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Russell Happy To Be Home

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Carl Russell, former Winston-Salem Mayor pro tem and alderman for 16 years, returned home after serving four months of a six-month prison sentence for tax evasion.

Russell was released on Oct. 2, two months early when he became seriously ill at the Federal Correction Center in Lexington, Ky.

In an exclusive interview with the Chronicle, Russell revealed his thoughts on the four months he served in prison, his feelings about his conviction, and his plans for the future.

"I had envisioned prison as some dark, dreary, cold

place with bars and machine guns all around," Russell said. "But due to my health I was sent to a medical facility. The center where I was assigned was not like that at all. It was still in prison and you were confined, but it was a modern facility, clean, and there were no bars or guns to be seen. The guards were courteous but strict," he said.

Because of his illness, a cardio-pulmonary obesity syndrome called Pick William Syndrome (Russell was not assigned a detail at the center. "I was medically unassigned and spent most of my time writing and working on my memoirs. Since I served 16 years in



Carl Russell

public office, I wanted to put my experiences down in writing while they were

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Candidates Appeal To Black Voters

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

In what could have been billed as "The Main Event," candidates for the state offices of Senator and Representative squared off against each other during a political forum sponsored by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) held Sunday.

The forum, designed to acquaint minority residents of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County with both party's candidates before the Nov. 4 election, was the second in a three part series. Last week, candidates for federal offices were featured. Next Sunday, candidates for local offices including District Court judge and board of education will participate.

Fire works began when

John J. Cavanaugh, a candidate for the state senate challenged former Sen. Carl D. Totherow, a Democrat seeking another term, as to why he was running again after vowing to quit politics. Totherow jumped to his feet and told Cavanaugh that he thought the purpose of the forum was to let the audience ask questions not opposing candidates. When the moderator of the evening

tried to quiet the two, Totherow stated, "he started it." Cavanaugh, an alderman, apologized.

The second altercation was between Rep. Margaret Tennille, a Democrat seeking re-election and Republican Rep. Mary N. Pegg. While Tennille was explaining about juvenile codes, which she helped to sponsor while in the house, Pegg, who is also running

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N.C. Bar Under Attack

Blacks Challenge Exam

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

A group of 11 black law school graduates have filed a law suit against the

North Carolina Board of Law Examiners, challenging the state's bar exam and saying that the process needs to be changed or "opened up."

The plaintiffs filed their suit in Wake County Superior Court in Raleigh Wednesday. They are represented by Attorney Clarence C. Malone, a

partner in the firm of Malone, Johnson, DeJamon and Spaulding in Durham, N.C.

The complaint alleges that the operations and procedures of the Board of Law Examiners violate both the North Carolina State Constitution and the United States Constitution. The plaintiffs charge that the board unlawfully and illegally denied them their rights by not providing them with a constitutionally adequate level of review after they were notified that they were unsuccessful on the North Carolina Bar Examination.

The group also charges that the board was created in an unconstitutional manner and as such did not have the power to either grant or deny them their licenses to practice law in North Carolina. The board administers the bar exam and a person must pass the three-day exam before being licensed to practice law in the state of

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Summit Cable Adds Black Entertainment TV

Black Entertainment Television (BET), the nation's first and only specialized cable television satellite network that distributes black oriented programming is coming to Winston-Salem, according to BET



Bob Johnson

President Robert L. Johnson and officials of Summit Communications, the local cable company that will carry the BET programming. The announcement was made last Friday during a press conference held at the Hyatt House. BET began on Jan. 25 of this year and now reaches an estimated 5.1 million households in 499 markets

in 47 states including Alaska and Hawaii. BET increased its subscriber count by over a million viewers in the last month.

