

NAACP Cites Local Concern

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Winston-Salem NAACP president Patrick Hairston has just returned from the national NAACP convention in New York, where he met with chapter pre-



Patrick Hairston

sidents from throughout the country to evaluate the problems facing blacks today.

"Unemployment and redevelopment are our biggest problems," said Hairston. "We must, of course, include racism. All other problems stem from that."

NAACP president Ben-

jamin Hooks voiced the organization's disappointment in President Carter's performance during his first year in office. "We didn't think Carter would be as good as he said he was going to be," said Hooks. "But nobody thought he'd be as bad as he is."

"Sometimes I think we are our own worst enemy," sighed Hairston.

He cited black on black crime, with a death toll approaching that of View Nam, and educational concerns as a major problem in the black community.

"We should be concerned about what our children are taught in schools," said Hairston. "And we should face the fact that without education, there isn't going to be any job."

"That damned basketball is a conspiracy to keep us dumb. If kids spent as much time studying as see AAACP, Page 2



Judge Richard C. Erwin takes the oath of office to assume his appointment on the N.C. Court of Appeals.

Erwin Sworn In For Judgeship

In swearing in ceremonies held in Raleigh last week, Richard C. Erwin became the first black judge in the N.C. Court of Appeals.

Erwin, a Winston-Salem attorney, resigned his seat in the North Carolina House of Representatives to accept Hunt's appoint-

ment to one of the three new judgeships created by the General Assembly as part of the governor's anti-crime campaign.

Adding three new judges to the Court of Appeals is intended to reduce the workload of each judge, so that cases can be reviewed more promptly.

In order to keep his judgeship until the expiration of the term in 1984, Erwin must run for reelection in November. His unexpired term in the House will be filled by appointment based upon recommendation from the Forsyth County Democratic party. Attorney Harold Kennedy and former al-

derman C.C. Ross are the two names most frequently mentioned as Erwin's successor, who will be nominated January 12 by the precinct chairmen and vice-chairmen.

In appointing Erwin and the other two new judges, Wake County district attorney Burley Mitchell,

Photo by Hugh Smith

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Chancellor/Alumni Clash Over WSSU Enrollment Issue

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The Board of Directors for the Alumni Association of Winston-Salem State University has issued a statement disagreeing with the statement of WSSU chancellor Dr. H. Douglas Covington, saying that more white students must be brought into the university.

The Alumni Association response, drafted by alumni president "Jeep" Jones at the request of the board of directors, stated: "Winston-Salem State needs to remain very predominantly black in population. Those of us who have graduated can testify to the fact that there is a very important role for black colleges to play in a society which suddenly ignores the talents of young blacks who spend four years in any institution."

"Some may interpret this point of view as being in opposition to integra-

tion, but that is not the Alumni Association as Segregationist," the statement continued. "However, we are simply stating a position, the wisdom of which is made evident by a series of historical events. One may look at desegregation in the North Carolina Public

School System and wonder aloud what happened to a large number of black principals."

"If that does not constitute evidence enough, one might then look at the guidelines set by HEW concerning black involve-

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N.C. Courts Reject Wilmington 10 Plea

The Wilmington 10 exhausted their last bid for freedom through the North Carolina court system, when the state Court of Appeals refused to review a lower court decision denying them a new trial.

Governor James Hunt, who recently announced that he is reviewing each defendant's case for possible pardon had no comment on the decision.

Hunt has received considerable urging in recent months from organizations and even a group of senators either to pardon the 10 or to commute their sentences.

Attorney for the Wilmington 10 James Ferguson says that if the governor does not take action in the case, he will take it to federal court.

The Wilmington 10, See Courts, Page 2

Economy Top Concern Of Blacks According To Government Survey

Of the 101,358 "North Carolina Tomorrow" survey forms received statewide, about 20 percent -- 19,896 -- were sent by Black North Carolinians.

And of these Black respondents, the economy was listed as the greatest problem facing the state by five to one.

The survey, sponsored by Gov. Jim Hunt and the State Goals and Policy Board, was conducted this fall throughout the state to give citizens as opportu-

ity to participate in the state government decision-making process. As the chief citizen advisory agency in state government, the Board will make recommendations to the governor for short- and long-range solutions to the problems based on survey results.

The questionnaire asked respondents to name the biggest problem facing the state, and to explain what state government should do to

solve that problem. The survey also dealt with satisfaction with service delivery, taxes and the overall quality of life in North Carolina.

