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ABC Board Cites Low Sales - Reason For Jetway Closing

By Sharyn Bratcher
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The local ABC Board cites declining sales and pressure from landlord Dr. Raymond Oliver as reasons for its decision not to renew the lease on the store in Jetway Shopping Center.

ABC Board director Guy Ward states that letters from Dr. Oliver asking for a decision regarding the renewal of the lease prompted the Board to make an early ruling on the issue.

"He wanted a decision, so we gave him one," said Ward.

He maintained that there was no personal element in the board's decision, despite the fact that Oliver has requested a federal investigation of the ABC Board in connection with the building of the new ABC Store on Claremont Avenue.

Dr. Oliver was high bidder on the property in 1975 bidding, but he claimed that the ABC

Board refused to negotiate with him.

This is true, says Ward, but he explained that the board grants a lease based upon the lowest rent and best plan offered. Oliver's proposed rent on the new store was \$600 per month, while a second developer offered a \$541 rental. The board accepted the lower amount, and a lease was prepared, but when the board received the lease, the stated rental amount

Lack of Funds

was \$600.

"We said this was not what we had agreed on, and we had our lawyers draw up a new lease," said Ward.

Meanwhile, the financing on the land sale failed to go through, thus nullifying the contract.

Last August the land was sold to Jack Covington for his original bid of \$10,800, lower than the

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Carl Russell is still in the running for mayor, with a last-ditch write-in campaign.

Alder-Elect Back Russell Write-In

by Sharyn Bratcher
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Despite his defeat in the October 18th runoff and a party oath not to become a write-in candidate, Carl Russell announced his intention to campaign for the office of mayor as a write-in candidate.

He is supported by the three black Democratic aldermanic candidates: Vivian Burke, Larry Little, and Virginia K. Newell.

Russell stated that he and the aldermanic candidates met last Thursday at the funeral home with Wayne Corpening, the Democratic nominee for mayor.

"He has hedged and has not faced up to the matter of giving a positive answer to his stand on many of the planks common to the black elected officials," Russell stated.

Corpening refused to agree to any of the common goals among the black candidates, with the exception of a human relations commission. Corpening will not back a police review board, common ground among all black candidates in the city election.

"I have not heard any statement from Mr. Corpening that would satisfy me," Virginia K. Newell told the group of Russell supporters, explaining why she is supporting Russell's candidacy.

Vivian Burke, also present at the press conference, stated that she, too, supported Russell.

Russell distributed sample write-in ballots, which bore an explanation of the write-in procedure. He hopes to inform a large enough segment of the black community to carry the election by a write-in.

Some community spokesmen do not believe that this is possible.

Mrs. Lee Faye Mack, president of Concerned Citizens, announced last week that she supported a movement called "Black Democrats for Lauerman."

When Mrs. Mack, who originally supported Russell, was asked if his write-in candidacy would make any difference, she replied that it would not.

"The time has come when we have got to be practical," she stated.

She expressed doubt that sufficient numbers of voters could be educated to the write-in process.

One sentiment prevalent in East Winston is the fear that Russell's candidacy will split the vote which would otherwise have gone to Lauerman.

When asked about this contingency, Russell replied: "We didn't come up

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Vote
Tues.
Nov. 8

BBAL May Close Doors

John X. Williamson, president and founder of the Black Business Action League, says that unless his organization receives a grant soon, it will have to close its doors.

The BBAL, a non-profit organization designed to promote minority development, is presently funded from a small grant from the city unemployment of-

office, under the WIN program.

The League has cancelled its Co-op Program, a plan to reduce food prices for poor and low-income people, because it was unable to receive adequate funds to operate it successfully.

"The League has not been able to get the total business community to

support its programs and seminars; mainly because the organization isn't staffed adequately to do the job," says Williamson.

"The other reason is the federal government awarded the Mid-West Piedmont Area Business Development Association funds to do some of the things the Black Business Action League proposed to do," he continued.

John Duncan director of Mid-West Piedmont stated that there is a need for a minority businessman's organization concentrating on Winston-Salem. His organization, he noted, has to cover sixteen counties, of which Winston-Salem is only a small part.

Other members of the black community say that the trouble in the BBAL is more than just lack of funding.

The organization has twice angered other organizations with imitative projects, apparently designed to capitalize on a successful idea.

On April 4th the League sponsored a banquet honoring the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., which many people felt would be confused with the NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet. The promotional announcement for the banquet listed the sponsorship of five other community organizations, several of whom later denied any connection with the affair.

