

No site, no funds for proposed transit center

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but sit here and vote," Mrs. Brown said. "At least the board should come out with some stance of support because we haven't really been doing that."

Location, location, location is the critical issue now, Mr. Ritchey said.

"We only need to accept a location that will help this enterprise and not hurt it," he said. Patrons of WSTA deserve at least

that much he added pointing to the fact that the city has the most productive bus system in the state, with more people carried for every mile of service.

"We have the second largest system although we're not the second largest city and I think that speaks for a vibrant downtown," Mr. Ritchey said. "It may not be as vibrant as we would want . . . but besides Charlotte, Winston-

Salem has a stronger downtown than any other downtown in the state. Although Raleigh offers more service, we carry a third more riders."

In other business, board members opted to discontinue the Old Salem Trolley, effective December 31, because of low ridership. The trolley averaged 67.5 riders per day, compared to the 400 rid-

ers per day average on the West End Trolley.

"The annual operating costs (of the Old Salem Trolley) are \$55,300, and revenues are estimated at \$5,200, yielding an annual net cost of \$50,100, or \$2.41 net cost per passenger," Mr. Ritchey explained. "The Old Salem Trolley is our least effective service in terms of ridership and net cost per rider. I have also

received a number of complaints about the Old Salem Trolley running empty."

The authority will review the possibility of restarting the trolley next summer.

Another service which will have to be evaluated is Trans-Aid, Mr. Ritchey said. WSTA may have to ask the aldermen and county commissioners for funding

to help fund the net cost of the service he said.

A new service, the Hanes Mall Trolley, was added to WSTA Nov. 20 and will continue until Dec. 30. The shuttle operates Mondays through Saturdays providing service to Hanes Mall, Silas Creek Crossing, the Pavilions, Sam's, Heritage Woods, Healy Towers and The Bridges Apartments.

Cartoon sparks racial violence at Glenn High School

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and poor grammar and calling each other names.

In the second cartoon panel, two white male students are portrayed smiling and pleasantly greeting each other. Above the two panels is the question: "Would you rather have this? (the situation with the black students) Or this? (the situation with the white students) Your choice."

The cartoon, which was published the day before the Thanksgiving holiday, prompted an immediate apology from Glenn High School principal Carl L. Clarke who expressed his regrets to the student body over the school's public address system.

Two Afro-American male students were suspended for fighting a white male student over the cartoon, according to school officials. Assistant principal Nathaniel Barber said he suspended the students because he could not condone fighting for any reason.

"Obviously the cartoon never should have existed, it was unfair," said Mr. Barber, an Afro-American.

Donna E. Oldham, communication specialist for the school system, said that faculty member Steve Anthony, who serves as adviser to the student newspaper, apologized this week to other faculty members during a staff meeting.

Mr. Clarke said the apologies were accepted by the faculty and the students. "I reprimanded him (Mr. Anthony) very strongly and recommended that he do a better job of editing in the future," said Mr. Clarke. "But this was a little incident that is over as far as everyone at this school is concerned. Everyone understood that it was an error in judgment."

Some concerned citizens, however, said the apology is not enough. Annette Beatty is a teacher at Southwest Elementary

School and a member of the Community Human Relations/Cultural Diversity Committee established by Superintendent Larry D. Coble.

"What this cartoon does is to bring to the forefront what people are actually thinking," she said. "Not only is the apology not accepted, I think stronger action needs to be taken. The school system needs race relations sensitivity sessions, because this is not just a mistake, this is gross negligence on the part of all the adults who have anything to do with putting the student paper out."

"If this means strong guidelines need to come from central office about publishing student papers, then so be it, because we don't have any place for this in our community."

Palmer Friende, executive assistant to the superintendent, said that he had talked with parents the day the paper was pub-

lished and that he had also spoken with Mr. Clarke.

"We have not determined that the young man (Mr. Anthony) did anything other than use poor judgment," said Mr. Friende. "I would be concerned if it were a deliberate act that was precipitated and designed to offend. . . ."

"It's unfortunate that some little things that people think are harmless turn out to be very harmful."

Reverend Lee Faye Mack, chair of Mr. Coble's committee and president of the Concerned Mothers of Forsyth County, sent a letter to Mr. Coble which read . . .

"Our question is, who is responsible for overseeing the publication of this paper? Whoever the person is, it is obvious that the lack of sensitivity and insight disqualifies this individual from overseeing a school newspaper and it is very questionable that this person has

the necessary attributes to teach our children. . . ."

Mrs. Mack's letter also said that the school board had agreed in February to sponsor race sensitivity workshops for teachers and administrators. She questioned why the workshops had not been put into place.

Mrs. Mack, who lives in the Glenn High School area, said that the school had experienced race problems in the past. "They have

had problems in the past, but they were always hush-hush and quieted down so that nobody knew anything," she said.

