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Coretta Scott King speaks to a packed house last Friday on the campus of Bennett College in Greensboro. Photo by Bruce Chapman

## Elected officials ready to duel for 72nd district

County commissioner and alderman both say they will win state House seat Nov. 5

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
THE CHRONICLE

Both candidates for the 72nd state House District are predicting victory in November. Republican



Parmon

Vernon Parmon, the alderman of the city's South Ward, says Democratic voters are pledging their support to him while Democrat Earline Parmon expects the largely Democratic district to remain loyal to the party.

Robinson, who did not have a primary, has been busy going door to door with a band of volunteers, young and old, white and black. He says a growing show of support from older African-American Democrats has him taken aback. He feels they are looking past party lines to support a candidate who will vote against raising their taxes.

"I'm my own man not behold- ing to the money boys downtown. (Voters) have seen that I have voted against the white million- aires and their toys like 4th Street. It's more important to vote against raising taxes to pay for that stuff."

said Robinson. "Older voters are very sensitive to (Parmon) having voted eight times in 10 years to raise property taxes on fixed income seniors. I would argue that even if you could believe Ms. Parmon, you can't afford her."

Robinson said it is those same voters — older African-Americans — who are telling him that he, unlike Parmon, is actually "stand- ing up for them" at community meetings.

"If you don't say anything you can't get re-elected," he said.

Parmon, on the other hand, says her campaign is going strong as she is building onto her base of voters that landed her the Demo- cratic nomination. Ever mindful that there are "two candidates" in the election, Parmon, who is con- centrating on "get- ting her message out" to cit- izens, hopes that her 12- year record as a county commissioner will



Robinson

spek for itself and lead voters to check her name on Election Day.

"We need representatives that understand that jobs are crucial. The unemployment rate in

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## Still Dreamin'

Wife of slain civil rights icon tells Bennett students to reach out to disadvantaged and practice nonviolence

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
THE CHRONICLE

**GREENSBORO** — Bennett College students were encouraged by Coretta Scott King to "rise up" because their "hour of appointment with history" is approaching. Coretta Scott King, widow of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., launched the college's new monthly lecture series, "The President Presents."

Bennett College President Johnnetta B. Cole developed the lecture series.

Coretta Scott King said: "Rise up now to come forward from the shadows, just as another generation of young people right here in Greensboro rose up and answered the call of history and helped



Coretta Scott King, far right, looks on as her husband is arrested after a 1960s peaceful demonstration.

launch the Civil Rights Movement...Rise up now and lead our world to a greater destiny. Rise up now with an indomitable spirit of justice, compassion and love, united and determined to create the

beloved unity of Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream."

Coretta Scott King was referring to the sit-in movement, which began in Greensboro on Feb. 1, 1960, when four N.C. A&T University stu-

dents refused to leave a Woolworth lunch counter in downtown Greensboro. King began her remarks by thanking Cole for her "tireless devotion to academic excellence and the education of African-American women." King called her "a superb example of the wonderful leaders who have emerged from the ranks of African-American schools."

King, 75, is the founder, chair and chief executive officer of the Atlanta-based Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, which has trained tens of thousands of people in her late husband's philosophy. Coretta Scott King has received more than 40 honorary doctorates from universities around the world.

Her address marks the second time she has spoken at Bennett College. She spoke at a vespers service in Pfeiffer Chapel on March 21, 1965. That day was also the first day of the historic Selma to Montgomery march for voting

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## Tech group gives computers

WinstonNet dreams of connecting entire city to cutting-edge network

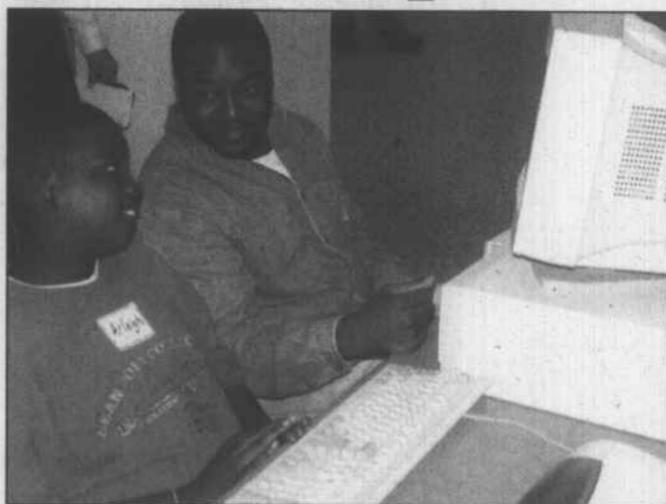
BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

The great divide between those who have access to computers and those who do not got a wee bit smaller last week. Ten children involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters of Forsyth County took home computers, and a local technology-minded nonprofit organization moved one step closer toward fulfilling its mission of making a powerful, innovative computing network accessible to everyone in the county.

WinstonNet was able to make the computers available to the young-

sters through a grant the organization received from the U.S. Department of Education. Formed through The IDEAlliance (the group behind the downtown research park and many other efforts aimed at taking the city to technological higher ground), WinstonNet is a partnership among local universities, social and corporate institutions and city government. Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem State University, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools and Forsyth Technical Community

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Carnell Hampton helps his "little brother," Arleigh Bryant, at a training session last week on the campus of Wake Forest University. Bryant was one of 10 Big Brothers Big Sisters youngsters that got home computers.

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The N.C. Democratic Party and a prominent African-American attorney say Elizabeth Dole has no business bragging about her record on civil rights.

They are crying foul over an appearance by Dole — the Republican nominee for the open U.S. Senate seat being vacated by Jesse Helms — on NBC's "Today" show Sept. 26 where Dole stated that she and her husband — Bob Dole, a former Kansas senator and Republican presidential nominee — have always been strong supporters of the Civil Rights Act.

"It is outrageous that Elizabeth Dole would mislead the people of North Carolina by claiming to have always supported the Civil Rights Act when history shows

she clearly has not," James "Fergie" Ferguson said in a statement released by the N.C. Democratic Party (NCDP) last week. "Mrs. Dole spoke out in favor of President Bush's (the current president's father) veto of the Civil Rights Act of 1990, and her husband voted to sustain the veto."

Ferguson is the founding partner of Ferguson, Stein, Wallus, Adkins, Gresham and Sumter. The firm has offices in both Charlotte and Chapel Hill. Ferguson also has served as president of the N.C. Association of Black Lawyers and the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers.

Janet Bradbury, a spokesperson for the Dole camp, said she was unable to find specific documentation regarding Dole's stance

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