Several weeks ago, the

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NC Voters Will Judge

New Budget Amendment

By Sharyn Bratcher
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On November 8th, North Carolina voters will pass judgment on a proposed constitutional amendment mandating a balanced budget.

The provision, which will be binding both to the General Assembly and to the Governor, would take from the General Assembly the prerogative--and the temptation--of "deficit" spending.

Simply stated, it means that the State cannot spend more money than it receives.

North Carolina already has a similar provision in its laws: the Executive Budget Act, which went into effect in 1925. The main difference between that act and the proposed amendment is that the Executive Budget Act is subject to change by the General Assembly.

The proposed amend-

ment is not intended to prevent the State from issuing its bonds and notes, nor will it affect bond proceeds.

The amendment states that the Governor shall give first priority to the payment of funds appropriated by the General Assembly for debt service, a move which is intended to preserve the State's credit.

"It represents responsible government," says State Treasurer Harlan E. Boyles.

North Carolina has the lowest per capita debt of any state in the nation, and the highest credit rating of the national rating agencies.

Opponents of the amendment say that a new law is not necessary, because the present law and practice have kept North Carolina within a balanced budget.

Furthermore, they say, the constitution should be

reserved to provide a structure for government, rather than for setting budget rules. Why have a law, they ask, when there is no problem?

Advocates of the new amendment say that the concept of a balanced budget should be placed in the Constitution so that such a concept cannot be altered by the General Assembly without express approval by the people. It is not that the new amendment would change the present practice, they say, it would merely be a further safeguard against such an occurrence.

The Amendment:

"The total expenditures of the State for the fiscal period covered by the budget shall not exceed the total of receipts during that fiscal period and the surplus remaining in the State Treasury at the be-

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BURGER KING GIVES MONEY TO SCHOOL OF THE ARTS

Dr. Robert Suderburg, Chancellor of the N.C. School of the Arts (left) accepts a check for four thousand dollars from Burger King District Manager Paul Lovin (middle). Also assisting in the presentation is Winston-Salem Mayor Franklin Shirley. The money will be used to fund a feasibility study to see if the Carolina Theater (background) can be renovated. The presentation occurred Thursday in spite of the threat of rain. Lovin came prepared with his umbrella just in case.

Yen Initiates New Program

The Youth Energy Network, has initiated a twelve-month program designed to deal with the dropout problem in Forsyth County.

The objectives of the project are to study the extent and causes of the dropout situation, to make

contact with these young people who have dropped out, and assist them in educational or vocational pursuits, and to prevent future dropouts.

How many dropouts are there in Forsyth County? Which schools have the highest dropout rate?

Why do students quit school?

"We don't know yet," replies Dan Ward, of the Youth Energy Network. "Those are the questions we hope to find answers for in our study."

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Ervin's Beauty Services

Local Salon Makes Big Move

By Sharyn Bratcher
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"I really like the new location," says Minnie J. Ervin, owner and operator of Ervin's Modern Ways to Beauty.

She has just relocated her shop from 600 N. Patterson Avenue to a newly-built chalet shop at Patterson and Indiana Avenue.

The grand opening is not until Sunday, but the shop is already open for business. Mrs. Ervin has her many certificates of study and merit displayed

on the wall behind her work area, and several customers sit chatting as their hair dries.

They have been at the new location since the day after Labor Day, says Mrs. Ervin, and she's pleased with the atmosphere and ease of parking in the new shop.

"We were at the other location three years," she explained. That shop was located in the building with her alma mater, Le Mae Beauty College.

After completing the course work at Le Mae, Mrs. Ervin went to New

York City to study.

"I was secretly married to my husband, who was working at Reynolds at night and going to school in the daytime," she recalls. After completing her studies in New York, she came back home to Winston-Salem.

"My first shop was on East 21st Street in the basement of my home," she said. "And then we moved to W. 28th Street, and fitted up the garage as a shop."

After that came Patterson Avenue, and finally the new shop.

The secret of building a successful business?

"Quality of service," says Minnie Ervin. "You have to study and keep up with the changing styles."

She is a member of a hairstylists' National Trend Committee, whose function is to keep track of those changes.

"The trend now is to softer, relaxed styles," says Mrs. Ervin. "Many women are trying the blowout styles."

One sign of "keeping up with latest trends" is a

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"Quality of service is the key to success," says hairstylist Minnie J. Ervin.



Her new shop will have its official grand opening Sunday.