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Students asked about Social Security

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The Chronicle recently polled students at Winston-Salem State University and asked them whether they thought the Social Security program would be around when they were old enough to collect the money.

Mike Taylor, a senior from Chapel Hill: "With today's system, I'm not sure anymore. President Reagan is trying to implement a (tax) plan, and I don't know if it will pass or not. I just don't know."

Rosilyn Miller, a senior from Charlotte: "No, I don't, because at the rate it (Social Security) is going now, it's getting worse and worse."

Donna Robinson, a sophomore from Monroe: "No,

because they (the government) don't have any money now. Unless they change the way they're doing it, there won't be any money for us."

Cassandra Bennett, a sophomore from Wadesboro: "No. Not unless they change the system. President Reagan is not spending the nation's money wisely now."

Lisa Thorpe, a freshman from Roxboro: "No. President Reagan is trying to cut it out now. If he continues to be president, there won't be any money."

Terry Adams, a freshman from Eden: "No. Reagan is trying to cut the program out. He's spending all the money now. There won't be any money when I'm 65 years old."

Regina Mack, a junior from Newark, N.J.: "Yes. The system has already been organized. It might not be as much (the Social Security payment) as it is now, but they won't phase it out."

Bryan Vance, a junior from Winston-Salem: "No, not at the rate it's going. They're (the government) taking our money, but they don't want to give it back."

Arlin Chavis, a senior from Rocky Mount: "There will probably be a system around, but it won't be like the system of today."

Richard Carson, a senior from Shelby: "No, I don't think so. If we still have the likes of Ronald Reagan, slowly and surely they'll phase it out."

Annual Legislative Weekend slated

The 20 members of the Congressional Black Caucus reflect their growing influence in the House of Representatives and in joint sessions with the U.S. Senate this week at the CBC's 15th Annual Legislative Weekend, Sept. 25-28.

More than 3,000 patrons at \$200 a head and 15,000 participants are expected to attend the five days of activities, including congressional hearings, workshops and meetings on Capitol Hill, and luncheons, receptions and dinners at various hotels. Highlights of the week range from a national prayer breakfast to the annual awards dinner for South African leaders seeking liberation this year.

The Rev. Allen Boseck, a United Methodist minister and Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu, the 1985 Nobel Peace Prize recipient, were designated to receive awards at the intercontinental event, but Caucus officials did not know if the honorees will be allowed to leave South Africa. Relatives of the detained leaders, including imprisoned African National Congress President Nelson Mandela, were expected to represent the apartheid victims.

The theme for the 1985 conference of major political, business, educational and religious leaders is "International Dimensions - The Reality of an Interdependent World." The first two days of sessions featuring predominantly Democratic Party participants focuses on forums on minority business, economic status, family issues, foreign policy and international relations.

Prior to the opening of the CBC weekend, the D.C. Republican Council scheduled its first \$100-a-plate scholarship dinner designed to attract some 2,000 competing guests. The CBC events have been sold out since last July with each paying guest expected to spend approx-

imately \$2,000 to attend all of the activities.

In addition to the forums on Wednesday at the Washington Hilton, congressional hearings were set for Thursday on voting rights, military affairs, disinvestment in South Africa, poverty and hunger, tax reform and foreign affairs.

A mass vigil in front of the South African Embassy was scheduled for Friday, Sept. 26, with a special meeting of the National Black Leadership Roundtable set for Saturday, Sept. 27. More than 85 panel discussions are planned compared to 20 social events for participants.

A total of six major congressional committees and 12 subcommittees are chaired by CBC members, including education and labor, budget, small business, District of Columbia, narcotic abuse and control, and standards of conduct.

Rep. Mickey Leland of Texas is CBC chairman and Rep. Edolphus Towns of Brooklyn is

vice chairman.

Rep. Alan West (Kansas City, Mo.) is secretary with Rep. Cardiss Collins (Chicago) serving as treasurer. The ranking members of the Congressional Black Caucus by seniority are Augustus Hawkins (Calif.), John Conyers Jr. (Mi.), William L. Clay (St. Louis), Louis Stokes, (Cleveland), Ronald Dellums (Calif.), Parren J. Mitchell (Md.), Charles R. Rangel (N.Y.), Walter E. Fauntroy (D.C.), Harold Ford (Memphis), Julian C. Dixon (Calif.), and William H. Gray III (Philadelphia), who heads the powerful House Budget Committee.

