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## Durham eagerly awaited the race that nobody really won

By Mark Anthony Andrews Adams

7:30 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8, a little girl leaving her house starts her daily trek to school. For some reason she is disappointed. Suddenly she hears the familiar sound of an old automobile. She stops dead in her tracks, whirls around and runs back down the sidewalk to greet her father. He works a late shift and she rarely sees him in the morning and when she gets home from school he is usually asleep. So for her, seeing her father is a rare treat.

"Daddy," she calls out happily, "I didn't think you'd make it."

He replies in a tired but determined voice, "Baby, how could I miss a chance to escort the prettiest girl in town to school?"

"Ah, daddy, you're just teasing, but don't forget you got to vote, too," she says.

And so it was throughout Durham, blacks and many whites going to work late, taking time off and even taking the day off. All in support of Asa T. Spaulding Jr., the city's black candidate for mayor.

On the preceeding night college students and community members, both black and white, were up until 3 a.m. putting up "Asa Spaulding" signs at every precinct in Durham.

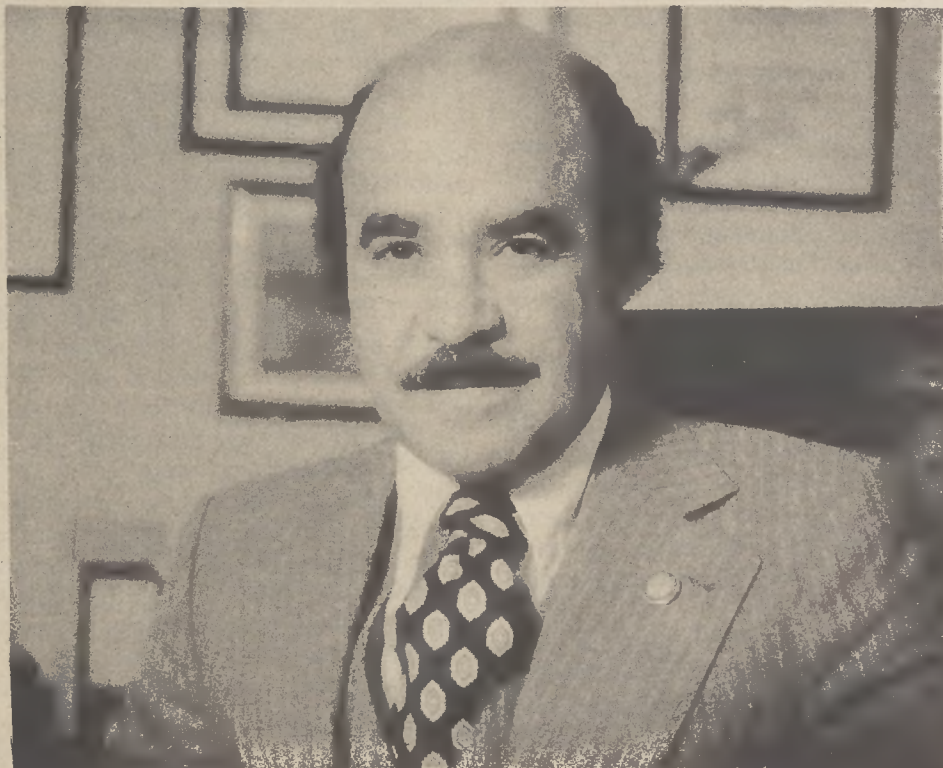
On Tuesday morning they were back up again, as early as 5 a.m., getting ready for the polls. At R.N. Harris elementary school, Ms. Mary H. Turner was up bright and early "putting in a vote for my people," she said. After she had voted, Ms. Turner stopped at one of the tables outside of the building and said, "Do you need any help? We've got to win this one." After sitting next to a NCCU student, she informed all who would listen that this was not a racial issue, "but Asa is the better man and Markham (his opponent) didn't have no business bringing that mess into the election."

