

Still On The Hit List

Although black actor Louis Gossett Jr. is one of its stars, Paramount Pictures' "An Officer And A Gentleman" is nevertheless listed among films that do not employ sufficient numbers of blacks. An NAACP official explains why.

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An A-Maze-ing Evening

Ashford and Simpson were billed as the headliners, but Frankie Beverly and Maze stole the show in a Greensboro concert last Friday that also included Patrice Rushen and the Reddings.

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Billy Ball

Coach Bill Hayes of Winston-Salem State's Rams says his team will use tried and true methods in its quest for this year's CIAA title — "Bill Hayes Football."

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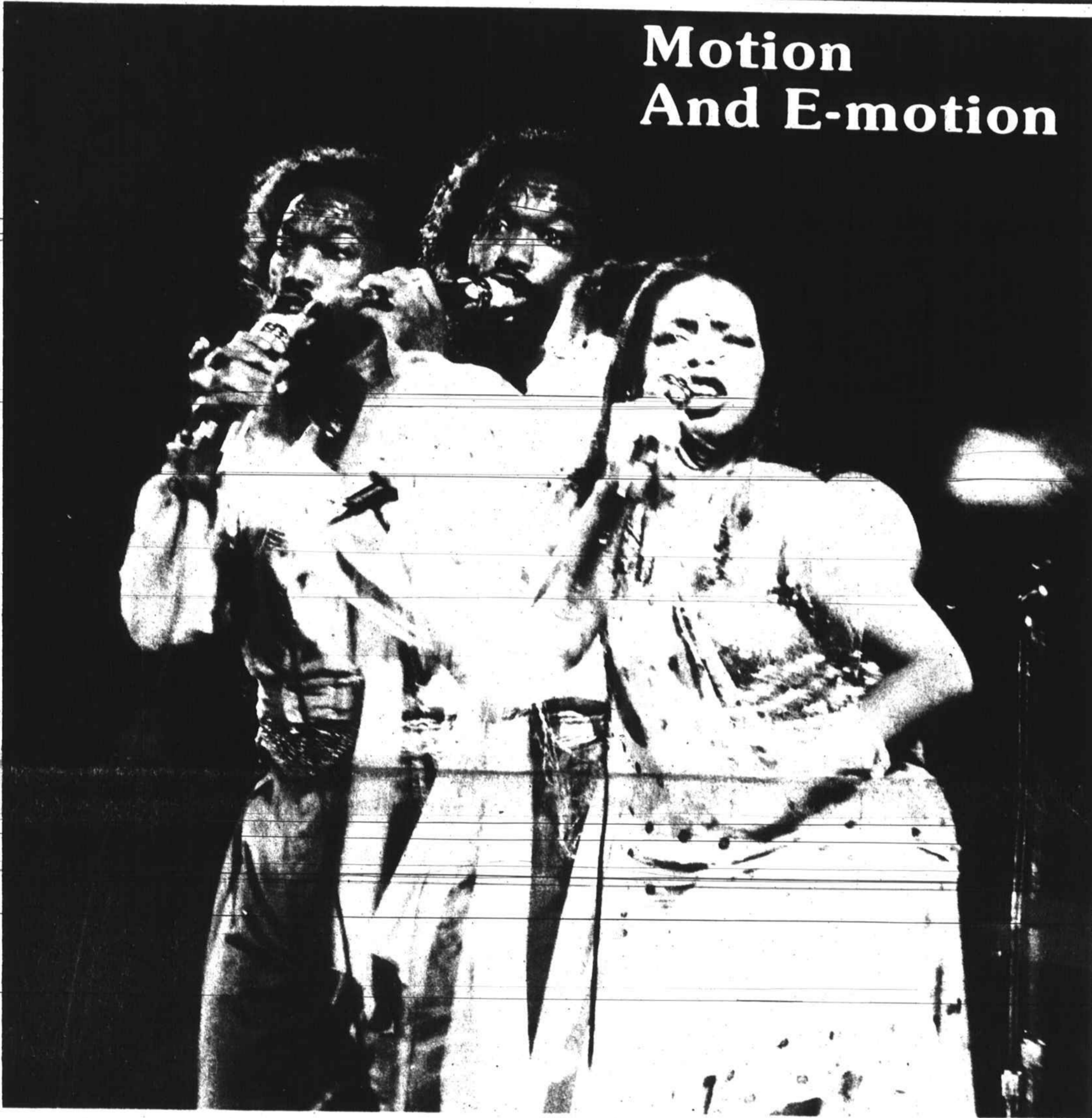
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Motion And E-motion



Nick Ashford and Valerie Simpson are a dazzling pair as they perform in concert for a Greensboro Coliseum audience. The hard-at-work team put all they have and then some into their performance Friday night in a concert that also included

Patrice Rushen, The Reddings and Frankie Beverly and Maze. A review and additional pictures appear on page 10 (Photo by Joe Daniels).

Michaux Backers Decide To Wage Write-In Campaign

By Donald Alderman
Special To The Chronicle

WARRENTON -- H. M. "Mickey" Michaux might be down in his fight for a congressional seat, but, according to one black organization, he is not out. The Second District Congressional Black Caucus recently launched an effort to send Michaux to Washington on the force of a write-in vote.

Meeting last Saturday in the Warrenton Baptist Church, the caucus, representing black political groups from each of the district's 10 counties, decided that blacks prefer to write in Michaux's name over voting for the two nominated candidates.

