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Eight Democrats Challenge Helms

By Yvette McCullough Staff Reporter

There are eight democratic candidates running for the 1980 House race and with the primary only a few days away, May 2, the candidates are engaging in heavy politicking.

"The campaign has sunk to a new low in the final days," Candidate John Ingram said in a statement last week. "The Banker Candidate (Luther Hodges) in a desperation move has launched a mud-slinging attack."

Ingram said that Hodges has tried to divert attention from his wealth and ties to big banks and insurance companies by attacking Ingram's wife.

Ingram is referring to the statement in which Hodges was quoted in a

story as saying, he thought Ingram had not revealed all his family holdings.

Ingram said that his wife owns no stocks or bonds and her holdings are limited to the real estate, two automobiles and some personal property.

Ingram said that Hodges is attacking his wife so that people won't know that Hodges is trying to "buy this election by spending almost a million dollars."

In a voluntary financial statement released in December of 1977, Hodges listed a total joint net worth of \$887,960 consisting of assets of \$1,264,125 and liabilities of \$376,165.

Hodges has resigned as member of the boards at

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Elton Coleman

Ex-WSSU Worker Plans Lawsuit

By Sharyn Bratcher Staff Reporter

A former employee of Winston-Salem State University is consulting attorney Julius Chambers about his plans to sue the university for \$4.5 million for assault, damage to reputation, and denial of his constitutional rights.

Elton Coleman, who until a few months ago served as WSSU's placement director, charges that WSSU's business manager Willie Grisson threatened to withhold Coleman's paycheck for a budget expenditure disallowed by Grisson, and that Grisson threatened to fight with him when he disputed the matter.

"I think it would be inappropriate for me to comment on the matter,"

Grisson responded when questioned concerning the incident.

Chancellor Douglas Covington could not be reached for comment at press time.

Coleman explained that the events leading up to his dismissal began in June of 1977 when he wanted to attend a college placement convention in Savannah, Georgia. There were no funds available at that time in the placement office budget, so Coleman drew a \$223 advance against the next year's budget. The money was given to him by the business office, and he attended the convention.

On January 26th, 1978 the business office called for the "paper work" concerning his trip. Coleman turned it in. When he was asked for further itemization, he said, he furnished that as well.

Finally, says Coleman, he was told that the money for the trip would not be authorized by the business office at all. He states that Grisson stated his intention of keeping Coleman's January paycheck to pay for the cost of the trip.

When Coleman suggested to Grisson that he send the matter to Raleigh to be decided by the budget people there, he says Grisson "jumped up with his fists balled up."

"I beat him to the punch," Coleman con-

needs to go but I do not feel they have enough votes," the spokesperson said.

Alderman Virginia Newell said that she believes in giving a person a chance and that if Powell is given a chance he will work with the aldermen.

"I think that he has

Black Leaders Discuss Possible Powell Firing

By Yvette McCullough Staff Reporter

During the heated debates between the Board of Alderman on the Community Development discussions many people felt that the city manager Orville Powell did nothing to ease the tension, and try to bring some unity back to the board.

Also there are feelings among some people in the black community that Powell is "a stumbling block."

"The biggest stumbling block in the black community is Orville Powell and the cliques that he has in the community," said a notable black spokesperson, who wished not to be quoted.

"I think there are some feelings among the black Aldermen that Powell

been asked to work with slum and the blighted area."

Newell said "I hope he will want to work with us."

"We're not interested in personal advantage," Newell continued. "But we do want to eliminate

"Right now I don't think there is a situation," Alderman Vivian Burke said. "It was the reporter's interpretation in the news article."

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Dr. Covington Announces Top Priorities for WSSU

By Sharyn Bratcher Staff Writer

Recruiting more academically talented students and expanding the campus are two of the items on a list of priorities issued last week by WSSU Chancellor Dr. H. Douglas Covington.

"I maintain that if Winston-Salem State is to realize its full potential, the Community's leadership must decide that our City (like Charlotte, Raleigh, Durham, Wilmington, and Greensboro) needs and deserves a major public university of superior quality," Dr. Covington wrote in pre-

facing his list.

