

Helms And King

Though one supports a King holiday and the other opposes it, both of our guest editorialists decry Jesse Helms' recent attack on Martin Luther King Jr.

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Telling Stories

Mrs. Mary King McCurry is known the city over as a master storyteller. Her tale is the subject of this week's profile.

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A Weekend Kiss

They say playing to a tie in sports is akin to kissing your sister. Fayetteville's Bill Head and WSSU's Bill Hayes puckered up last Saturday, 13-13.

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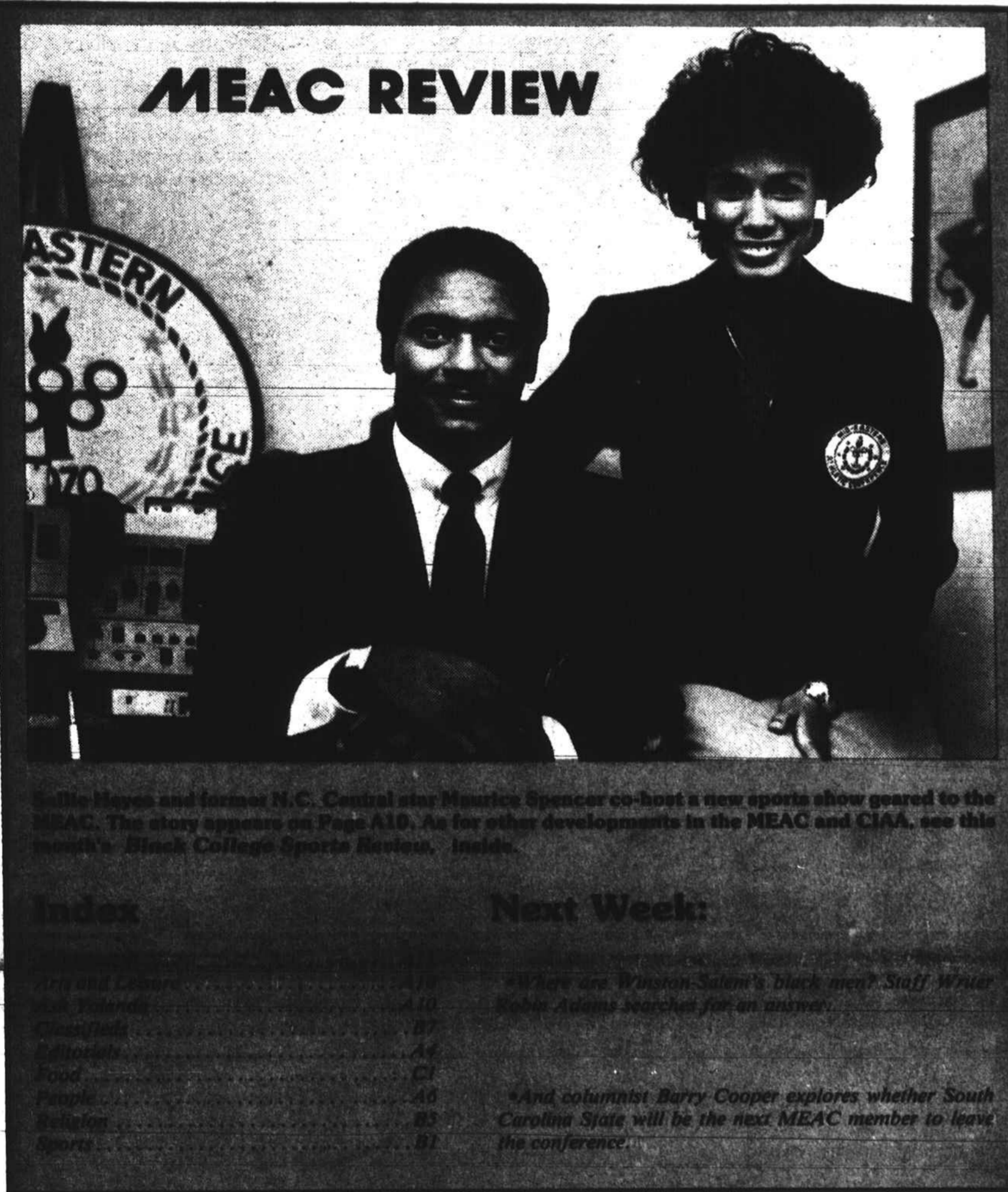
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MEAC REVIEW



Bill Hayes and former N.C. Central star Maurice Spencer co-host a new sports show geared to the MEAC. The show starts on Page A10. As for other developments in the MEAC and CIAA, see this week's Sports Columnists' column.

