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Local students share their views on desegregation and the strengths and weaknesses of the city-county schools.

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The Winston-Salem State University Rams will unveil new offensive and defensive schemes this fall to avert a repeat of last year's sluggish showing.

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Car Trek Columnist John Slade has plenty of it. And when he attempts to wash it, he has plenty of wrinkled shirts.

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Roundtable's A Bit Quieter But Still Tackling The Issues

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Before the 1982 primaries, an ad hoc group of black leaders from a spectrum of local organizations met to "fill a leadership vacuum in the black community."

The group named itself the Black Leadership Roundtable and endorsed a slate of local and state candidates who it felt were responsive to the black community.

Though the organization caused quite a stir then, it has kept a much quieter, lower profile since. Whatever happened to the Black Leadership Roundtable?

"We are still together," said Alderman Larry Womble, one of the group's members.

"We were not a formalized, structured-type of organization. And this is the way we wanted

to keep it so we could be responsive to any issues that affected the black community."

Womble said that many of the group's members are still very active and have openly addressed many issues. "Sometimes we come out and speak as individuals and sometimes as a

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loosely organized organization," Womble said. For instance, he noted, members of the Roundtable have been working with city officials to get money allocated for housing.

"We are doing a lot of other things," said

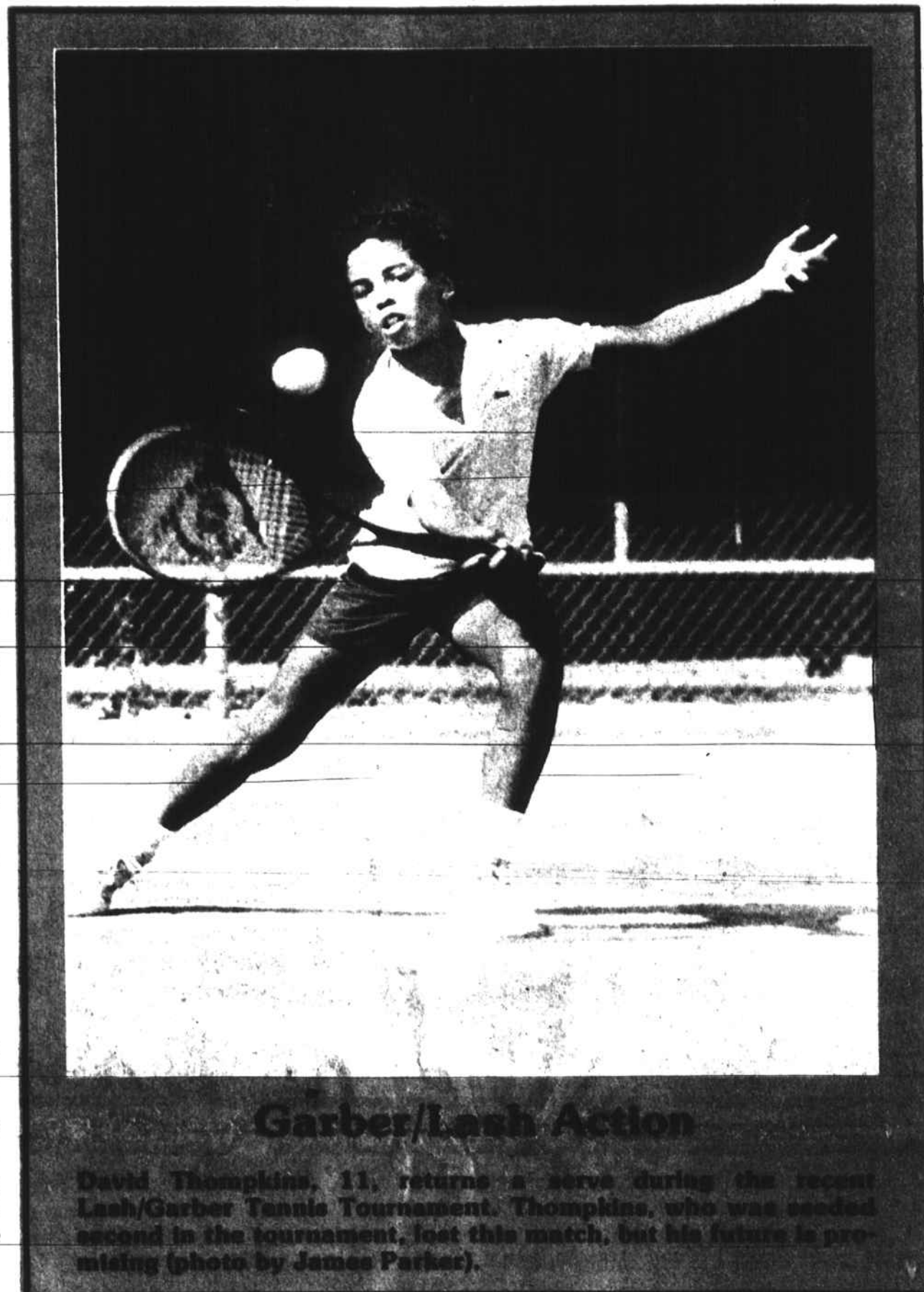
Victor Johnson, another Roundtable member, "but we are not publicizing what we are doing. We haven't come public lately with anything, but we held a meeting two or three weeks ago."

