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Other teams may have been more talented, but Atkins High School's winning boys track team had something extra special.

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Mr. Fix-It

If you've got a broken bicycle or radio, 12-year-old Irvin Bigelow may be the man you need to see.

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Reviewer John Slade says a new Disney film that was supposed to frighten moviegoers may bore them silly.

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Paddling In Schools Meted Out More Often To Blacks And Poor

By RUTHELL HOWARD
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Black youth have complained that black students are punished corporally more often than white students in local junior high schools, says a minister who has discussed the issue with members of his Baptist Youth Fellowship.

And a recent study by the Governor's Advocacy Council on Children and Youth reports similar findings statewide and calls for a ban on corporal punishment because black and poor children are punished more often than their classmates.

The council's report says that the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system ranked eighth in the percentage and one in the number of black students punished corporally in 1980. "One child in 28 is corporally punished nationwide," the report further states, "including one of every three black children."

The Rev. Rhodford Anderson, pastor of Union Chapel Baptist Church, says that, from visiting area school offices and talking with youth, he too has found that more black than white students are punished corporally.

"Parents need to have some say-so as to what is right, which is fair and as to some punishment that fits the occurrence."

-- The Rev. Rhodford Anderson

"They (black students) say the white students don't get paddled as often as they do," Anderson says. "Anything that happens gets put on them."

Anderson says this is an indicator that racism still exists in the schools. He says parents need

to be more active in determining how their children are disciplined at school.

"I feel like parents ought to be summoned at the time their children get in trouble," Anderson says. "It should not be left up to principals or assistant principals."

Anderson says the students he talked with, who asked not to be identified, felt they were being treated unfairly and that they had to accept that treatment. Anderson also says the students seem to have lost incentive and interest in their work as a result of the punishment.

"Most of their problems had been with white teachers," Anderson says. He adds that the students feel that black teachers who are employees of the system are reluctant to speak out on the problems of corporal punishment.

The survey also calls corporal punishment "counterproductive" and says it makes discipline problems worse.

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Of Black Assistant District Attorney

Attorneys Plan To Push For Appointment

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The appointment of Joseph Gatto to the District Court bench creates a vacancy in the district attorney's office that many local black attorneys and lay people say should be filled by a black person.

"It would be nice to have a black assistant in

the district attorney's office at this time," says attorney James Lassiter, president of the Winston-Salem Bar Association, a local group composed of 45 black attorneys.

"And we are now in a position to have a black person appointed."

The usual procedure for filling such vacancies in the district attorney's office, Lassiter says, is to find recent law school graduates or

attorneys who have not been in private practice long. But Lassiter says that the position looks attractive to some well-established black attorneys, too.

"It's a guaranteed income. Seldom do we (black attorneys) pull in the big dough like some of the whites. So we (established black lawyers) consider it a good position," Lassiter

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Tisdale: Weighed And Found Wanting

By RUTHELL HOWARD
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District Attorney Donald K. Tisdale doesn't rank very high in the black community these days, say several black leaders.

"His performance in office has always depicted racism for the simple reason that, when a black of any stature in the community was arrested, he (Tisdale) failed to place blacks on the jury," says Patrick Hairston, president

of the local NAACP.

With the exception of the trial for former Benton Convention Center and Memorial Coliseum Director William McGee, Hairston says Tisdale has been notorious for excluding blacks from juries. Hairston says he has not been satisfied with Tisdale's performance and doesn't expect to be satisfied anytime soon.

"He has not changed since the first time he took office," Hairston says.

Aldermen Larry Womble and Vivian Burke

say their constituents also have not been overly impressed by Tisdale.

"Judging from comments that I have heard in the community, it seems that he has done an adequate job to some degree," Womble says. "The implication is that he can do a better job as far as prosecuting cases. There seems to be some disparity in the way cases are handled, so far as black and minority cases, as opposed to white cases."

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Democrats React Quietly To Newell's Remarks

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Local Democrats have mixed views concerning statements made by Alderman Virginia Newell criticizing the party leadership.

