

### IN OUR SCHOOLS

## State Superintendent to Visit Schools

State Superintendent of Schools Bobby Etheridge will visit three local schools and meet with employee groups and school system leadership tomorrow. Etheridge will visit the newly renovated Reynolds High School, tour Hanes-Lowrance Middle School, which has combined handicapped and regular students in an innovative middle school program, and see effective programs at Easton Elementary School for at-risk students.

## Local Seniors Named Semifinalists

Eight seniors in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools have been named semifinalists in the 1993 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The students were among 421 in the state and approximately 15,000 nationwide to receive this recognition, which is based on their scores on the qualifying test (PSAT). One half of one percent of each state's seniors are selected.

Over 1 million students participate in the National Merit Scholarship Program each year. Students who are selected as semifinalists must confirm their scores by taking the Scholastic Aptitude Test in November and by completing an application form. Most are named as finalists and become eligible for a wide variety of merit scholarships provided by corporations, colleges and employers.

The following WS/FC School seniors were named: William J. Saunders, East Forsyth High School; Jonathan C. Wagoner, Glenn High School; Sonja S. Shandilya and William B. Vaughn, Mt. Tabor High School; Jonathan G. Moore and Erick W. Smitherman, North Forsyth High School; Elinor J. Carson, R.J. Reynolds High School; and Jason V. Armbricht, West Forsyth High School.

## Newell Undecided

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ving for the seat that Newell has held the past 16 years. Johnson and Smith are longtime supporters of Newell, and both have worked directly with her.

Johnson is president of the East Winston Restoration, a group founded by Newell. Smith's mother, Hattie Tanner, once served as Newell's campaign manager. Smith also was the first chairman of the Neighborhood Justice Center, which Newell started her during her second term.

"Norma and Joycelyn have supported me in each of my campaigns," she said. "They're just going to have to battle it out. It's difficult for me to just come out and say, 'If either one gets it, I'd be happy.'"

She said either Johnson or Smith would be "flexible enough and creative enough" to address the needs of East Winston.

Newell said the East ward needs more open space, and the clearance of some of the slum areas.

"Crime comes about with the high density that we have allowed in several areas of the community," she said. "We have set up this ward for nothing but failure... and I'm not trying to say who did it, but the city's fathers allowed it happen years ago."

Newell said if she were to seek a fifth term, she would

remove some housing units from public-housing developments.

"I had found that there were more crime in happy hill. I concluded that it was the result of the density," she said. "The density over there is absolutely horrendous. I would work with the city to move some of those units to other parts of the city."

Newell said she intends to talk with Smith and Johnson on Monday night to get their views on key issues, including curbing the rate of black-male imprisonment, annexation and education.

"And after I get those answers," she said, "that will determine who I will vote for."

"Because the person who will become the next alderman of the East ward will have the responsibility of leading the people into the 21st century."



Virginia Newell

## WSSU Gets Funds to Help Stir Entrepreneurial Spirit

### ▲ Gov. Hunt urges support for Smart Start childhood excellence program

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Winston-Salem State University received a \$5,000 gift from the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce's East Area Council this week to help students become entrepreneurs.

Gov. Jim Hunt presented the check to WSSU Chancellor Cleon Thompson Tuesday just before addressing more than 350 Winston-Salem business leaders to drum up support for his Smart Start education program, which emphasizes early childhood excellence.

"All of his (Thompson's) hard work has helped to make Winston-Salem State a fine school," Hunt said before presenting the check.

Hunt said the funds will help facilitate student internships and challenge students to become entrepreneurs.



Cleon Thompson

"This is an evolution of the civil rights movement," said Hunt. "Minorities getting advancements in big businesses must continue, but also it's about starting your own business and being a major factor in the economy."

Thompson said the additional funds will establish an entrepreneur-

ial chair in the school's business department and support student internships.

"It will help us move forward and accomplish our goals for (the business department)."

Thompson said the additional funds will also be used as internships for students to learn more about how businesses operate.

Hunt told business leaders that higher standards of education are necessary to produce better workers and save money.

"Children come to school programmed to fail, and they are doing it," he said. "But we pay for that failure through welfare, remedial education and prisons."

Hunt said the program has some kinks in it, but because it goes back to the basics of emphasizing a quality education that involves par-

ents at the childhood level, he feels it will be successful.

"It's a new program and we've got a lot of things to work out, but I believe it's the best way to do it," he said. "(Children) are the best investment we can make."

Tuesday's gift was the second donation the school has received in two weeks. On Aug. 31, the nursing school received \$1 million from an anonymous donor.

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Joycelyn  
Johnson**

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