Spaulding told a group of students at his Bright Leaf Square headquarters Monday night, "Things are looking pretty good and I'm glad that you have been dedicated to what we know is a worthy cause." The following day 9,122 voters turned out to show that they too knew that his was a worthy cause. But there were 10,599 who felt differently. What happened? Why wasn't there a greater turnout among black voters? Only 46 percent of the registered black voters in Durham exercised their right to vote compared to 53 percent of their white counterparts.

"I don't know what happened", said Spaulding after the final results were announced. "Maybe I should have gone into the community more." Were the votes there? Of the 50,396 registered voters in Durham only 20, 337 actually turned out. But as one official stationed at Durham High school stated, "If we can get 500 of our 1,200 registered voters out, we're doing good." only 427 showed up.

Markham didn't think it would have make a difference though saying, "he (Spaulding) didn't give the people a reason to defeat me. He was not specific enough on the issues." Although he wouldn't admit it, there was a time when Markham wasn't sure what the outcome would be. With the results from the R.N. Harris and Shepard precincts in hand showing him losing those precincts by a combined margin of 1070 votes, Markham said, "I don't know where they're getting these figures."

There was some concern in the early going, but as the night wore on, Markham slowly began to edge ahead and eventually went ahead to stay. The biggest encouragement to the Markham camp was when the results from fire station no. 6 came in. Here Markham received an encouragement 1043 votes compared to 294 for Spaulding. It was a close election, "the closest Durham has seen in a long time," said one reporter.



## Renovations brightens campus

By Annie V. Hawkins

This year, many changes can be seen on NCCU's campus. This summer, there was construction work done on Latham Hall's foundation, and also room revisions made in Chidley Hall.

William E. McDonald, director of the NCCU physical plant, listed some of these changes. The main building of Chidley Hall has been given a completely new look: lowered ceilings, more electrical power per room, new showers, closets, floors, and lighting. The costs for these changes were \$1.8 million.

Leonard Parks, 20, a Chidley Hall resident and business administration major from Wilkesboro, said, "It's nice. They painted the rooms, changed the doors, and put in new furniture. It's a lot better

than the Annex Building."

McDonald said that the foundation work being done on Latham Dorm will help eliminate the soil erosion around the dorm which has caused many problems, such as the buckling of sidewalks. This project will cost \$750,000.

In completion is a Criminal Justice Building at the corner of Cecil Street and Lincoln Street. This \$2.15 million building covers 30 thousand feet and will be ready for occupancy in November.

The new Physical Education and Recreation Complex across from the new Law School building will house an olympic swimming pool, classrooms, lounges, faculty offices, a gymnasium, a dance studio, and a gymnastic unit. This \$10.2 million building ex-

pects to be completed in September, 1984.

To help handicapped students, new ramps, wider doors, and curb cuts--\$46,000 in installations-- have been installed around Pearson Cafeteria, the Health Science Building, Taylor Education Building, and Baynes Hall to make them more accessible.

Renovations on campus are made depending upon the need and the money available, said McDonald. Every two years a proposed budget is submitted to the UNC system by the Space Utilization Committee which consists of departmental heads, deans, directors, and the chancellor. The system revises the budget and allocates to NCCU the funds needed after they are appropriated by the state legislature.

## Little brother update: now there are two

By Linda McNeely

In the Oct. 28th issue of the Campus Echo, the staff introduced the Echo's first "little brother," Larry Dumas. Mrs. Ewing, Larry's mother explained to members of the staff that her youngest son, Devon was jealous of all the attention his brother Larry has been receiving and requested that the staff add Devon to the program and so it was. On Friday Nov. 4th The Campus Echo adopted its second "little brother."

Mark Adams, editor of The Campus Echo

asked Devon if he thought he could handle 16 big sisters? "He replied yes," with a shy smile and a headshake. Adams also stated that this would be a good public relations action for The Echo and the university.

After a pizza fest, Devon attended his 1. event last Friday. He was treated to the Ebony Fashion Fair with Gilbert Faison, Teresa Pasley, Trevea McClean, and Paulette Rogers. Larry also attended the event.

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