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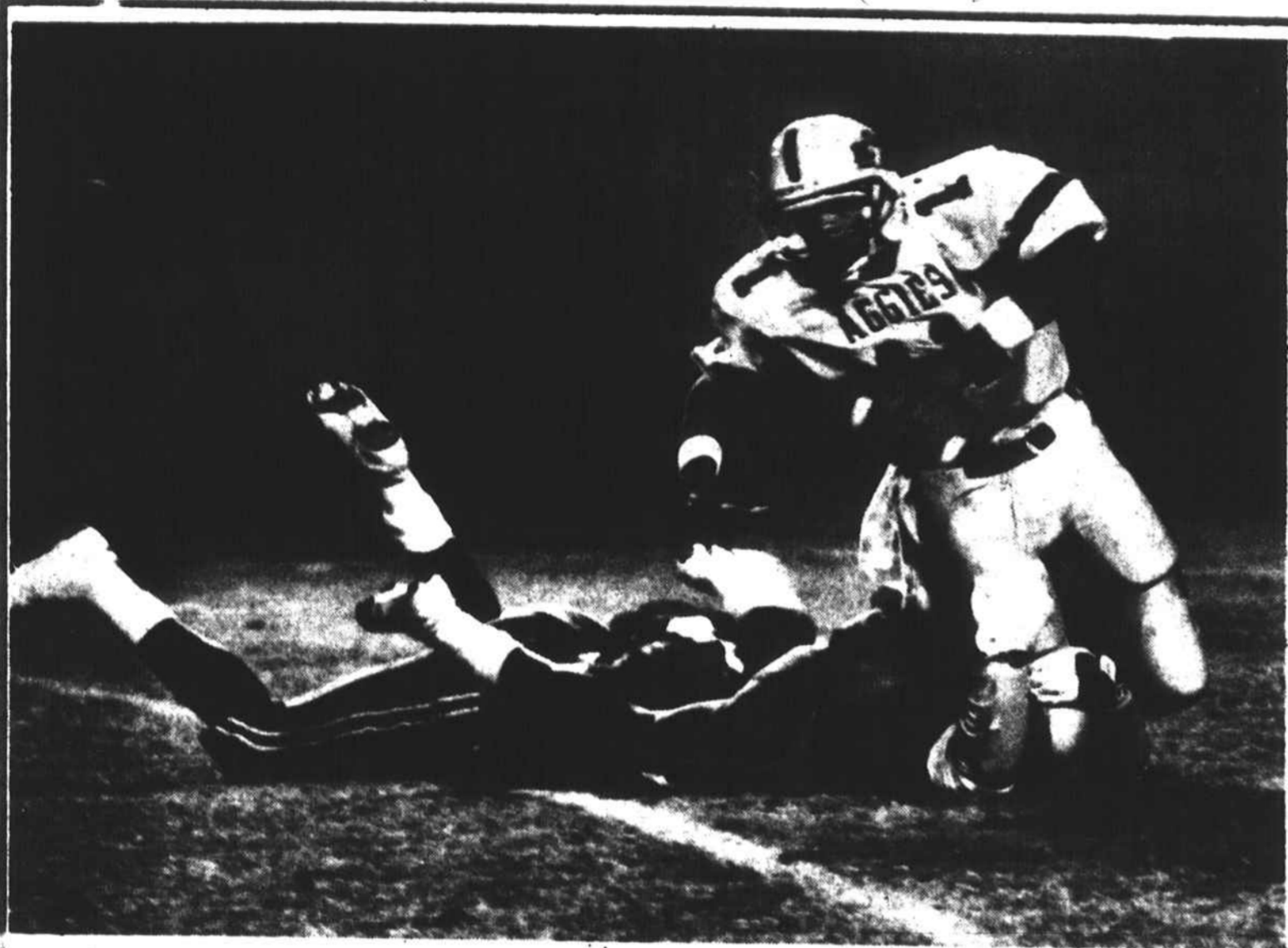
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RAM-BUNCTIOUS Winston-Salem State sent North Carolina A&T quarterback Alan Hooker and his teammates tumbling during a second-half comeback in The Game Saturday night. Details on B1 (photo by Joe Daniels).

Northeast, North ward races expected to draw most voters

Board of Elections expects a light voter turnout on Tuesday

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Residents in five of the city's eight wards will go to the polls next Tuesday, Sept. 24, to make their Democratic and Republican choices for alderman. The victors in wards where there are candidates from both parties will then square off in November's general election.

Voters in the East, Southwest and West wards will not go to the polls for Tuesday's primaries. East Ward Alderman Virginia K. Newell has no Democratic opposition. Newell, a retired Winston-Salem State University professor, will face Republican Richard L. Rowell, a carpenter, in the Nov. 5 general election.

In the Southwest Ward, incumbent Lynne S. Harpe will face Republican Ronald W. Pegram in the general election.

In the West Ward, Alderman Robert S. Northington Jr. is almost assured of another four-year term on the board, since he faces no opposition, Democratic or Republican.

Similarly, Mayor Wayne A. Corpening, a Democrat, faces no opposition and will be re-elected, barring a successful write-in campaign in November.

Voter turnout for the primary elections will vary from ward to ward, said Kathy Chastain-Cooper, chairman of the Board of Elections.

"We have had very few absentee ballots returned and registration didn't pick up as the registration period closed, as it normally does," said Chastain-Cooper. "It (the number of new voters registered) seems to be fairly calm, except in some areas."

In the '81 aldermanic and mayoral primaries,



Signs of The Times

Both Burke and Johnson signs adorn some Northeast Ward lawns (photo by Art Blue).

fewer than 20 percent of the registered Democrats and 10 percent of the registered Republicans voted.

