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## In Chronicle Issues Forum

# Horton, Neal Clash

By Yvette McCullough

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Congressional candidates Hamilton Horton and Steve Neal clashed over tax reduction, tuition credits and the performance of two-time incumbent Neal and the Democratic Party during the first Chronicle Issues Forum held Monday night at Winston-Salem State University.

The two candidates appeared at the forum to discuss issues affecting the black citizens of the 5th District. They were asked questions by a panel of newsmen: Rudy Anderson of WAAA, Tim Carr of WSJS and Sharyn Bratcher, managing editor of the Chronicle. The candidates were also asked questions supplied by the audience.

Republican candidate Horton attacked the Democratic party by saying that it uses blacks, and that decades of loyalty in Winston-Salem has only brought destruction of black neighborhoods in their communities.

"I think the black community is sick and tired of being used by one party, being taken for granted throughout the whole year, then around about election time they come over to East Winston swooning like

Romeo after Juliet," Horton remarked.

Neal responded by saying that he doesn't like to criticize the other party, and that he has been responsive to the needs of black people in the district.

"My practice since coming to this country is to treat people alike," Neal stated. "Whatever race, party, black, white, young or old it's never made a difference to us."

The two candidates also disagreed over tax reduction. Horton favored the Kemp-Roth bill as a means of reducing taxes and securing more jobs. Neal said that the bill was for the wealthy.

"Jobs, taxes and the spiraling cost of living are related," Horton said. "If we want jobs, meaningful jobs, jobs with the hope of advancement, jobs with something to them besides broom pushing, we want to have a fair slice of that economic pie, then the federal government is not going to give it to us, it's up to the private sector," Horton said. "It takes money to get those jobs... and to get the money we need to have a deep and permanent tax cut along the lines of the Kemp-Roth bill."

Horton said that the Kemp-Roth bill would leave

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Hamilton Horton



Steve Neal

## Job Freezes Hamper Affirmative Action

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City Manager Orville H. Powell says the job freeze city government has been in for most of the past two years makes it difficult to meet affirmative action goals.

During a Chronicle Questions and Answers interview, Powell said, "I've been losing positions. You can't lose positions on a very steady workforce--we have very little turnover--and expect to do much (in terms of affirmative action).

Powell said the current job freeze is necessary to save \$200,000 needed to balance the city budget. "The job freeze will have to last at least six months and probably the full year," said the city manager.

"The first month, it saved \$18,000, which is not enough," said Powell. "If we

don't do better than that, we won't be able to meet the payroll come the end of May or June."

During a job freeze, vacant positions are left unfilled, except for emergency positions. Powell said the freeze is the reason why assistant city manager Al Beatty continues to also hold his old post as personnel director. Under this arrangement, the city is saving the salary of the director's post.

The manager also said:

- programs funded by federal money have more blacks at high levels because those agencies are "where the personnel expansion has been."
- he will almost certainly appoint whom ever the Human Relations Commission recommends to be its director.
- that additional federal urban renewal

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## City Agencies Lack High Level Blacks

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There are 12 departments in the City of Winston-Salem that have no blacks employed in the professional or administrative category and eight departments that have no women employed in the administrative capacity, according to statistics released by assistant city manager Alexander Beatty. The statistical report was requested by members of the Board of Aldermen at the affirmative action review in July.

In addition to the distribution of officials/administrators and professionals by race and sex, the report covers the promotional breakdown by race and sex, the participants in the masters degree program and the average salary of black and white employees in the service maintenance department.

The report was done after black members of the Board of Aldermen complained that the affirmative action policy lacked specifics.

"You can make statistics do exactly what you want them to," Alderman Virginia Newell said at the meeting in July. "You still need to zero in on where we (blacks) are in the city government."

The departments that lacked blacks in administrative jobs are City Attorney, Budget, Claims/Safety, Personnel, Public Relations, Civil Preparedness, Community Development, Finance, Management Services, Public Works, Convention Center/Coliseum and the Dixie Classic Fair.

The departments that lacked females in the administrative capacity are City

Attorney, Evaluation, Economic Development and Human Services and the departments with female administrators are Public Relations, Civil Preparedness and Human Services.

City Manager Orville Power attributed the lack of blacks in some administrative departments to the city's job freeze.

"Any kind of staff kind of function will remain frozen, that's the kind of position we can get along without," Powell said in a Chronicle interview.

"It's purely economical," Powell continued. "I have to save \$200,000 to make the payroll. Some positions have to be frozen and just because a black held a position doesn't mean that that position is a black position forever."

