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Erskine Bowles

**Bowles lobbies for black votes**

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

Erskine Bowles must have taken good notes on his former boss, Bill Clinton.

Last Thursday night, Bowles took a page from the Clinton book of charm, winning over a mostly African-American audience by vowing to, among other things, make his staff reflect the racial diversity of the state if he is elected to replace Jesse Helms in the U.S. Senate.

Helms will retire after this term.

Bowles spoke to a packed house (about 60 people) at the regular monthly meeting of the Black Leadership Roundtable. Roundtable Convener Larry Womble said Bowles personally made a request to speak at the Roundtable meeting. Although the Roundtable is nonpartisan and does not endorse candidates, Bowles is the latest of a slew of county and statewide candidates who have laid out their agendas for the Roundtable, which has become a pulpit for addressing local African-American issues and concerns.

Bowles, a former chief of staff in the Clinton White House, spent time shaking hands and chitchatting with Roundtable members and other guests before his 15-minute speech.

"My heart is absolutely in this (race)," said Bowles, a Democrat.

Bowles had barely greeted the crowd before he laid into Elizabeth Dole, the frontrunner on the Republican side. Dole has been roundly criticized for moving back to North Carolina last year to qualify for the Senate race. Dole, a Salisbury native, had lived outside of the state for more than three decades.



Blue

"It does make a difference where you have lived," Bowles said.

He went on to tell the audience that Dole is out of touch with everyday North Carolinians. To drive home his point, he said Dole opposed a family medical leave bill that Bowles says he helped push through Congress during his days in the White House.

"She was (not) only against it; she bragged about it," he said.

A Dole spokesperson said she could not imagine that Dole opposed the leave law. The spokesperson was reviewing Dole's position on that issue

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**Delta Rising**

*Sorority back on Winston-Salem State campus after six-year banishment*

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
THE CHRONICLE

Students at Winston-Salem State University will be seeing a lot more "crimson and cream" around their campus now that the Delta Sigma Theta sorority has returned to the university. After being absent for the past six years, the Deltas' comeback on "the yard" marks a time when all nine African-American Greek organizations are represented on the WSSU campus.

Students and faculty couldn't

be prouder.

"It's welcoming. Everybody is excited to see us back... We're just trying to play catch-up," said Krystle Myers, president of the Gamma Phi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta at WSSU. Myers, a junior majoring in political science, was one of 64 female students initiated into the chapter of Delta Sigma Theta earlier in the spring.

Members of the sorority spent time last week handing out bottles of water to students and their families as they moved into Atkins

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Members of the newly revived Delta Sigma Theta chapter at WSSU use their hands to form the sorority's triangular symbol.



The Mount Olive Baptist Church choir performs for the Boston Roundup crowd.

Photos by Bruce Chapman

**Reunion goes on, despite rain**

BY FELECIA P. McMILLAN, Ph.D.  
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The names of their streets were written on the backs of their royal blue and white T-shirts for 2002. They included names such as Amhurst, Bacon, Burton Street, Cannon Street, Collins, Garfield, Gillette Street, Glenn Avenue, Pittsburg, Lincoln, Underwood, Rundell, Taft, K-Court, 10th Street, 11th Street, 12th Street, 13th Street, 14th Street, 15th Street, 20th Street, 24 1/2 Street, 25th Street and Swanson Court. Thunder and lightning could not keep these neighbors and friends apart on Saturday.

Despite the storm, they gathered at Drayton Park to enjoy food, fun and fellowship as they have for the past nine years. This year they held their Boston Roundup worship service at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, where Rev. Dr. Vernon Crump is the new pastor.

"This is the first time in nine years



Children find shelter from the rain in this inflatable fun house. It was one of many attractions at the annual event for young and old people.

that it has rained on us. The rain and gusty winds did not deter us, but when the lightning came, many of the people went for their cars," said President Sharon Wright. "The rain did not stop our program."

Guests came from places such as

Philadelphia; California; Washington, D.C.; New Jersey; New York; and many from the local area.

According to Wright, the reunion has endured because of the fellowship.

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**Black tribute needs money**

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

Although there is a street named for him, and the site of his old brickyard, off Dellabrook Road, has been named a historic landmark, George Black's name is still not familiar to everyone in these parts.

The latest tribute to Black could change all of that.

"While there have been many honors, I suppose this is the most powerful," Evelyn Terry, one of Black's granddaughters, said of the statue of Black that is slated to grace the front entrance of the county's new \$12 million government building.

Black made a name for himself as a brickmaker beginning in the 1890s. After learning how to make bricks at the Hedgecock Brickyard, Black opened his own brickyard in the 1920s. His bricks were used to build the city's downtown



Plyler

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Clockwise from left, Simona Allen, Dianne Caesar, Elise Blackman and Sherlane Hill pose in front of a piece by Leo Rucker at the Delta Fine Arts Center on Third Street. Delta Arts is in the middle of a capital campaign aimed at relocating the center. See A10 for the full story.

Photo by Kevin Walker

**An Open Book**

*Popular author to help kick off city reading initiative*

CHERIS HODGES  
FOR THE CHRONICLE

Best-selling author Tina McElroy Ansa has always had a fondness for books and stories. Whether she was sitting at the end of the bar in her father's juke joint in Macon, Ga., or reading books from the segregated library, she was always ready to hear a good tale.



Photo courtesy of Tina McElroy Ansa  
Tina McElroy Ansa

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