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Tanglewood Dumps Its Black Caterer

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Despite lengthy discussions and strong opposition from various black members, the Tanglewood Park board approved a new food service contractor for the park. If the board goes through with its plan, the number of black employees will increase to three. The park voted to begin negotiations with Epicure Management Services, a white South Carolina food service organization, and to terminate the present lease with Thomas C. Jackson, Jr., who owned the park. Attorney David Wagner, a member of the board, said that he objected to the manner in which the agreement with Epicure had been arrived. Epicure at some previous time came to Tanglewood to render consulting service regarding the present food service," Wagner said. "Epicure elicited criticism at the

present food services, then came back and made a proposal." Wagner also said that there were serious questions that needed to be answered. He said that he wanted to know whether management attempted to bring about a change? And he wanted to know whether Epicure wasn't told to go and look at Jackson's service and then come back and make a better proposal. "It appears that Epicure offers something that Mr. Jackson already provides and that Mr. Jackson is offering something better in his new food service offer," Wagner said. "Epicure is white, and Mr. Jackson is black and he's being crucified." W. Roger Lemmons, Tanglewood Manager said that they are interested in promoting the park and increasing the volume of business. He said that he wanted the park to serve
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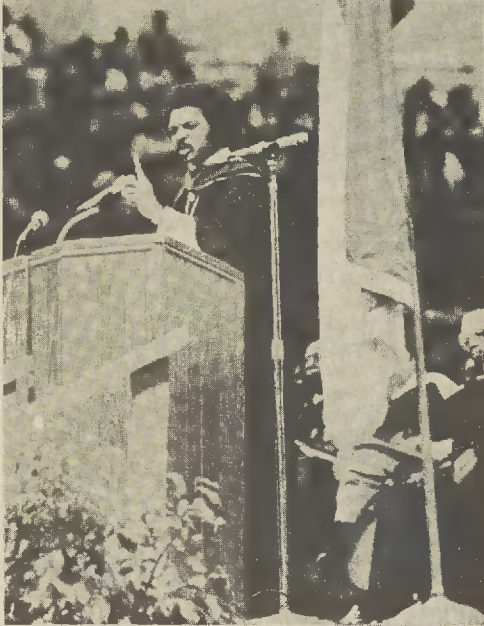


photo by Hugh Smith

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Commencement speaker for A&T State University, favors the preservation of predominantly black universities, comparing them to the schools of other ethnic groups, such as Holy Cross and Brandeis.

Jesse Jackson

A&T Must Fulfill Needs of Blacks

By Wayne Lottinville
Peacemaker Staff Writer

"The question is not whether you have been to this university," Jesse Jackson told A&T University's graduating class Sunday, "but whether this university has become a part of you." No one really knows how much of an impression years of study had made on this class of over 1,000 1978 Aggie grads, but the address presented by Jackson, a former A&T student now president of Operation PUSH (People United to Save Humanity) had them smiling, laughing, standing, and loudly clapping. One obligation of college students, advised the Baptist minister, "is to sit at the feet of learned men and hear." Jackson spoke of the inequality between the

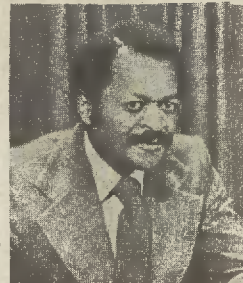
and the role black schools can play in rectifying it.
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Beaty Promotion Angers Community

By Sharyn Bratcher
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Many of the same people who applauded Alexander Beaty's promotion to city personnel director in November are now registering dismay or outright disapproval at his recent appointment to Deputy City Manager. The reaction is not aimed at Beaty personally. Virtually all of those who commented on Beaty's promotion acknowledged that he was a capable man, well-liked in the community. The objection to the decision is the fact that it cuts the number of high-ranking blacks in city government from five to four, and there is a strong possibility that Beaty's position as personnel director will not be filled. "That decision has not been made yet," Beaty stated. City officials are still deliberating whether to appoint another personnel director, or whether to let Beaty continue those duties in addition to his responsibilities as Deputy City Manager. Beaty himself will have some input in this decision.

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pointed assistant city manager, Rudolph Booneham, Urban Arts Administrator, Dorothy Graham, music education instructor.
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Michaux Urges Blacks To Use Voting Power

By Sharyn Bratcher
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The Winston-Salem Chapter of the NAACP capped its 1978 membership drive with the annual Freedom Fund Dinner, featuring as guest speaker H.M. (Mickey) Michaux, U.S. Attorney of the Middle District Court of North Carolina.

In his speech to the banquet guests, Michaux urged blacks to write their own Emancipation Proclamation, by using their voting power. He pointed out that only 20% about of North Carolina's black population votes. This lack of participation deprives black of considerable potential power to influence the governing of the state.