Thirty-three percent of all Blacks volunteered the matter of jobs, unemployment and the economy as their major concern. This percentage compares to the 18.2 percent throughout the stat who listed the economy as the top problem. As solutions to this

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Deputy city manager Jack Bond presents awards for heroism to six local heroes as Mayor Wayne Corpening waits to congratulate them.

City Commends 6 Heroes

Commendations for heroism were presented by Mayor Wayne A. Corpening recently to two firemen, two public safety officers, and two private citizens for their efforts to save lives in a house fire on October 15, 1977.

Tonya Walker, 12, was rescued from the blaze, but her father, Bracey Walker, 32, died on the way to the hospital despite the extensive resuscitation efforts of the four officers.

Piedmont Publishing newspaper carriers, Mrs. Martha Penland Seay and R.A. Young, were cited for reporting the fire and rescuing the girl.

Fire Lt. Jessie D. Hemric, Firefighter Greg Key, and Public Safety Officers Karla Bjorling and Harrison Davis were decorated for maintaining artificial respiration efforts until medical units arrived.

Officer Bjorling continued the mouth-to-mouth resuscitation while en-

route to the hospital with the ambulance emergency medical staff.

Corpening awarded certificates of honor to the citizens and commendation medals to the officers.

Mrs. Seay was delivering newspapers in the Stonewall subdivision when she discovered the fire at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walker at 3701 Appomattox Drive about 5:30 a.m.

She roused a neighbor, James E. Sims, a Forsyth County Sheriff's detective, who called the Fire Department.

During this same period of time, Young was delivering papers along Indiana Avenue when he noticed the fire in the subdivision.

He went to the house, and when he arrived at the structure, he heard someone coughing. He tore open a screen, raised the window, and Tonya came to him.

When he got the girl

out, he asked her if others in her family were in the house. She was uncertain if her father had returned from taking her mother to work. If he had returned, she said, he would be in the den located at the rear of the home.

Young went to the back and kicked in the rear door. Only smoke came out and no responses to his calls.

When he came around front, he saw that other neighbors, Sims and Mrs. Seay, were attempting to gain entry into the house to search for occupants, but the smoke also turned them back.

The rear of the one-story home was on fire, and flames were shooting out of the roof when the three fire units arrived -- two from the City and the third from the Forest Hills Volunteer Fire Department.

Firemen found Mr. Walker lying unconscious See City, Page 2

Grand Dragon Enters Commissioners Race

Joe Grady, Grand Dragon of the North Carolina Ku Klux Klan, announced his candidacy for the Forsyth County Board of County Commissioners in a press conference at the Board of Elections office Monday.

"I don't think I'll get many black votes," he admitted, but went on to state that race should not be an issue in the campaign, and that he is running as the champion of the blue collar worker.

"A lot of times things that seem to be racial issues really aren't," he observed. "They're class struggles."

I taking the oath to run, Grady talked at the provision stating that he would not seek to be a write-in candidate if he lost the primary, but when Board of Elections personnel told him that he could not file,

he took the oath "with reservations."

Since he took the oath, he said, he will not run as a write-in candidate if defeated; otherwise, he indicated, that would have been his intention.

Grady's special concern is the blue collar worker. Although they pay the major burden of taxes in the county, they do not have representation on any governing boards, he stated.

His platform indicates that he opposes pornography and higher taxes, and that he favors stricter drug law enforcement and more recreation centers.

Grady wants Reynolds Health Center restored as a general hospital. He explained that there are no health care facilities in East Winston, making it dangerous for an accident See Grand, Page 2



Larry Womble

Candidates Attend Political Breakfast

Newly-appointed judge Richard Erwin and two of the candidates who hope to succeed him in the N.C. House of Representatives were entertained at a breakfast Saturday morn-

ing at Staley's Northside. Approximately 35 persons attended the breakfast, hosted, says Larry Womble, by the Concerned Citizens of the See Candidates, Page 2

Bailey Seeks Second Term

Beaufort O. Bailey, the first black ever elected to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schor Board, filed for re-election last week, citing the fate of Atkins High as one of his primary concerns.

"It's not the actions of the school board that worries me," Bailey explained. "It's the city. With all this redevelopment going on in that area, if the houses around Atkins are demolished, then there may be no one in the state to attend the

school." want Atkins to close, state See Bailey, Page 2

Logemann Runs For State House

Ernest Logemann, a history teacher at Atkins High School, announced his candidacy for the State House of Representatives in a press conference last Thursday at his home.

"People are my special See Runs, Page 2



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