Races in the North and Northeast wards are expected to attract the most voters.

Six candidates -- four Democrats and two Republicans -- are vying for North Ward incumbent Larry D. Little's seat. Little has opted to go to law school instead of running for re-election. Running as Democrats are NAACP President Patrick L. Hairston; Eugene O. Bailey, son of school board Vice Chairman Beaufort O. Bailey; Ghuneem Furqan, a barber school owner, and Ansel J. Rakestraw, manager of a dry wall and ceiling firm.

In the Republican primary, James L. Knox, a construction management company employee, faces Diana Williams-Henry, an administrative Please see page A11

Newell: Test enabling law

By DAVID R. RANKIN
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East Ward Alderman Virginia K. Newell wants to test in court the set-aside law that would allow the aldermen to require minority participation on city contracts. However, some of her fellow board members and the mayor don't agree.

The law was passed in June by the Legislature after weeks of

debate but it may be unenforceable because of language added to the bill by Rep. J. Ray Sparrow, D-Wake.

Sparrow's addition prompted City Attorney Ronald G. Seeber asked for the state attorney general's opinion concerning the language, which said the contracts could only go to the "lowest responsible bidder." Please see page A15



Virginia Newell

Little and Newell: Womble will survive in Southeast Ward

By ROBIN ADAMS
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East Ward Alderman Virginia Newell plays it safe.

When asked to predict next Tuesday's primaries involving black candidates, Newell says, "A marriage, a lawsuit and an election are difficult to predict. You can't tell how they will come out."

North Ward Alderman Larry is also cautious, but Little can sometimes be prodded to throw caution to the winds, especially where politics is concerned.

"The advantage has to go to the incumbent," said Little, who has chosen law school over running for re-election. "They

have the name recognition. They have the play in motion."

But Little warns the incumbents not to sell the opposition short.

"It depends on who has the organization in place to deliver the people," said Little. "It's clearly a question of machinery and organization and the ability to get the people to the polls."

For years, Little has closely watched Winston-Salem politics and usually calls the races accurately. Newell, who has no Democratic opposition, is sitting the primary out and gearing up for November's general election.

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Larry Little: Personalities will overshadow issues in the North Ward (photo by James Parker).

North Ward candidates state their cases in forum

By DAVID R. RANKIN
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Five of the six North Ward aldermanic hopefuls squared off in a debate last Thursday night amid charges and countercharges.

Much of the controversy focused on Democratic candidate Patrick T. Hairston's decision not to attend the debate and a statement by the leader of the Black Leadership Roundtable that the debate was "a waste of time."

Black Leadership Roundtable

Acting Convener William T. "Bill" Tatum said in an article published in last week's *Chronicle* that "the debate scheduled for Thursday night is a waste of the North Ward's people's time."

Tatum said he had attended an aldermanic debate last Tuesday night at Piney Grove Recreation Center and only two people "knew anything about the issues." Everybody else simply jumped in the race, he said. All of the candidates fighting for the North Ward seat were present at Please see page A3

Burke and Johnson could break the city's campaign-spending record

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Nearly \$9,000 has been raised to date by the two North Ward aldermanic candidates, making that campaign one of the most expensive in the city's history.

Alderman Vivian Burke reported earlier this week to the Board of Elections that she has raised \$4,708 and spent \$3,254. Opponent Victor Johnson reported raising \$4,012 and spending \$2,662.

Mrs. Burke's largest campaign contributors thus far are Dr. J.D. Branch, \$200; Naomi Jones, chairman of the Black Political Awareness League and Mrs. Burke's campaign treasurer, \$150, and former Register of Deeds Eunice Ayers, \$250.

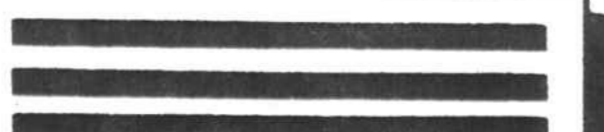
Johnson's largest campaign contribution comes so far from a former Winston-Salem resident, Talmadge Fair, president of the Miami Urban League and the brother of local resident Ricky Wilson. Wilson and Johnson worked together last year on Eddie Knox's gubernatorial campaign.

Any individual contribution under \$100 does not have to be reported.

"Dr. Constance Johnson, Johnson's campaign manager and wife, said Johnson needed the money because he is a challenger.

"Victor was seeking name identification and recognition and he had to do advertising," said Dr. Johnson. "He needed money for

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things he had to do. We have been fortunate to have friends and supporters and they have been gracious in helping him."

Mrs. Burke said she was stunned when ward residents began calling her with contributions. When asked why an incumbent, unlike a challenger, would need so much money, Mrs. Burke said

the contributions are a show of support.

"This shows that they want and support me," said Mrs. Burke. "So many people have called and asked to have posters for their yards."

The most money in any single campaign was raised in 1981, when Alderman Larry Womble beat incumbent Eugene Groce in the Southeast Ward. In that race, Womble raised \$5,122 and spent \$4,241.

This year, Womble has raised less than \$350 and spent less than \$150, said Marie Roseboro, his campaign treasurer. But Roseboro estimated that considerably more will be raised before next Tuesday's primary and even more will be spent.

As for Womble's challengers, Ernest Shaw reports raising \$188 and spending \$137 and Donald A. Phillips Jr. reports nothing raised and nothing spent.

In the North Ward, candidate Patrick Hairston reports raising \$2,425 and spending \$1,490; Eugene O. Bailey \$307 raised, \$335 Please see page A2