Mrs. Newell wrote, in a letter to Joseph Parrish, chairman of the executive committee of the Forsyth County Democrat Party, that black people have been prohibited from being elected to the chairmanship of the executive committee and that, "if elected to a position on the ex-

ecutive committee, are only given menial tasks and are not free to function in the position."

Alderman Larry Little said he agrees with Mrs. Newell and endorses her criticism. "I'm glad she did it," Little said, "but I was a little surprised. All down the line, the executive committee decides who they want to be the chairman. Blacks are allowed to hold the first vice chairman position. We have been conditioned to think that we ought to be assistants."

But Parrish said that he does not agree with Mrs. Newell. "It is unfortunate that Mrs.

Newell made her claims to the press and not to the party," Parrish said in a telephone interview last week.

"I have no comments to make to the press," Parrish added, when asked if Mrs. Newell's claims were valid. "I do not agree with what she said. I don't have any further comments."

After the interview, Parrish called back to make sure that his comments were recorded accurately.

State Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy says, "I

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Ministers, NAACP To Launch Registration Drive

By RUTHELL HOWARD
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When the 1984 elections roll around, Forsyth County's black community plans to be ready.

A massive city/county voter registration/voter education drive, sponsored by the Baptist Ministers' Conference and Associates, the Winston-Salem branch of the NAACP and area churches, will begin June 11 at 10 a.m. in the Castle Heights community.

"Basically, our goal is to have 40,000-plus voters on the books by 1984," says Walter Mar-

shall, vice president of the NAACP and chairman of the organization's Political Action Committee.

Marshall says this voter drive is different from previous campaigns because it isn't solely NAACP-sponsored.

"For the first time, we have the support of the ministers," Marshall says. "So far, the churches have donated more than \$2,000 to the drive."

Marshall adds that major churches are deputizing members who will organize the drive within their congregations.

While the main focus of the campaign is to get black voters on the books, Marshall says the group wants to help elect a new president and a replacement for U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms.

"Mainly, we are trying to get folk registered," Marshall says. "But we are motivated by Jesse Helms and Ronald Reagan."

Marshall says the group also hopes to help elect more blacks locally to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education and county commissioners and possibly to elect

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Hooks Back At The Helm

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS
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The NAACP Board of Directors has reinstated Benjamin L. Hooks as the organization's executive director and requested that board chairman Margaret Bush Wilson resign.

The group made the decision at an emergency board meeting last Saturday at the NAACP's national headquarters in New York to determine if Mrs. Wilson was legally justified in suspending Hooks from his position.

Forty-eight of the board's 64 members supported Hooks' reinstatement, but the board was unable to impeach Mrs. Wilson.

It did, however, drastically reduce the powers of the chairman.

"We expressed a sincere desire for her to resign, but we do not have the power to impeach her," said Charlotte's Kelly Alexander Sr., vice chairman of the board who presided at the meeting, in a phone interview with the Chronicle Monday.

Alexander, NAACP state president, is now acting chairman of the board.

He, instead of Mrs. Wilson, will deliver the keynote address at the NAACP national conference scheduled for July 11-16 in New Orleans.

"This organization is greater than any one person, and the board is not going to allow any one person to destroy it," said Alexander.