She also said that she was concerned about the lack of parental involvement in the controversy. "If this was a race issue pitted against white students, you better believe those white parents would have been all over the place."

City concessions should go to minorities

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less than a 22 percent profit from the business.

Members of the M/WBE advisory committee debated Tuesday as to whether the business could be operated by a Afro-American or female-owned business.

"I think it's something we need to put in the hands of a minority group," said James Mack, vice chair of the group.

Pointing out the minority presence among the 138 concessions' employees, member Bill Dowe asked if any other company could do better. Sixty of the part-time workers are Afro-American women and 27 are black men. Thirty-seven white females work part time. Two Afro-American men and one white woman are three of the four full-time workers.

Mr. Mack said he wants to see

blacks with full-time jobs that pay above minimum wage. Alexander Beatty, assistant city manager and staff liaison to the committee, said the city pays the workers above minimum wage and that some of the part-timers have worked enough hours to accumulate benefits. In addition, several church and non-profit groups, such as Macedonia True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church, Veterans Post #453 and the Ambassadors of God Church, provide laborers to operate several of the stands at the coliseum and Bowman Gray. The groups receive 15 percent of the stand's gross sales at the end of their working night.

The city could probably increase its profit margin if it turned over its concession operations to a private firm, but doing so would mean giving up management control, said Thomas W.

Fredericks, assistant city manager over the area. Greensboro, Charlotte, Chapel Hill, Raleigh and Asheville have city-operated concession operations, he said.

"As is evident from the survey of other North Carolina facilities, in-house management of concession operations is the preferred choice," wrote Mr. Fredericks in a memorandum to the committee. "I believe that this is due to the high level of management control offered to the city. Over the years, the city has built an efficient and profitable operation. However, increasing profits has never been the overriding goal of operating concessions."

"The city, in providing food concessions, always balanced quality food service with reasonable profits. . . . There is no doubt that the city could probably increase its profit margin by con-

tracting the concession business to an outside firm. In contracting it out, it is obvious that the city would be giving up its direct management control over this important city operation."

The committee opted to give the board the opportunity to discuss the feasibility of privatizing the concession operations rather than making a recommendation one way or another.

Dems trying to mend fences

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kind of support and unification in the Democratic Party."

What is uncertain at this point, Commissioner Long said, is the number of anti-Mayor Wood Democrats in the city.

"That's something I can't tell right now, but I think we're going to find out in the next two months as we sponsor fund raisers to help repay the substantial personal debt Martha suffered in the campaign."

"When we see how people come out and support those fund raisers . . . if they don't come out, and we don't hear from them, we'll know that we don't have their support."

Chairman Holton said his party should register 6,000 new Democratic voters by the 1990 general election. In addition, he said, "The Democratic Party will place a renewed emphasis on our precinct committees and organizations. In 1989, we have put 14 regional precinct coordinators in place county-wide. These coordinators will assist in improving our ability to communicate throughout the precinct structure."

Registering more voters is always an important goal, as is fund raising, but the divisiveness caused by the primary campaigns is still visible, and Mr. Holton

should set a party goal of rectifying that situation, said Naomi Jones, president of the Black Political Action League, a non-partisan group.

"Really, as head of the Democrats, if divisiveness still exists, he needs to get in there and pull the party together so that they'll be able to gain ground in the upcoming elections in the county," Mrs. Jones said, adding that the divisiveness polarizes the community and alienates voters from participating in the Democratic process.

Mr. Long agreed, saying that his goal is - and the goal of the party should be - to unify city and county governments as well as gain the allegiance of the business community.

"I have worked very hard for almost a year now, since I've been a commissioner, for the overall improvement of relations between both the city of Winston-Salem and the county," Commissioner Long said. "I am a very, very strong proponent of first: city unity, and secondly: Democratic Party unity. I believe the city and the county has to some first because the city and county are made up of the people who are my constituents."

"I think the party is split into

too many fragments and pieces, it's splintered like a glass hit on a cement floor and we can't have this. There's got to be unification among party members. We've got to reason with some people, affectionately known as the old guard or the old establishment, and get them to recognize that there has been a substantial change in this community. We've got new leaders both in the black community and the white community and new thought patterns and new goals."

Winston-Salem is embarking upon a new era which will require its residents to be risk-takers, Mr. Long continued.

"They've also got to be flexible," he said. "The key word is flexibility. Too many people are basically inflexible. Now we have to get everybody together with our new mayor - the city, the county, business - because their unification means more jobs, better jobs and improvement of social services."

Mayor-elect Wood as well as most of the Democratic elected officials, were attending the National League of Cities convention in Atlanta this week and were unavailable for comment at press time.

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