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### Words Of Wisdom

Such is a man worth as he esteems himself.  
—Francis Rabelais  
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The measure of a man's life is the well spending of it, and not the length.  
—Plutarch

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## Duke Power and Citizens to Square Off

# Bus Service Battle Lines Drawn

By Donald Alderman

The battle lines over bus service in Durham have been clearly drawn. On one side, Duke Power Company attorneys and the City Attorney Bill Thornton argue that Durham's bus service is "reasonable", and that night bus service should be eliminated in favor of special taxicabs, or "taxibuses" as they have been dubbed, running the two former bus routes.

On the other side, local citizens, including an organization called The Durham Citizens Roundtable Coalition, argue that local bus service should be restored to its 1973 levels, and that the only reason Duke Power is losing money on the bus system is because the utility company does a lousy job of marketing transit services.

The two sides will square off before the N.C. Utilities Commission at two public hearings to be held in Durham City Hall. Citizens who want to speak will be given a chance April 29, 7 p.m., while expert testimony will begin at 9 a.m. the next morning. But citizens who can't make the hearing on the 29th can speak the next morning, according to Attorney Karen Long, with the Commission's public staff, which was set up to protect consumer interests.

The hearing, much like a court's, will be conducted before a panel of three commissioners or a hearing examiner, according to Ms. Long. She said expert testimony has been filed on Duke Power's behalf by a transit consultant.

The citizens group filed suit against the city and Duke Power Company after night bus service ended February 15, following the City Council 7-6 vote to honor the company's request. The plaintiffs are four citizens who say they regularly use night bus service and the Coalition. But Judge Anthony Brannon advised the group to file a formal complaint with the Utilities Commission after denying a temporary restraining order motion.

After the complaint was filed, the Commission ordered night bus runs, or taxibus runs at the same cost. At its February 1 meeting, the council voted for taxicabs to run the former night bus routes at a cost double the fare of buses. Bus fare is fifty cents per trip. Taxibuses charged \$1 for a trip from one bus stop to another one. So Duke Power resumed night bus runs.

That contract is "on hold", according to Jerome Brown, a city transit planner. Depending on the Commission's decision, that contract could be made active or dissolved. Regardless of which interest loses the decision, an appeal to the full Commission and then to the Court of Appeals are probable next steps, she said.

The lawsuit is also "on hold", according to Travis Payne, attorney for the coalition. What happens to the suit, he said, depends on the outcome of the hearing. If the Commission decides that the level of service is reasonable, then the coalition will probably continue through the (Continued On Page 12)

## Durham Resident To Receive Award From Mrs. Rosa L. Parks



MS. ATWATER

Ms. Ann Atwater of Durham has been selected to receive the 1982 Rosa Parks Award sponsored by Women in Community Service, Inc., one of the largest non-profit volunteer organizations in the country.

Mrs. Rosa Parks, referred to as the "mother of the modern freedom movement", will present the award to Ms. Atwater at the 17th Annual WICS Board and Corporation Banquet in Dallas, Texas on May 4.

The award is named in honor of Mrs. Parks who dramatically influenced the civil rights movement in 1955 when she refused to give up her seat to a white man on a segregated bus in Montgomery, Alabama.

Ms. Atwater, herself a volunteer and civil rights activist, has promoted voter registration in North Carolina, fought for equal housing, and became the driving force that eventually reformed Claiborne P. Ellis, a former president of one of the largest Ku Klux Klan chapters in North Carolina, into a noted union organizer and advocate of civil rights.

"Ann Atwater was selected from many nominations submitted from across the country because of her extensive voluntary contributions to the poor and the disadvantaged which resulted in a positive influence on the lives of so many people," said Ms. Martha Villalobos, WICS national president.

From her relationship with former Klansman Ellis, she has received national attention, appearing on the "David Frost Show" and "Good Morning America". She recently appeared in Reader's Digest in an article entitled, "The Klansman Who Quit Hating".

Ms. Atwater has served as vice chairman of the Durham County Democratic Committee and is a member of the NAACP, The Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People, and the administrative committee of Operation Breakthrough.

A member of Church Women United and the National Council of Negro Women, she will soon be ordained as a deacon of her church, Mount Calvary United Church of Christ.

The Rosa Parks Award, given "in recognition of extraordinary acts of ordinary people", is the highest honor bestowed by WICS, a coalition of five major national women's groups with a membership of several million.

Founded in 1964, WICS is comprised of the National Councils of Negro Women, Jewish Women, and Catholic Women, Church Women United, and American GI Forum Women.



MRS. PARKS

## Michaux Wants Urban and Rural Areas Partnership in North Carolina

By Milton Jordan  
For Mickey Michaux, politics challenges, is a little frightening, but also satisfies. And now, after more than four years away from the daily grind, and the mind-numbing pressures of elected office, Michaux wants back in.

He's running for U.S. Congressman from the Second District, and says he wants to go to Washington to help stem the tide of what he calls "the new meanness in this current administration". To do that,

Michaux advocates forming a "new partnership" between the people of Durham, with its urban flavor and technological sophistication, and the people who live in the rest of the district that is mostly rural.