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Exultation and bitterness

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would take Knox "to the hoop" in November.

Knox said he had felt that Hairston would win the Democratic nomination.

"I have to give him (Hairston) credit," said Knox. "He got the people to the polls in large numbers, which is something I failed to do."

Knox, who is a double-minority in the North Ward as a white Republican, said Hairston's popularity versus his obscurity will be the key obstacle. "The job I do of bringing myself from obscurity will be told in November," he said.

Political bitterness

Ms. Williams-Henry, a black woman, said her loss was a gift to the Democrats.

"The Republican Party gave the Democrats a gift -- the seat in the North Ward," she said. "The vote was strictly down racial lines. I know I'm the better candidate."

Ms. Williams-Henry said she will not support Knox in the general election. "I hope he (Knox) gets some political savvy," she added, saying any candidate who admits that he hasn't attended aldermen's meetings "does not know much about politics."

She said her loss shows that "the Republican party is still racist and sexist."

Ms. Williams-Henry also said she will not run again.

Eugene O. Bailey, who placed a distant second in the North Ward Democratic primary with 10 percent of the vote, said he did the best he could. "I will probably run again," he said. "Next time I'd like to approach the campaign differently."

He said that in future elections he will seek endorsements from established political figures and organizations.

Bailey also said the low voter turnout affected his chances of beating Hairston.

North Ward Democrat Ansel Rakestraw captured 7 percent of the vote and placed third. "I think he will do a good job," he said of Hairston.

Rakestraw said he would not run again.

North Ward Democratic Candidate Ghuneem Furqan placed last of the four Democrats with 5 percent of the vote. "Most of the

people didn't come out, so Mr. Hairston walked away with it," he said.

Furqan said he will run again and that this campaign gave him the name recognition he wanted.

Burke: No contest

In the Northeast Ward, Democratic incumbent Vivian H. Burke routed challenger Victor Johnson Jr., capturing 76 percent of the 2,139 Democratic votes.

Mrs. Burke said she wasn't surprised by her large victory. "I am the alderman," she said. "I have the pulse of the people."

"I had the supporters and the endorsers," she said. "That made the difference."

Still, Johnson said he might run again, "if my supporters want me to."

Dr. Constance Johnson, Johnson's wife and campaign manager, said she hopes Burke will be responsive to the needs of the people. "I expected the margin of victory to be much closer, but the voters have decided, and you can do nothing but accept that," she said.

Mrs. Burke has no Republican opposition in her ward, so her victory over Johnson has assured her of the Northeast Ward seat.

Womble coasts

Across town in the Southeast Ward, Democratic incumbent Alderman Larry W. Womble crushed Democratic candidates Donald Phillips and Ernie Shaw. Womble received 81 percent of the 1,180 votes cast. Shaw captured 16 percent and Phillips 1 percent.

Womble said the wide margin of victory "is a fantastic feeling."

He said his amount of support

in the Southeast Ward "means to me that the people want me to represent them again."

Said Shaw of Womble's victory: "I think the figures speak for themselves. The voters have spoken, and I accept it."

Shaw said he will support Womble as alderman and that he probably will seek office again.

Womble faces no Republican opposition in his ward.

Wood back again

In the Northwest Ward, Democratic incumbent Martha S. Wood soundly defeated Thomas Brame, capturing 88 percent of the 1,085 votes cast.

Mrs. Wood, said she had been concerned about the election and that she was pleased with the victory.

"I think my record is my strong point," she said.

Brame, who won 11 percent of the vote, said the election was a learning experience.

Wilson not in yet

In the South Ward, Democratic incumbent Alderman Ernestine Wilson edged Frank Frye 379 votes to 342. However, neither candidate won 51 percent of the South Ward vote, and Frye has called for a runoff.

Mrs. Wilson, who won 45 percent of the South Ward votes, had said Tuesday night that "I would hope he (Frye) wouldn't call for a runoff, but you gotta do what you gotta do."

Mrs. Wilson said her strategy in the runoff election is "hard work."

Frye, who got 40 percent of the South Ward votes, said he plans to enter a runoff election with Mrs. Wilson with "no gloves on."

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