Johnson also said that many of the group's members have been meeting to discuss the upcoming city-county bond referendum which will include a \$26.5 million request by the city for economic development, \$7.5 million by the school system to finance its reorganization plans and a possible \$4.5 million by Forsyth Technical Institute to finance its expansion.

"We are not dead," Johnson said. "We are just not publicizing anything."

A third Roundtable member, Clifton Graves, said that the group was conceived as an ad hoc committee with one specific goal in mind: "We were formed in 1982 to deal with election en-

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Garber/Lash Action

David Thompson, 11, returns a serve during the recent Lash/Garber Tennis Tournament. Thompson, who was ranked second in the tournament, lost this match, but his future is promising (photo by James Parker).

Rally Stirs Support For D.C. March

By JOHN SLADE
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Unity and persistence were the watchwords Friday evening as nearly 200 people filled the basement of Shiloh Baptist Church to muster support for an Aug. 27 march marking the 20th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's March on Washington.

"If you can't go, put your money where your mouth is -- send somebody," said Velma Hopkins, one of the featured speakers at the rally, sponsored by the Forsyth County Aug. 27 Coalition. "We need to wake up, take hands, walk together, pray together, and for God's sake, vote together."

The coalition has chartered four buses to the march in Washington. The buses will leave

Northside Shopping Center Friday, Aug. 26, at midnight and return Saturday at midnight. Roundtrip tickets are \$25.

The rally, which began at 7 p.m. and lasted more than three hours, was termed "an important meeting" by North Ward Alderman Larry Little. But he cautioned his listeners not to end their push for jobs, peace and freedom -- the

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Tawana Bullock listens carefully as John Lash expresses his views on school desegregation during a student panel discussion (photo by James Parker).



Mixed Feelings

Student Panel Discusses City-County Schools, Pro And Con

By ROBIN ADAMS
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This article is the last in an eight-part series.

The seniors who donned caps and gowns at city-county graduation ceremonies in June never experienced all-white or all-black schools.

They were the first local generation to attend desegregated schools as a group from start to finish. But has desegregation accomplished what school officials and community leaders hoped it would, and what is today's school situation really like?

For a first-hand perspective, the *Chronicle* recently posed those and other questions to a panel of local high school students.

"I like attending desegregated schools," says Scott Smith, a senior at Reynolds Senior High School and the lone white member of the panel. "You get to meet people

and get along better."

Though the other nine panelists said they agree with Smith, they expressed more and more reservations about desegregation in particular and the schools in general, as



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the discussion progressed.

For instance, while the students say they get along at

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Mediation Center Will Move Offices To Sunrise Towers

By ROBIN ADAMS
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After less than five months of operation, the Neighborhood Justice Center will be getting a new home, says center director Paul Cloud.

The center, which mediates cases referred from the courts, is presently housed in a rent-free office on the second floor of Shiloh Baptist Church. But it plans to move soon to an office at Sunrise Towers on the corner of File and Ninth streets.

The space will be donated by the Winston-Salem Housing Authority.

"As soon as the telephone strike is over and we can get the telephones connected in the office, we will be moving," says Cloud.

"We are receiving more cases from the court system and, in all, the program is working well. Already we are having an

effect on the domestic court cases."