"Why can't we work together as a whole," Michaux asked rhetorically, moving quickly to answer the question with a couple of examples. "Why not use the knowledge we have in high technology in Durham, for example, to help improve the farm-

ing situation in the rest of the district? Or why can't we, in Durham, understand that Person County's unemployment rate hovers around 17 per cent, urge a new industry that is looking to relocate in the area to consider that end of the district, rather than trying to put everything in Durham?"

Michaux considers this approach of his campaign theme, a "new idea" for a new district. Durham County, with its 150,000 people, its urban character and its position

at a major corner of the Research Triangle, became a part of the Second Congressional District, following a tough redistricting fight in the Legislature. It joins Caswell, Edgecombe, Granville, Halifax, Nash, Person, Vance, Warren and Wilson counties, key areas in the state's largely rural eastern crescent.

For more than thirty years, L.H. Fountain represented the Second District in Congress, warding off opposition with almost embarrassing ease. Durham's addition to the district, and presumably Michaux's entrance in the race changed the entire complexion of Second District politics, and Fountain bowed out of the contest, throwing the field wide open.

Quickly the political rumor mills began pumping out names of possible candidates for Fountain's seat from one end of the district to another. But so far, only one hat, other than Michaux's is actually in the hopper. I.T. "Tim" Valentine, a Nashville attorney, announced last week he, too, will run for the Second District seat.

But no one expects the Second District race to wind up being a Michaux-Valentine contest. The field is expected to get a lot more crowded with both Democrats and Republicans before the filing deadline passes.

Many political experts consider this Second District race to be one of the most important in the country, mostly because Republicans might consider themselves as having a chance at the seat for the first time in thirty years, and North Carolinians who back Reagan might not want to send Michaux to Congress, knowing that he's going to battle Reagan over the so-called New Federalism concept.

Michaux looks at all this with his usual confidence. He really relishes the excitement, the possible controversy, even the possibility that the contest could boil into an urban-rural con-



DR. FORT

## Class III Baines Tapped As Kellogg Fellow

BATTLE CREEK, MICH. — Dr. Tyrone R. Baines, vice chancellor for university relations at North Carolina Central University, is one of fifty outstanding young American professionals chosen for Class III of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's National Fellowship Program.

The Fellowship Program, initiated in 1980, is aimed at helping the nation expand its vital pool of capable leaders. The program is structured to increase individuals' skills and insights into areas outside their chosen disciplines so they can deal more creatively and effectively with society's problems.

Baines, 39, joined North Carolina Central University in 1972 after serving as a personnel relations specialist and assistant director of summer interns with the Office of Economic Opportunity, Washington, D.C., where he recruited, hired, and supervised employees for the OEO Youth Program. In 1978, he was selected as an American Council on Education Fellow in Education Administration. Prior to that time, he was the recipient of a number of fellowships including the Ford Foundation Advanced Study Research Fellowship and a Woodrow Wilson-Martin Luther King, Jr. Fellowship.

A native of Exmore, Virginia, Baines earned (Continued On Page 3)

## New A&T Chancellor Says: Vision, Planning Key to Survival of Black College

By Milton Jordan  
GREENSBORO — Leaning forward in his chair, his wiry frame taut with intensity, Dr. Edward Fort ticks off the superlatives he believes characterize A&T State University, making it, as he says, "representative of one of the top four university systems in the country."

Fort will be officially inaugurated as A&T's new chancellor Saturday. "Our school of engineering is one of only three in the state system," he said, "and through my office, our school sits on the governing board that establishes policy for the microelectronics industry in this state, and we have one of only twenty accredited industrial technology programs in the state."

Fort, 50, who became A&T's seventh chief administrator in September, following the retirement of Dr. Lewis Dowdy, preaches the university's story with an almost religious intensity. He cites facts and data, plans and objectives — a great many of which are underway. He also talks candidly about the school's problems.

When he came to A&T from Wisconsin, where for the past seven years, he'd headed the University of Wisconsin system, Fort inherited a sprawling 181-acre urban campus, more than 5,000 students, and a solid academic program that now includes seven schools and a division of industrial technology. But all was not roses.

The university's fiscal affairs were a mess, such a mess in fact that the state auditor once said he felt that things were so bad that the books would never be straightened out well enough to determine what had gone wrong, or exactly whose fault it was. Graduates of A&T's nursing program almost traditionally fare poorly on the National Nursing Examination, and the school is under a mandate to improve the passage rate or lose the program.

Undaunted by these problems, Fort jumped right into what he calls "the most challenging job of my professional career." He describes his new role this way: "I view myself as an educational evangelist. I see my prime role as that of building programs for students who have been historically denied access to secondary and post-secondary opportunities. I view my latest challenge at A&T as being the personification of that role."

So Fort, a Detroit native and former public school superintendent in Inkster, Michigan and Sacramento, California, believes A&T is thoroughly prepared to give its students the strong academic foundation they will need for jobs and careers in a highly technological society. But he quickly notes that A&T's emphasis on technical education, which includes schools of engineering, nursing, business and economics, as well as a division of industrial technology, does not negate the need for a strong general education.

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MICKEY MICHAUX, THE BUSINESSMAN, studies documents in his Durham office. He is both an attorney and a principal part of the family businesses, though his brother, Eric, actually runs the enterprises.



MICKEY MICHAUX, THE POLITICIAN, chats comfortably with supporters during a Durham political fund-raiser following his announcement for the Second District Congressional seat.

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