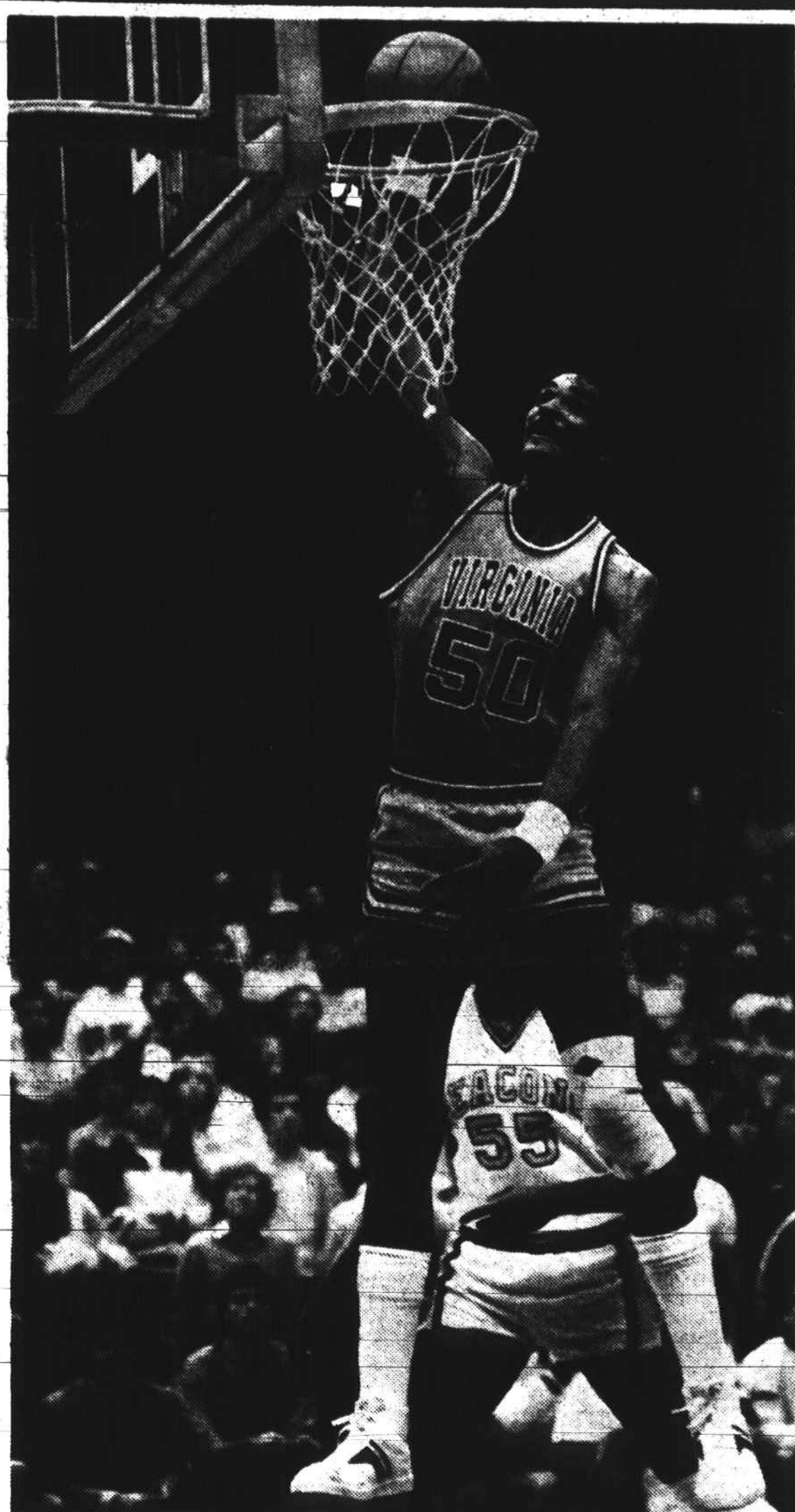
Alexander said more than 300 letters were sent to the national headquarters from political and religious leaders across the country, as well as some board members, protesting Mrs. Wilson's actions.

"We had hoped that the dispute would remain an in-house thing and not get into the public arena," said Alexander. "It was unfortunate that this matter became a public issue because we don't like to settle things like that."

Alexander said Mrs. Wilson should have contacted the board and explained her desires instead of suspending Hooks.

Mrs. Wilson surprised the board, say some members, when she suspended Hooks, and many members questioned

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Growing Taller

"Although Ralph Sampson, for those of you who are unfamiliar with the annual collegiate rites of throwing a leather ball into a metal cylinder, will become a millionaire soon, he apparently still remembers where he came from." Details on Page A4.