Patrick Hairston, president of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the NAACP announced that the organization will open an office soon. He cited contributions from R.J. Reynolds and Hanes Corporation which helped to make the venture possible.



Mickey Michaux, guest speaker at the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet, urges blacks to "write their own Emancipation Proclamation" through voting power.

"Prejudice still exists because people don't care," Hairston told the group. "Many blacks in Winston-Salem say they don't even know the NAACP exists, but I don't buy that. Because as soon as they get in trouble, they find us." Hairston also presented

a number of awards. High school students Beverly Matthews and Sharon McLaughlin were honored for scholastic achievement.
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Downtown Loses Another Business

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Proposals to revitalize downtown with townhouses have been discussed and are in the planning stages, but even promises of revitalization may not be enough. Downtown has been deteriorating for years and it looks as though it may get worse before it gets better. Businesses have been leaving downtown in droves and within the next few weeks downtown will lose another one. Home Credit located at 601 N. Liberty Street will be leaving downtown within the next few weeks, according to its manager Lou Wagner. Wagner said that he is disappointed in the way the area near his

business is kept. "Winos and drunks keep harassing my customers," Wagner said. "If we didn't have a 10-year lease we would have moved five years ago." Wagner said that the other stores in the area are "stuck" because they own their building. "We had a good downtown business for 40 years," Wagner said. "We still have a good downtown business, but staying in this location isn't worth it." Wagner said that the area is deserted except for winos and drunks, and that some stores in that area were forced out of business because their windows were broken after
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Candidates Request Run-Off Elections

Two Democratic candidates for County Commissioner have called for a runoff election. David L. Drummond and B.C. Hall, who received the majority of votes necessary to win the election. Incumbent commissioner Roy G. Hall, Jr. announced Friday and Saturday respectively that they would be in the runoff election. On the Republican side, Ed Swisher won one of the nominations, but runner Richard V.

Linville will have to face third place candidate Frank E. Rhodes, who requested a runoff for the second seat. In announcing his plans at the Board of Elections Friday, R. Lewis Ray, the only black candidate still in the race, pledged to save County dollars for the taxpayers. "I solicit the support of all the citizens of Forsyth County in the May 30 runoff, because I know the citizens of Forsyth County have a friend in R. Lewis (Bobby) Ray," Ray stated. In the State Senate Race
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Black YMCAs Sponsor Southeast Consortium

Yvette McCullough
Staff Reporter
"Survival Alone is not enough" was the theme of the Southeast Region Consortium of Black YMCAs fourth annual conference, which was held May 3-6 at the Winston-Salem Hyatt House. Black YMCAs are celebrating their 125th anniversary. The conference was sponsored by the Winston-Salem Patterson Avenue YMCA and the Hayes-Taylor Memorial YMCA of Greensboro. One of the keynote speakers for the conference was the Honorable Judge Elreta M. Alexander, of Greensboro, the first black woman to be elected to the judgeship in the United States. "The black YMCA was an outgrowth of a need to grow grace and fellowship," Judge Alexander said. "The Black Y's role is to solve the problems that are common to them and to avoid that needs to be

She said that when the men founded this country and wrote, "All men are created equal, they meant only a select few." "It was a government of the many by the few," Judge Alexander said. "We (blacks) think we're free but we aren't free at all." "Our vision is limited," Alexander continued. "This new elitism is racism, which is leaving us weaker except for Black Y's, Black churches, and black institutions. She said that elitism is a new way to rearrange black people and to separate them from each other. "I don't believe in integration if it means leaving our black brothers and sisters behind," Alexander said. "We shouldn't leave our wounded on the battlefield, which is what we do when we cross into the mainstream and leave our culture behind." "We're playing a game of desegregation and inter-
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Judge Alexander

Judge Elreta Alexander addresses audience at the Southeast Region Consortium of Black YMCAs at a banquet held at the Winston-Salem Hyatt House.

Miss Diane Johnson Wins WSSU Pageant

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Miss Diane Johnson won the right Saturday night to represent Winston-Salem State University in the Miss Black America of North Carolina Beauty Pageant, which will be held in Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium June 23-24. Johnson will compete against other winners throughout the state and the winner of the June pageant will participate in the Miss Black America Pageant, which will be nationally televised. Sharon Lassiter was second runner-up and Lauretta Battle was first runner-up. Other contestants competing were Pamela Chasten, Carmen Forbes, Noah Lewis and Edyie Martin. Carmen Forbes was chosen as "Miss Positivity." The contestants were judged on their talent, swim wear, evening wear, and extemporaneous speaking. The judges were Al Beaty newly ap-



Ms. Diane Johnson, WSSU's representative in the Miss Black America of North Carolina Pageant models her swim wear in the competition which was held in WSSU's Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium.

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