The report also showed that white males made the most gains in terms of promotions, during the period from April 1 to June 30 of this year and that the black female made the least gains.

There were five black participants in the Masters Degree programs, four males and one female, and six white participants, five males and one female.

In the service maintenance category the blacks with the highest average salary is the cemetery caretakers, with an average salary of \$12,607 and the lowest average salary was that of a food service worker with an average salary of \$5,792.

Whites with the highest average salary were also the cemetery caretakers, with an average salary of \$12,607 and the lowest average salary was that of the food service worker with a slightly higher salary than the black counterpart of \$5,972.

## County Action Likely on Acting Manager

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with Jenkins' wife and physicians.

Hauser and Mrs. Jenkins asked for support for the county manager, who Mrs. Jenkins said suffers from an "acute depression." She said Jenkins entered a private hospital in Raleigh for evaluation and treatment on Monday.

Commission Chairman Fred D. Hauser said, "Certain decisions have to be met," during a Tuesday afternoon press conference

month, which would have fallen on September 4, was cancelled due to Labor Day.

However, the commission can call a special meeting with only 48 hours notice.

Hauser called a special meeting "possible," but said he needed to talk with the rest of the commission before making a definite statement. The commission holds a briefing session Thursday, August 31

Center. The center's status during which an agreement has been up in the air since

on whether to hold a special before Jenkins took office.

the latest point of dispute has been the supervision of the center's nurses by the public health department.

Jenkins has failed to meet with either RH administrator Dennis Magovern or advisory board chairman C.P. Booker to discuss the situation.

Another lingering problem is Reynolds Health Center. The center's status during which an agreement has been up in the air since

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## CETAs Clean Up Winston Lake

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Until very recently, the Winston Lake park was troubled with uncontrollable underbrush and in need of painting and other maintenance on benches and buildings.

Fishermen were bothered by snakes and insects who spawned in the growth around the lake.

The problem had grown worse over the years because recreation maintenance has been high on the list of items cut back because of budgetary shortages.

However, this year the city recreation department has been able to begin catching up on some of the long-delayed maintenance because of a special federally-funded CETA

jobs program which utilizes high school students year round.

"Without these CETA people, it would have been neglected," said John Bowie, a recreation department maintenance supervisor who has had a crew of 25 youths, both male and female, working since April.

"The park was in such a bad state," said Bowie. "The grass gets cut but they don't have time to get at the underbrush around the lake and the picnic areas."

Under the direction of Bowie and fellow supervisor Dennis Chisholm, the workers have used picks, shovels, axes and rakes to pull out underbrush around the lake and park grounds. Bowie said herbicides are

being spread in the cleared area "so that when we leave here, it will take less maintenance."

He said the herbicides are being used at a safe distance from the lake so as not to disturb the ecological balance. Both Bowie and Chisholm have taken special training in use of herbicides.

"This whole project is designed to make this park more feasible for recreation," said Bowie. "For one of our prime patrons, the fishermen, we are eliminating the possibility of snakes. They can fish more at ease."

Bowie and Chisholm said the work experience has had an impact on the youth. "We try to teach them to work harmoniously; we do a lot of counseling," said Chisholm.

All the students in the program are required to attend school. Once school starts, they will begin working three hours a day after classes.

Doug Hearn, city manpower planning director, said the program was made possible by special funds in the latest federal Youth Employment and Training Act.

"Up to now, most of the CETA youth programs have been oriented towards income maintenance and orientation," said Hearn. "Now, there's a recognition, at least at the federal level, that some new approaches are needed."

The year-round work program is intended to demonstrate new ways of dealing with youth programs, said Hearn.

She stood on a downtown street corner, tall, slim and attractive with a stately bearing. Her medium-sized Afro glistened in the sunlight.

Next to her, in the classic "rapping" position, was a diligent young brother engaged in the attempt to make acquaintances.

I didn't mean to listen in as I approached the corner. It was just one of those things.

She was saying, "I'm interested in somebody who's doing something, who's got something on the ball."

By that time, the light changed and I proceeded on across the street. However, I did faintly hear the sound of the young "rapper" making his reply to that objection from his foil.

Young Ms. X, as we shall term her, had apparently discovered in her life that action and not talk is the most important way to evaluate a person.

Simple as that may seem, it's a lesson many "smooth talkers" and even smoother listeners have not yet learned upon, despite the endless line of R&B hits that talk about "Runaway Love" and "Jody" and all the rest of them.

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Bernard Williams, one of 20 teens working to clean up Winston Lake, chops away at underbrush. Williams and his co-workers are paid through a special CETA jobs program.