The chancellor's priorities included:

- Improvement and strengthening of existing undergraduate programs.
- Development and implementation of new undergraduate programs, and the planning of graduate level programs.
- Development and implementation of programs designed to correct existing academic deficiencies among WSSU students.
- Extended education (outreach service) programs designed to draw upon the community's human resources and to meet diverse community needs.



graduate level studies leading to a Master's Degree in business administration, public administration, education, and communication arts.

Besides offering graduate programs, he plans to broaden the undergraduate program to offer degrees leading to careers in photography, journalism, dramatics, radio and television, public relations, etc.

WSSU's existing programs in nursing, teacher education, extended education, business and cooperative education are all slated to be re-examined and strengthened.

The chancellor's plans to enhance student learning include: 1) a revitalized recruitment program aimed at academically talented, motivated students; 2) a testing program designed to identify students with achievement deficits; 3) diagnostic testing and academic

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AFL-CIO Backs Richard Erwin

The Committee on Political Education (COPE) of the North Carolina State AFL-CIO joins with Governor Hunt and other concerned and responsible citizens in endorsing incumbent Judge Richard C. Erwin in the Democratic Primary race for Appellate Judge.

The AFL-CIO cites as reasons for its endorsement, Judge Erwin's present record of service on the State Court of Appeals along with his past record of political, legislative and community service.

Prior to his appointment



Richard Erwin to the bench, Judge Erwin ably represented his constituents in the 1975, 1976

Hanes Board Picks First Black Woman

Jewel Lafontant, former Deputy Solicitor General of the United States, was elected to the board of directors of the Hanes Corporation at its annual meeting recently. Mrs. Lafontant was one of two women elected to the board. The other was Madelyn P. Jennings, Vice President, Human Resources, Standard Brands, Inc.

Ms. Lafontant is the first black to serve on the board of this Winston-Salem, N.C. basic consumer goods marketing company. She is the senior partner in the Chicago law firm of Lafontant, Wilkins, and Fisher and serves as Special Assistant Attorney General for the state of Illinois. Ms. Lafontant also serves as a corporate director of Trans World Airlines, Continental Illinois Corporation Bank, The Bendix Corporation, Foote, Cone and Belding and The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States.

Robert E. Elbertson, President and Chief Executive Officer, said, "We are delighted Ms. Lafontant accepted our offer to serve



First to Serve...

on the Hanes Corporation's board. We believe the expertise she has gained as a lawyer, government official and board member of numerous other corporations will aid us in continuing our successful growth as a consumer goods marketing company."

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Cultural Project Funding Available

Winston-Salem, North Carolina -- The Arts Council Projects Committees, Community Service Projects and Urban Arts Resource, announced today that they are now accepting proposals for cultural projects to be carried out between July 1, 1978 -- December 31, 1978. Deadline for submission for Round I consideration is May 15, 1978.

This project funding is made available through a special grant established by the Arts Council Fund-drive. For application forms, criteria for funding and any further information contact the Arts Council office.

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Tuesday's
May 2nd
Primary

'Art Is' Participants Give Library Performance

By Yvette McCullough Staff Reporter

Participants in the Urban Arts "Art Is" House got a chance Wednesday night to display their various talents in drama, dance and music in a program held at the East Winston Branch Library.

The "Art Is" house is for young people interested in pursuing the performing arts. The house tries to identify the raw talents of its participants and then develop those talents.

The program Wednesday night consisted of dance routines performed to the music "I Don't Need Anything But You" from the Broadway musical "Annie" and the music "Serpentine Fire."

Also scenes were performed from "A Son

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In a program presented by the Urban Arts "Art Is" house the drummers perform to Silver Streak, at the East Winston Library. Drummers participating were Ronald Travis, Jessie Travis, James Littlejohn, Barry Boykins, Benjamin Bohannon, Jr., Richard Scales and James Wright.