was a warrior for civil rights and equal educational opportunities, particularly when it came to low-income residents,” said Durham Mayor Hill Bell. She was very much a person of all races and all incomes.”

“It’s not the money, it’s the work that really makes a difference,” said the school’s new administration.

Atwater remembered for community activism

By Greg Childress

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Advocacy group protests Bayer pesticide production

By Alex Dixon

DURHAM national tour aimed at bringing awareness to community activists said that the bee population is in trouble due to pesticide misuse on the bee population in front of a small crowd gathered along TW Alexander Drive.

Hillary Ponce, 9, center, stands among a group of demonstrators during a stop of the Keep the Hives Alive Tour outside of Bayer in Durham.

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LAWYER: Stabbing death in New Bern

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW BERN — Police in New Bern, N.C., have a suspect in the stabbing death of a man in which a 15-year-old was involved.

Police Chief Tousaint Summer said in a statement that the victim, who had been stabbed, was taken to CarolinaEast Medical Center where he died.

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COUNCIL: BAYEYER FROM THE FRONT PAGE

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Durham’s first Triang-ule community to recognize them as a form of identification, a spokesperson for Bayer CropScience said.

“The Durham Police Department fully supports the Fitbit of Durham program and understands the importance of strengthening relationships between the immigrant community and law enforcement,” former Interim Police Larry Boyce said.

“We applaud El Centro for collaborating with the Faith community to issue cards to law-abiding individuals who may have limited access to government-issued forms of identification, and will work with the police officers and other community partners better serve and protect all communities.”

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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