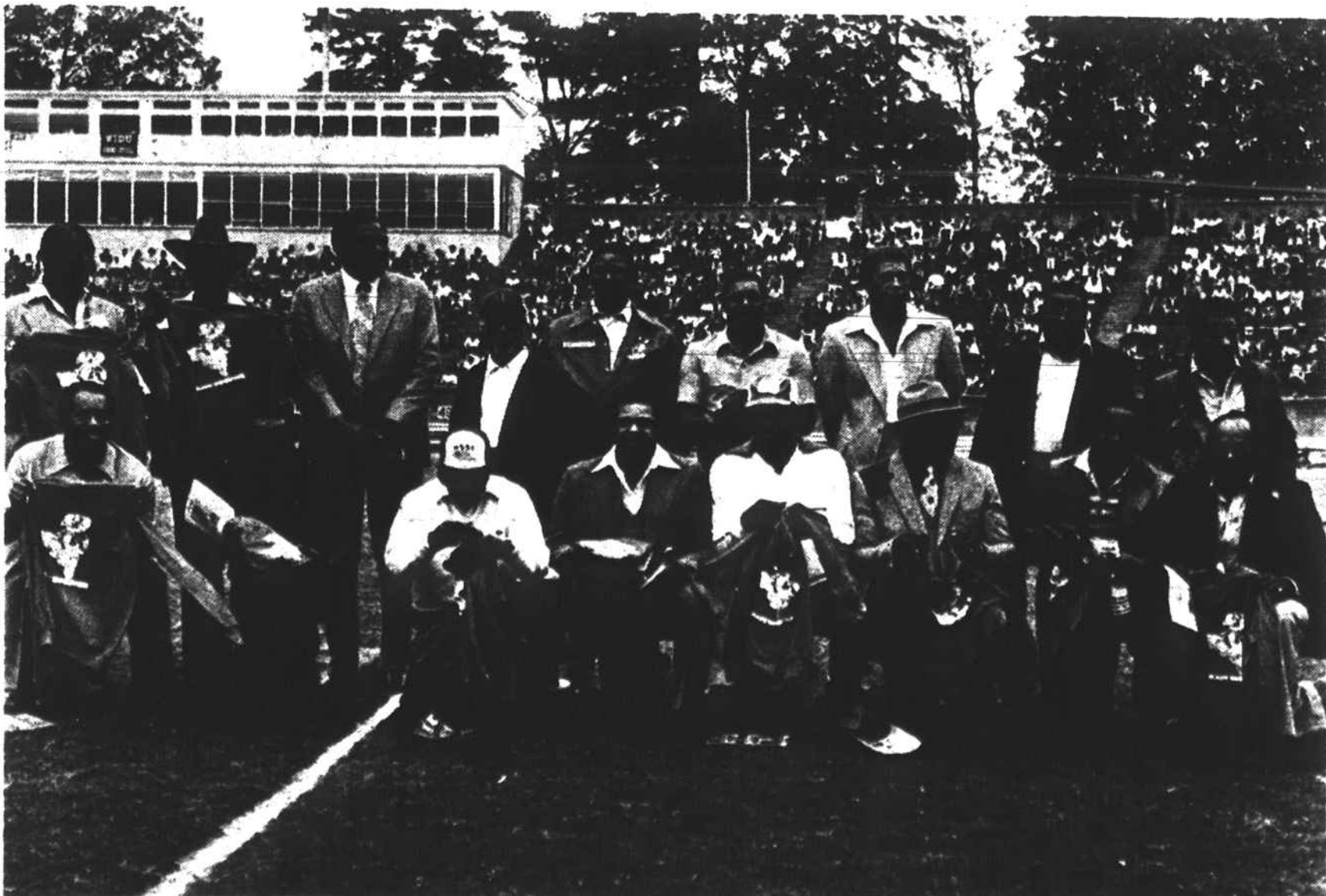
Commenting on the growth of his company

Johnson said, "The fact that black entertainment television today has access to 5 million cable homes is clear and convincing evidence that black oriented programming is attractive to both cable operators and cable subscribers. As cable television expands into the major urban markets we expect BET to continue its outstanding growth."

Johnson said that another reason that BET is so successful is the diversity that only cable television can offer.

In introducing Johnson and BET to the area, Winston-Salem Chronicle editor/

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Ram Boosters

WSSU alumni and friends were honored for their contributions to the university during halftime activities last weekend in the homecoming game against Fayetteville State University. The Rams trounced FSU 21-0.



C.E. "Big House" Gaines takes a glimpse at the portrait designated to hang in the sports complex named in his honor. The portrait, presented to Gaines here by Dr. Lafayette Parker, Vice Chancellor Emeritus of WSSU, was painted by Coppedge Studio from a photograph taken by Clarence Nottingham.

During 88th Founders' Day

Hunt Commends WSSU

By Donna Oldham
Staff Writer

Governor James B. Hunt Jr. told the audience atten-

ding Winston-Salem State University's 88th Founder's Day Convocation last week that the two most important things on his priority list as

governor are "giving children an education second to none, and helping the mothers and fathers of those children get the kinds

of jobs that provide a decent income and degree of dignity."

Hunt, who was the keynote speaker for the university's anniversary told the audience that in the two years that WSSU Chancellor H. Douglas Covington has been in office, that "Covington has shown that he is an educational leader of uncommon ability. With the help of Trustee Chairman Joseph Battle and the excellent faculty and staff you have here, Chancellor Covington has put this institution on the threshold of an unparalleled era of growth and diversification."

Hunt continued, "The challenges facing this university are great, but the potential is virtually limitless. You are located in a growing, dynamic urban center. Therefore, the institution must constantly accommodate itself to the changing and expanding needs of the urban community."

As part of those changing ideas, Hunt told the audience that he was anxiously awaiting a study conducted to determine the feasibility of establishing a graduate center on the

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Tenn. Prisoners Gain Vote For Election Nov. 4

Inmates in Tennessee jails and prisons will be casting votes in the November 4th Presidential election gaining constitutional voting rights that are denied other prisoners in states around the nation.

An estimated 10,000 prisoners in workhouses, penal farms, state, city and county prisons are now expected to take advantage of that right as a result of recent state and federal court rulings.

James Roach, a Memphis area legal services attorney representing state prison inmates, said prisoners are showing "great interest." "State election coordinators," according to Roach, report that more than 53 percent of the unregistered prison population filed before the October 4 deadline.

"But our glorious victory may be short-lived," Roach suggested, "pending the outcome of an appeal filed by the state Attorney General's office." This may be the only time prisoners in Tennessee will be able to vote.

In addition, Roach noted several legislators in the state General Assembly

have pre-filed four bills to curtail prisoners' voting rights. That legislation reportedly will come before the state General Assembly when it convenes in January.

"If any of these opposition groups are successful in overturning this ruling," Ms. C.E. McGruder, Youth adviser for

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Erwin To Be Sworn In Oct. 31

Richard C. Erwin, former judge, North Carolina Court of Appeals, will be sworn in as the first black federal judge since reconstruction for U.S. Middle District of North Carolina on Friday, October 31, 1980 at 2:00 p.m., in the Forsyth County Courthouse in Winston-Salem. Immediately following the swearing in, there will be a public reception at the Benton Convention Center from 2:45-4:30 p.m.