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The Chairmen

Making An Impact

By Yvette McCullough and John W. Templeton
Staff Writers

They are outspoken when the occasion calls for it and quiet behind-the-scenes operators at other times.

They have little actual power, yet they hold important posts in local government -- posts through which they can keep track of what's going on inside the government and bring some outside input to the bureaucracy.

Those important posts belong to the men and women chair city and county boards, commissions and committees. Usually, it's the chairman who maintains liaison with administrators and staff and who represents the committee before the aldermen or commissioners.

Four blacks -- C. P. Booker (Reynolds Health Center advisory committee), Mrs. Irene Hairston (Library Board), Dr. Russell Smith (Board of Health), and Bennie Swofford (Animal Shelter Advisory Committee) -- hold such posts for bodies appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. A fifth, H. B. Goodson, is chairman of the Elections Board, which is appointed by the State Elections Board on recommendations from local party officials.

Three blacks -- Rev. Kelly O. P. Goodwin (Human Relations Commission), Thomas Hooper (Solicitations advisory committee), and the newly-appointed Evelyn Terry (ABC Board) -- head city boards, committees or commissions.

Booker and Smith play key roles in one of the biggest issues facing county government, the organization of the Health Department and Reynolds Health Center.

Dr. Smith, who operates a practice on East 3rd Street, supported the controversial merger proposal "for economic reasons;" however, he acknowledges "We're not getting anywhere with it."

Regarding Acting County Manager Ed Jones' plan to come up with a decision on the organization by November, Smith said, "The most important thing is that we get something going on."

"They probably need to cancel out what's been done before and come up with an entirely different approach," said Smith.

The doctor said that the previous proposal was dictated from the manager's office. "Originally, it was handed down that it merge and be under the direction of the health department. That's where the controversy came in."

Dr. Smith, who has been on the board for 10 years and has been chairman for eight years, said the Reynolds Health Center dispute and some controversy over sex education have been the major hot issues the board has had to face.

Within the board, "We've never really had any conflict or problems." He said the department has mostly been a smoothly operating one.

Booker, manager for N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, succeeded Mrs. Mazie Woodruff as RHC board chairman at the latter's election to the board

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Booker



Hairston



Hooper



Smith



Terry

At Black Caucus Dinner

Carter Stresses Jobs Bill, Support For Andy Young

From Staff Reports

President Jimmy Carter said he was "determined" to see the Hawkins-Humphrey full employment bill passed this year and pledged that Andrew Young would be U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations "as long as I am President" during his address to the gala Legislative Dinner of the Congressional Black Caucus last weekend.

The Caucus' eighth dinner attracted more than 8,000 persons from around the country who participated in day-long Friday workshops on ten different issues and who filled two of Washington's largest hotels for the Saturday night dinner.

A special two-way closed circuit television setup allowed persons at the Washington Hilton and the Shoreham Americana to watch each other during the dinner, which also featured speeches by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy and entertainer Stevie Wonder.

The \$125-a-plate dinner is the major fund-raising effort of the 17-member caucus.

Local persons who attended included Alderman Larry Little, James Hansley, president of Vanguard Investment Company, and Tracy Singletary.

A joking President Carter sought to smooth over an apparent rift that developed earlier last week when Rep.

John Conyers stormed out of a meeting between Carter, Vice President Mondale and the caucus over differences on strategy for getting Hawkins-Humphrey passed by the Senate before scheduled adjournment on Oct. 14.

To laughter in the audience, Carter said, "I think in the last two days, everybody knows how I stand on the Hawkins-Humphrey Full Employment Bill."

Carter quoted from the 25th chapter of Matthew in which Jesus spoke of the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the stranger, and the imprisoned. "Then shall he answer them saying, verily, I say unto you, inasmuch as ye did it not, unto one of the least of these, ye did it not to me."

"We have made some progress, but we can't afford to rest on our laurels because Gus Hawkins, Hubert Humphrey, the members of the Black Caucus, knew and still know that we can never stop moving toward full employment until every man and every woman in the United States who is able and willing to have a job, has a job," added Carter.

"I am determined to see this bill passed this year because I don't want to hear the unemployed child or man with a dependent family cry out

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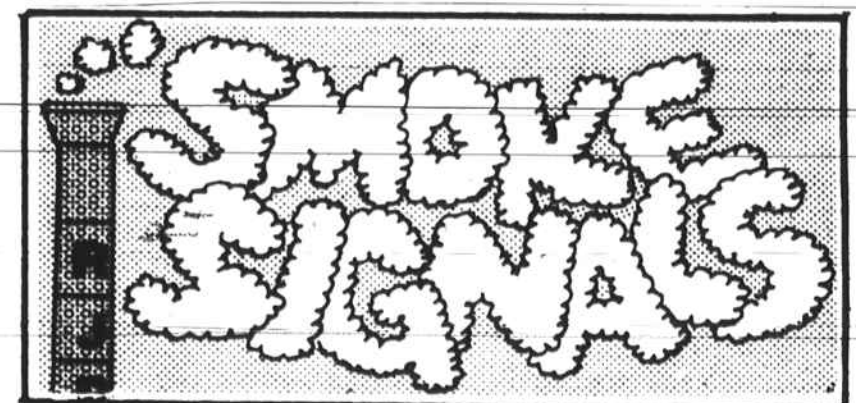


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Loneliness is when your friends go back to school.

