

Daniels

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bring up a lot of issues."

If he is elected, Daniels said, the first item on his agenda will be to examine the Northeast Ward's precinct boundaries. The Carver precinct, said Daniels, is too large and needs to be made smaller or divided into two precincts. Other precincts need to be examined as well, he said, to see if existing polling places are the most reasonable and convenient for voters.

Daniels said he also wants to involve as many citizens as possible in making decisions that affect them.

"We need new people involved in our communities and activities," Daniels said. "People will participate if they have an interest in what's going on. They all need to be involved in creating their community."

Daniels said his important qualification for the job is who

he is.

"I'm a sincere person," he said. "Basically I'm accessible. All public officials try to be, but many aren't."

"I'm concerned about our community and the welfare of our city. I have worked with many people at City Hall and I find them to be generally accessible and cooperative. I basically have to be Joe Daniels and I'm not going to put any airs on to impress anybody."

A new county policy allows Daniels to run for public office without having to resign or take a leave of absence from his present job. But Daniels said he would have run even if the old policy were still in effect.

Daniels, a native of Greensboro, moved to Winston-Salem in 1969. He and his wife, Olivia, have two daughters and live at 3890 Barkwood Drive.

Clark

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where you are likely to see other people. Stay away from alleys and bushes. If someone does try to attack you, yell "fire" instead of "rape."

Keep your car in the best possible condition and at least one-quarter filled with gas. Avoid short cuts, especially at night, and travel the major roads. If you are followed, do not drive home; drive to the nearest police station or public building and honk your horn.

Under no circumstances should you pick up hitch-hikers.

Rape leaves physical scars, but the emotional scars take longer to heal. If you are raped, call the Rape Response 24-hour crisis telephone line at 722-4457 and you will be told exactly what you

can do to receive help. This program is staffed by volunteers who talk to rape victims, assist them at the hospital or accompany them to court.

A rape victim support group is available to women who are trying to adjust after the rape. Speakers are available to present awareness programs for children and adults to any interested group free of charge. During 1984, Rape Response worked with 120 rape victims and their families.

Call Carolyn Williams, director of Rape Response, at 722-4457 for more information on speakers or if you are interested in becoming a volunteer crisis counselor.

Benjamin

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Benjamin, like many other seasoned and diplomatic trainers, danced around the question of who was his best fighter.

"I don't compare fighters," he said. "That's sort of like comparing Ali to Joe Lewis. They were both very good fighters."

Benjamin fought his last match in 1940 at the Golden Gloves tournament in Greensboro. "I fought this boy named 'Dutch' Clark from Indianapolis, Ind.," he said. "He was going to N.C. A&T at the time. That was the only fight I lost. I still believe I would have won that fight if I hadn't eaten such a big meal before the fight."

After fighting as an amateur for four years, Benjamin began teaching the sports' basic skills to youngsters.

"In 1939, they tried to make me turn pro, but I didn't want to," he said.

He tried, instead, to instill something more than boxing in his students. "I used to make them bring me their report cards. You can't win if you're a dumb fighter," he said.

The kids also would come to him and talk about their problems. "I did a little counseling, too," Benjamin said, adding that if he hadn't offered the young men an opportunity for self-improvement, they wouldn't have kept coming back.

From time to time, some of his

former students still come back to visit him.

"Boys come back with doctor degrees and the like and the first thing they say is, 'Coach, I bet you don't remember me,'" he said. "But I usually do."

Benjamin stopped coaching at the Y when his leg began giving him trouble. That setback, however, didn't keep him from doing things he liked.

"I do a little singing, too," he said.

And, he said, he plans to start singing again as soon as he can be fitted with an artificial leg.

"Yeah, as soon as I can get around, I'm going to start back singing," he said. "There is no need to be going around feeling bad and droopy about this leg. I'll just wait until I learn to use the artificial one."

Benjamin and his wife, Earline, have been married for 48 years and have three children: sons Samuel and Christopher, and a daughter, Constance.

"When I was boxing, I fought for myself and the fans; I gave it everything I had," he said.

During the interview for this story, Benjamin's telephone rang and a man at the other end of the line sought some boxing advice. "If you don't get that boy down there by 7 o'clock, he'll miss the weigh-in," Benjamin told him.

Austin Benjamin, boxer, coach, counselor, friend and singer, was still giving his all.

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