When informed of the write-in effort, State Democratic Chairman Russell Walker said the caucus could only hurt the Democratic effort come November.

"I think this is a splinter group that is going against the wishes of Michaux," Walker said. "We have a Democratic nominee that we ought to stick with. I don't see where this group has anything to gain except to elect a Republican."

But members of the caucus say there's no dif-

ference between the political ideologies of Democrat I. T. Valentine and Republican Jack Marin.

"They are two white, racist-conservative males,"

the counties of Caswell, Durham, Edgecombe, Granville, Halifax, Nash, Person, Vance and Warrenton.

Caucus members said a survey of voters throughout

"We're talking about two Republicans here. There isn't any difference between Valentine and Marin. So we have no choice but to write in Michaux's name."

--Second District Congressional Black Caucus member

said Wilson attorney G. K. Butterfield.

In July, Michaux lost his bid to become the state's first black congressman since George White accomplished the feat in 1901. In a run-off election in which voting went largely along racial lines, Valentine of Nashville beat Michaux by nearly 10,000 votes.

Valentine faces Marin of Durham in the November general election. He also faces the caucus that will work to get Michaux elected.

The caucus, ranging from Durham's Committee on the Affairs of Black People to Vance's Black Caucus, will attempt to get as many Michaux supporters to return to the polls -- this time with pens. Michaux received about 51,000 votes in the district that includes

the district showed that black voters favored a write-in campaign, and most feel that Michaux would win. Several other factors contributed to the decision to launch the write-in effort. Caucus members said that many other elections, such as for local boards of county commissioners, where blacks have been nominated but face stiff challenges in November, will be in jeopardy if the wind of the Michaux campaign calms. Though Michaux lost, other black office-seekers won, mainly because of the record number of blacks that registered and voted in hopes of sending Michaux to the nation's capital. Caucus members also pointed out that the

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Plans To Go To Court

NAACP Will Seek County Ward System

By Ruthell Howard
Staff Writer

Should county commission and school board be elected through a ward system rather than the present at-large set-up?

The Winston-Salem NAACP thinks so and plans to go to court soon to do something about it.

Patrick Hairston, NAACP president, says a ward system would offer one means for the black community to be assured of representation in those local governmental positions.

Presently, neither body has black members. "A ward system would assure that we have the type

of representation we should have," Hairston says.

Hairston says that because blacks comprise approximately 22 percent of the county and 42 percent of the city population, "we deserve to have some blacks on these boards."

Hairston says it isn't enough to have "white peo-

ple who say they speak for blacks," and that it is "very unlikely" that blacks will get adequate representation with the present system. "We have tried it and tried it," he says, "and it is very hard, very unlikely."

An attorney for the national NAACP is expected to be in the city this week to

discuss the chapter's plans, Hairston says.

In the meantime, candidates for the board of county commissioners and the school board say there is a need for change on both bodies.

David Drummond, an incumbent who lost in a bid

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Pat Hairston



David Drummond



Fred Hauser

Will Lancaster Deliver? Supporters Say Yes, Detractors Skeptical

By Ruthell Howard
Staff Writer

Black leaders who supported Forsyth County Sheriff Manly Lancaster during his campaign for office feel that Lancaster will stick to his promise to improve black representation in his department. Lancaster's critics, however, remain skeptical.

The sheriff, who has two openings in his department and recently hired a black and two whites for entry-level positions, met with

representatives from the black community Aug. 9 to discuss minority hirings and promotions.

Earline Parmon, program director for the East Winston Restoration Association and an active member of the Democratic Party, says the purpose of the meeting was to discuss those two and future positions and the fact that there is no black lieutenant in the department.

"We will be working to see that minorities will be

given a fair shake," says Parmon, who campaigned for Lancaster. "I am very confident that he (Lancaster) will do the things he said."

Parmon says no firm commitments were made by the sheriff during the meeting, but she is confident that he will hire more than one black in filling the five positions.

The Rev. Jerry Drayton, who also supported Lancaster because he says he felt there was a need for

blacks to be on "both sides" during an election, says he, too, expects the sheriff to keep his commitment to the black community.

"I expect him to improve his hiring policies," Drayton says, "because not to do so would not be good

for him politically. His word and integrity are at stake, so I have no doubts he will do it."

"I believe, at this point, there will be a token hiring of blacks, but no decent affirmative action policy."

North Ward Alderman Larry Little

ment to the black community.

Drayton says the sheriff met with the Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates prior to the elections, and during that meeting made a "verbal

agreement" to increase the percentage of blacks hired and promoted in his department. "I believe he will do so," he added.

But Patrick Hairston, local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People president, says he doesn't expect a change in Lancaster's hiring policies.

"No. He's not going to change," says Hairston, who opposed Lancaster's re-election. "He hasn't changed in 12 years (during

his three terms as sheriff)."

Hairston points out that there are few blacks in high-ranking positions, and especially that there are no black lieutenants in the sheriff's department.

And North Ward Alderman Larry Little, who also opposed Lancaster as a candidate, says he only expects to see "token" blacks hired.

"I believe, at this point, there will be a token hiring of blacks, but no decent affirmative action policy,"

Little says.

Little says he opposed Lancaster because he didn't believe the sheriff has made progress in his hiring of blacks during his three terms, "and I didn't believe he would change that (during this term)," Little says.

He says he also doesn't have faith in Lancaster because he had "not followed through" on improving the method of elections used by the sheriff's department that involves

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