—all for you—

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I used to think my job was tough until the other day when I watched a barber cut the hair of a crying, screaming, kicking, squirming young man of six or seven years of age.

With a display of patience, perseverance and raw strength, the barber successfully completed the cut.

When I first walked in the shop on Liberty Street, things were relatively quiet. As I took a seat, I noted the young man in the seat once removed from the door whimpering.

A few tears were trickling down. However, the real action was yet to come.

The tears began to flow a bit more readily and the young man began to scream for his mother, who calmly sat in her chair against the wall, as the clippers began to clear away the sides. "Come on now," the barber told his customer as the squirming began. He started on the top of his customer's head.

The young man continued screaming for his mother and tried to slide out of the chair.

Finally, it got to the point where the mother came over and tried to set her son straight. The barber walked away for a breather.

"Let me know when you're

ready," he said. The hair cut was almost finished at that point. What was left was the trimming around the edges, the most painful part from the youngster's standpoint.

The barber returned to the chair as his battle began to attract some interest from the "peanut gallery" along the way. "You're going to need the Army to hold him down," said one spectator.

"The Navy and the Air Force, too," added another. The trimming began, and so did the screaming and squirming.

Another barber rushed over and grabbed the youngster's legs. "Leave me alone," shouted the reluctant customer; however, the reinforcements held firm.

Across the top, along the sides and around the back the clippers went, with occasional jolts from where the youngster's leaps shook the grip slightly.

Finally, it was done; the captive was released and the barber paid. From the mother, there was a look of gratitude; from the young man, a menacing scowl. "You'd better cut that stuff out," advised the barber, just before yelling "Next".

By John W. Templeton

Mitchell Visit Slated

Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus will tentatively visit Winston-Salem on Wednesday, October 11.

Gerri Houston, Mitchell's executive assistant, said Tuesday from Washington that the Black Caucus leader will come Wednesday if there are no important votes called on the House floor. Oct. 11 is Yom Kippur, a Jewish holiday, so a light Congressional workload is expected.

Mitchell will be here on behalf of the congressional campaign of Rep. Stephen Neal, D-N.C., said Houston

Neal aide Mike Smith said the Maryland Democrat will tentatively hold a series of meetings with community leaders and minority businessmen at Winston-Salem State University, pending approval from Chancellor H. Douglas Covington. Definite engagements have been set up at Sunrise Towers at 3 p.m. and Reynolds Health Center at 3:45 p.m.

Mitchell, who represents East Baltimore in Congress, has a particular interest in monetary policy and minority business development. He serves on the

House Budget and Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committees -- and on the Joint Economic Committee.

He is chairman of the Budget Committee Task Force on Human Resources and chairman of the Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy of the Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee.

Mitchell chairs the Caucus on Housing, Minority Enterprise and Economic Development. He is sponsor of a bill now in House-Senate conference to revamp federal programs to support minority business enterprise.



Chancellor H. Douglas Covington and H.M. Michaux minutes before Covington is sworn in as the sixth chancellor at Winston-Salem State University, at the Inaugural program last Friday.

Staff photo by McCullough

Covington Takes Helm

By Yvette McCullough
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Week long festivities came to Winston-Salem State University, when H. Douglas Covington was sworn in as the sixth chancellor of WSSU.

The inauguration week began with a dedication and founder's day program. It was the 86th Anniversary of WSSU, a four year, co-educational, state supported liberal arts institution. The institution was founded in 1892 as the Slater Industrial Academy. Today the University has an enrollment which exceeds 2000 students.

The day also included the dedication of Atkins Hall in memorial of Simon Green Atkins, the founder of WSSU and the president of the institution from 1892-1904 and 1913 to 1934.

Other events of the week included a concert by the U.S. Army Band, an "Earl Fatha" Hines concert, student government association pre-inaugural salute to the Chancellor, as student

program and reception in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Covington.

Covington became Chancellor on July of 1977. A native of Winston-Salem, he is a graduate of Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio, he received his Masters of Science degree from Ohio State University and his doctorate from Ohio State University in 1966.

The events of the week had a shadow cast over them when a faculty member Robert Ward wrote letters to the Chancellor and other University administrators calling for a halt to the inauguration. Because of this and past incidents concerning Ward when he taught at Alabama State University, security was tightened.

Monday, Covington informed Ward of his intention to dismiss the assistant professor of political science.

Ward called the action "unfair" in a letter distributed Tuesday on campus. The Student Government Association held a Tuesday Press conference in support of Ward.

The inauguration went on without incident last Friday. Although the security was tight, students, faculty and friends filled Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium. An estimate of about 1200 people watched and listened as members of the University community and community at large gave tribute to Dr. H. Douglas Covington.

Covington received greetings from Governor Jim Hunt, Dr. Luther Foster president of Tuskegee Institute, William A. Johnson, chairman of the UNC Board of Governors, Dr. H. F. Robinson, Chancellor of Western Carolina, Dr. Prezell Robinson, President of St. Augustine College, Mayor Wayne Corpening, County Commission chairman Fred Hauser, Superintendent Dr. James Adams, Rev. J. Ray Butler, C. C. Ross, chairman of the WSSU Board of Trustees, Clarence Jones, President of the Alumni Association, Lelia Vickers representing the students.

The audience was entertained

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