

# newsline

Black political coalitions in Virginia and Alabama made important endorsements for elections in their states, after fierce lobbying from closely-matched white candidates.

In Virginia, the Crusade for Voters, a 15-year-old non-partisan group, endorsed Democratic U.S. Senate contender Andrew P. Miller over Republican Senate hopeful John W. Warner.

Both candidates spoke to the crusade, which met in Richmond, before the 57-33 vote in favor of Miller. Accompanying Warner was his wife, actress Elizabeth Taylor.

In Alabama, the Alabama Democratic Conference met in Montgomery and endorsed Attorney General Bill Baxley for governor, among other candidates. Baxley recently gained national recognition for prosecuting the slayers of three young black girls during a 1963 church bombing.

ADC Chairman Joe Reed predicted that the candidates would receive 180,000 black votes in the state's Democratic primary.

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**RALEIGH**--Col. John Jenkins, State Highway Patrol Commander, has called the Labor Day weekend one of the most dangerous weekends of the year.

He said 145 persons have been killed during the Labor Day weekend since 1972. Sixteen persons died last year.

"Most people see the Labor Day holiday as their last opportunity for a long weekend before school opens, and they try to drive too great a distance in too short a time," said Jenkins. "As a result, some motorists exceed the speed limit to reach their destination."

Jenkins said there will be stepped-up highway enforcement during the holiday, which lasts from Friday, Sept. 1 to Monday, Sept. 4.

The Highway Patrol commander also offered tips to drivers regarding the re-opening of school. He said motorists should either choose alternative routes to avoid school traffic or leave home early.

Extra driving time can increase the chance of arriving at work on time without experiencing the buildup of emotional tension associated with traffic congestion, said Jenkins.

"I recognize that school buses traveling the streets and highways during peak traffic hours add to traffic congestion, but citizens must realize that these buses are within their legal rights," said Jenkins.

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**SALISBURY**--Dr. F. George Shipman, president of Livingstone College, has announced that the division of planning and advancement received a grant of \$25,000 from the Ford Foundation of New York to strengthen the planning effort at the college.

Dr. Larry R. Shannon, who heads the Division of Planning and Advancement, said the grant will allow the hiring of a research assistant for planning and will provide some funds for consultants. "The grant is a big boost for us," said Shannon. "It will allow me to spend more time evaluating and interpreting data."

Long range planning, traditionally associated with big business and industry has become just as important for institutions of higher education.

"The day has past for the college that does not plan, said Shannon." Of the factors that have caused colleges to tighten up their management functions, inflation, a smaller student pool and increased pressure from funding agencies both public and private for stricter accountability standards looms largest.

**RALEIGH**--The new director of the state apprenticeship division of the Department of Labor has pledged a special emphasis on recruiting minorities, women and the handicapped for apprenticeship programs.

"We shall place special emphasis upon recruiting women, minorities and handicapped individuals as apprentices and on-the-job trainees," said Douglas G. Ellis, apprenticeship director.

Labor Commissioner John C. Brooks said the appointment of Ellis, a former apprenticeship official in Oregon, is part of a planned expansion of training programs in this state.

"We are determined to expand the scope and improve the quality of apprenticeship training in North Carolina," said Brooks. "If employers and young people were taking full advantage of this program, we could have 10,000 apprentices in active training instead of only 3,000."

## Smoke Signals From Page 1.

I wondered what impact the words of Ms. X had had on young Mr. X.

Later that evening, I hit the street again. Who did I see but Mr. X, this time, rapping to not one, but two attractive young ladies.

I suppose I got my answer. He was more interested in the law of averages than anything else.--John Templeton

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aid should be allocated for areas such as the Liberty-Patterson area and that he and Mayor Wayne A. Corpening will be looking at a Wilmington plan designed to increase the availability of home mortgages for low-and moderate-income families.

• that property tax cutbacks of the amounts advocated by S.T.O.P. would

result in cutbacks of police, fire and sanitation services funded through property tax revenues, and

• that some city employees are learning to read for the first time in their lives because of classes provided at work by the city.

Excerpts of the interview begin on page five.



Hamilton Horton (left) Rudy Anderson -WAAA News (upper left) John Templeton-Winston-Salem Chronicle (upper right), Tim Carr-WSJS News (lower left), Sharyn Bratcher Winston-Salem Chronicle and Steve Neal.

Photos by Roland Watts

## Some Questions Answered, Many Linger

Since the days of former President Richard Nixon and the Watergate scandal, politics have left a bad taste in the mouths of many Americans and politicians have become dirty words.

Politicians are known for being dishonest, making promises that they can't and don't keep and for talking out of both sides of their mouths.

However, because I try to judge each man or woman based on his own merit, I tried to sit and listen objectively to the two congressional candidates, Hamilton Horton and Steve Neal at the Chronicle's Issues Forum, Monday night at WSSU's Student Union.

I had not formed an opinion toward the candidates before the forum and after the forum, I felt pretty much the same way, except that both men were very good politicians, (if that can be considered as a compliment.)

both men seemed friendly and relaxed before the forum, shaking hands, posing for pictures, while still managing to do a little campaigning.

The forum was held so that the candidates could address the issues of major concern to the black community. Ironically at the forum blacks were only a little more than half the crowd. There should be no excuse why the black community didn't come out in full force, considering that about 400 people, the majority of them students, were out on the field watching the Marching Rams practice.

The forum was a good opportunity to meet and talk to the candidates, hear their thoughts on vital issues of concern to the black community and a good opportunity to become more politically aware.

In observing and listening to remarks made during and after the forum by members of the audience, some felt that both men somehow managed to side

step some answers and avoid answering some altogether, like the questions about the black colleges and Rhodesia.

I heard one man in the audience remark, "The only difference I see in them is that Horton is shorter and wears glasses."

I think that there are more differences between the two candidates than that and the forum was very helpful in giving the citizens, both black and white, the opportunity to hear the candidates and make their own judgments and form their own opinions.

The candidates did clear up some doubts in my mind, while casting others, but by appearing on the program the two men showed that the black community is important enough and large enough to warrant their attention and concern.

Yvette McCullough

## Jenkins

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information about Jenkins' status.

He said, "I think we're going to be set back on that decision. Whoever they pick will not want to deal with that hot potato."

Jenkins' absence was the second in recent months. During his previous absence, county intergovernmental coordinator Ed Jones was authorized to sign documents. The same arrangement is in effect now.

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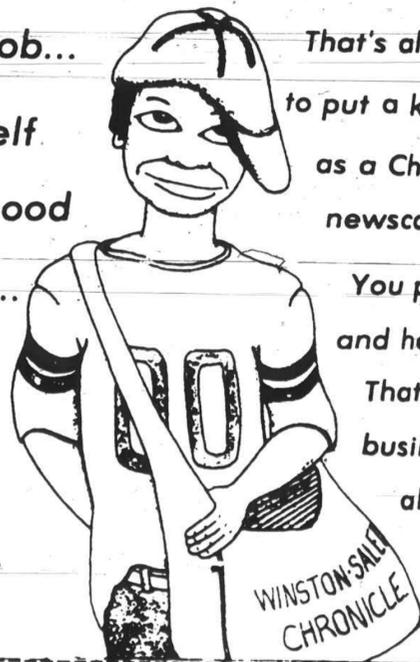
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