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was appointed U.S. Attorney for the Middle District of the state. Then the scramble began to find a replacement for his state house seat.

Clement was appointed but he became a lame duck legislator in a sense because, in the interim, the Durham Committee voted to endorse both Clement and Kenneth Spaulding for the seat that was up for election in

That was the straw that broke Clement away from the Committee.

Clement says the reason the Durham Committee didn't endorse only him was because of fear that he was "unelectable." Clement says that's another way of saying Spaulding appealed more to whites than he.

Clement's radical days had come

back to haunt him.

Being pragmatic, the Committee believed that Clement's previous "radical" work would cost blacks a state house seat.

"There are people in leadership roles today," Clement says, "that wouldn't touch us with a ten foot pole," referring to Spaulding.

Spaulding says he was in law school during that part of the turbulent '60's. Clement suggests that Spaulding wouldn't have gotten involved anyway. Spaulding declined to answer Clement's charges, saying the voters decided Clement's fate.

'When they equated my 17 years of service," Clement says, "with Spaulding's, who hadn't done anything, that told me I was wasting my time. That told me what they thought," he said of the Durham Committee's famous "double endorsement" of 1978.

"They used and abused me," he says, "and when I needed them, they never came to my defense."

Clement says Michaux encouraged the Committee's double endorsement, but Michaux says the Committee was struggling so hard deciding who to endorse until he recommended the double endorsement to open floor discussions. "It surprised me," Michaux said, "that the members voted to endorse both."

Michaux supported his brother. Eric, to fill his vacant seat, but Clement won that battle and Eric decided against running for the seat. After that, Michaux said he sent Clement a letter of support, but Clement never responded.

"I never fell out with Howard. He fell out with me," Michaux said.
"The only reason I didn't support him to fill the rest of my term is because my brother was interested and I sure wasn't about to forsake my brother."

Michaux said Clement has made valuable contributions to the black community and added that Clement had been castigated. He said the same thing happened to him when he ran for the State House three unsuccessful times.

Michaux spoke of the "radical" image problem he had before being a local prosecutor. The election returns of '78 show Clement had the same image problem. He got slightly fewer votes in black precincts than Spaulding, but Spaulding, lacking the radical image, appealed more to white voters and those voters proved to be the margin of victory for Spaulding.

But Clement believed the double endorsement wronged him and he set out on a vengeance course. He doesn't disagree, but he says it differently.

"I changed approach because I can't work through the Committee any more. The hatchet is still in my back. Some people that I worked for turned against me."

Now, Clement works mostly through the Durham Chamber of Commerce, viewed by many as a white conservative haven for businessmen.

"I know where I stand with the people in the Chamber," Clement says. "I know they are not to be trusted so we deal face up.

So, at 48, Clement contineus to battle the Durham Committee and the Committee continues to battle him

"They say I sold the black community out - show me how?", Clement asks.

One of the biggest rumors circulating has to do with Clement's tenure as chairman of the Durham County, Democratic Executive Committee. In 1977, he allegedly went against the Committee's wishes by appointing conservatives on the executive committee.

But Clement says he believes in the "polities of inclusion," and that some of the same persons that he was criticized for siding with are the same that other blacks are seen forming alliances with.

Committee members have also charged that Clement, while in the State House, voted to close black colleges and universities and took other stands against the black community's

best interests. But a check of all bills that Clement voted on during the short session of 1978 shows nothing to substantiate

those charges. Clement has taken stands that he says are his personal beliefs that may

have cost him support.

For example, he didn't support liquor by the drink, though the Com-

mittee did. He wanted to see Durham stay in the Fourth Congressional District, while the Committee fought hard to get it in the Second. And that's one thing that Clement and Michaux;

## NCCU Law Grads Tutor First Year Students

By Edward Bishop

A NCCU Law School student organization has started a tutorial society to assist first year law students in adJusting to the tigors of studying

The Society, named for former Atlanta Maynard Mayor Holbrook Jackson, is run by Central's chapter of the Black American Law Students Association.

According to the chapter's president, Monte Watkins, the tutorial society is open to all students and to any Durhamite with an inlearning in something about contract, property or per-

sonal injury law. About 35 first-year students attended the society's first session which was held in the law school on Saturday morning two weeks ago. The next session is scheduled

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are more likely to vote black than

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more, but in each case, Clement's

public stands have conflicted with

those of the Committee or Spaulding.

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either side extending the olive branch.

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look to the Committee for leadership

Dr. Cleveland Hammonds.

Superintendent

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hike in the state's gasoline tax, while

whites who live in the rural areas.

Spaulding fought it.

stand to be the losers.

for this Saturday morning at 10 a.m.

"The first year of law school is very rough," said Watkins, a second student Nashville, Tennessee. What we are attempting to do is to make the transition from college to professional school less difficult."

"Many schools which offer graduate programs in law have tutorial programs for first year law students, but Central, which does not have a graduate program in law, does not have one. So, the students put one together themselves." Several recent Central

graduates tutor in the program. The students spend about 45 minutes on each subject. Steve Redmond, a first year student from Eden-ton, said, "I think the help.

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first year students. It is good to have that kind of

Watkins said that most of the students enjoyed the first session. that his organization intended to and concentrate on exam taking techniques during

Central Dean Charles Daye said that he was recent graduates were participating in the program, and that the law school intended to support the students' ef-

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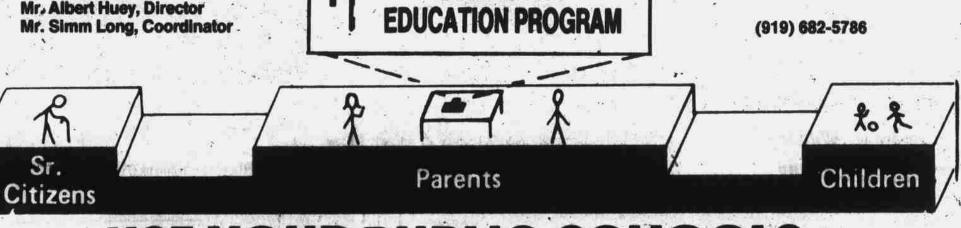
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