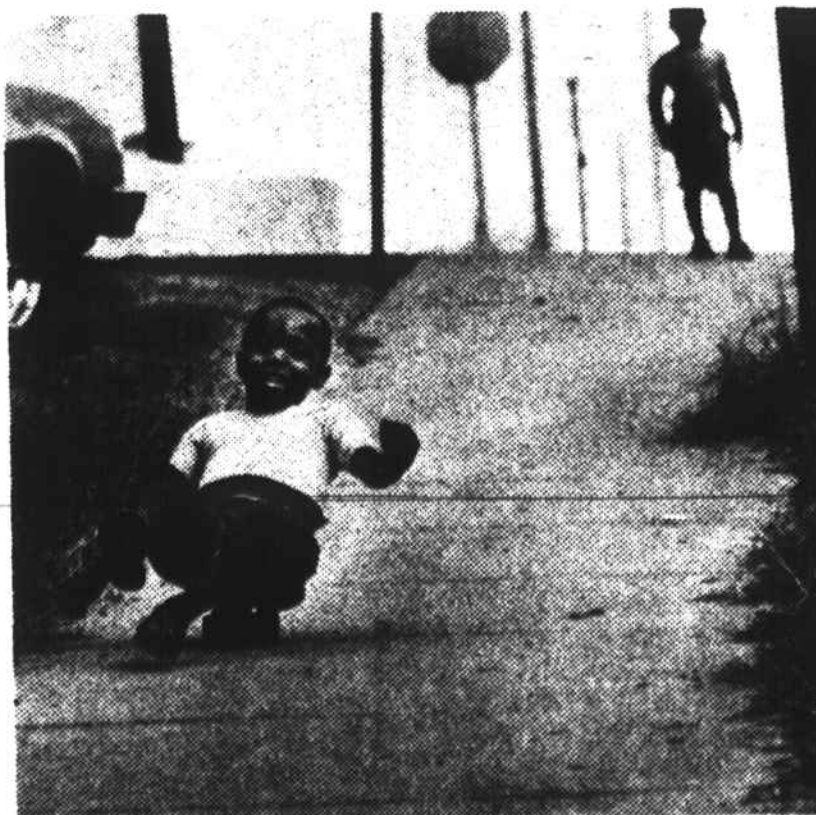
When the center opened for mediation in April, Cloud says, it handled about four cases that first month. "Since that time, the number of clients has increased 50 percent each month," he says. He estimates that, by the end of August, the center will have handled 35-40 cases for the month.

"The numbers don't accurately show how well we are really doing," Cloud says, "but we have become established in the community."

Presently, the center handles cases in which the people involved have an ongoing relationship either as husband and wife, boyfriend and girlfriend, or neighbors, Cloud says.

The courts have been receptive and clients are developing trust in the center, he says. Cloud admits he didn't expect so

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Weeee!

Four-year-old Mike King enjoys a fun ride as he coasts down the sidewalk on a single skate while his buddy, Anthony Tony, looks on. But it may not be much fun for Mike if his mother finds out (photo by James Parker).

Board's Choice Of Schools To Be Closed Angers NAACP

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The city-county school board decided, before an overflow audience Monday night, to keep open both Forest Park and Old Town elementary schools and to close seven others.

The board voted to close Anderson High School, which has been sold to Winston-Salem State University; Ardmore, Brown, Ferguson and Skyland Elementary schools; and North Intermediate and Dalton Junior High School, which will be sold to Forsyth Technical Institute.

Lowrance, Petree, Cook, Diggs, Griffith and Jefferson will be retained for other uses.

The Monday night special meeting was a public hearing, and, of the 20 people who signed up to speak, half were black.

The major concern of the black residents was the closing of all the elementary schools in predominantly black neighborhoods.

"Our small children are bused in grades K-4 out of the black community, and then they are bused four more years and they continue to be bused," said Velma Hopkins.

"We feel deceived," said NAACP Vice President Walter Marshall. "Had this plan been proposed in '78, we would still be under court order. The black community is still invisible."

"It's quite interesting that you never mentioned closing (R.J.) Reynolds (Senior High School). But it's so easy to come into the inner city and knock them (schools) down. You closed 14th Street School, and before the people knew it, you had knocked it down."

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