Next Week:

Columnist Barry Cooper explores whether South Carolina State will be the next MEAC member to leave the conference.

NAACP Opposes Bonds, Roundtable Two Of Them

By JOHN SLADE
Assistant Editor

Despite the efforts of a committee appointed by the mayor to promote the Nov. 8 city-county bond referendum, some local leaders say they aren't convinced the bonds are in the best interest of blacks.

The Black Leadership Roundtable decided last week to oppose bonds that would help finance the school reorganization and the expansion of Forsyth Technical Institute. And the local NAACP decided after meeting with a pro-bond delegation from the city to oppose all eight city-county bonds, which total \$35 million and include the following:

- \$15 million to expand the Benton Convention Center

and to build an accompanying parking deck.

- \$7.5 million to help finance the reorganization of the city-county schools.
- \$4.5 million to expand Forsyth Technical Institute.

"They (school board) are calling it the school reorganization plan. We are calling it the disorganization plan."

-- Clifton Graves

- \$3 million to develop an industrial park east of Winston-Salem State University.
- \$2.2 million for street improvements.

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Womble Wants No Part Of Developer

By ROBIN ADAMS
Staff Writer

A related story appears at the bottom of this page. One of the developers of the proposed Summit Square apartment complex on the corner of 12th and File streets does not sit well with Alderman Larry Womble.

Womble says that, while he supports the concept of an apartment complex in the area, he is opposed to Jack Covington's involvement in the project.

"He's the same one ... who has a prior history of providing different service to the black residents than to white residents," Womble told the Chronicle last week.

Covington is president of Wilson-Covington Construction Co., which was sued over a year ago by a former maintenance man with the firm, Jerry Smith, who charged that Wilson-Covington discriminated against its black tenants. Smith, a white man, made his allegations to the city's Human Relations Commission.

Wilson-Covington then filed a \$20,000 suit against Smith and his wife for slander. Smith, in turn, filed a

counter suit demanding \$253,000 in punitive damages and an additional \$3,000 in lost wages.

Both suits were settled out of court a month ago, with the terms of the settlement undisclosed.

"I can support the concept or idea of rebuilding East Winston," Womble says, "and putting housing stock on the market in the black community. I want to see decent housing over there. But I have reservations about this developer because of past experiences and past practices.

"If it was somebody else who was not involved in this type of problem, I would be all for it," Womble says. "But he (Covington) is asking the city to give its blessings to build some more apartments and possibly to follow through with the same kinds of things (that Smith accused Wilson-Covington of). There is no way I can do this."

The Board of Alderman approved a request on Monday night from the Community Development Department to apply for an Urban Development Action Grant from HUD to help with the financing of the 100-unit apartment complex.

Survey: Grudging Support For Bonds

By ROBIN ADAMS
Staff Writer

A sampling of views among blacks concerning the Nov. 8 city-county bond referendum:

Louise Wilson, co-chairperson of the Citizens' Committee for Jobs and Education Referendum: "I'm in support of the bond because it means progress for the whole town. I do not agree with the school board (where the attendance lines have been drawn), but I agree that our facilities need to be updated and also that we need four-year high schools. As for the Forsyth Technical Institute bond, with the types of jobs coming, we need a place that can provide the technical skills needed, and Forsyth Technical Institute will not be able to do that without additional space. The city bonds are needed for improving downtown, increasing the tax base and creating more jobs.

"Frankly, some questions have come up that are creating a lot of doubt, like the school board's actions and the housing problem. But housing is something that we need to work on every day. I'm a believer (that the bonds will pass). I'm for it and I will fight to the last minute -- win or lose."

Virginia Newell, alderman and Winston-Salem State University professor: "Being on the Board of Aldermen

and a citizen, I'm looking at both sides of the issue, ... and I can't be personal about this. We need to look at the broad picture of what this will do for this community. Personally, I believe in growth. We have been shown that there will be no increase in taxes, and when Winston-Salem grows, the black and white people will grow with it.

"I have some problems with the school board's decisions, but by nature I can't vote against a bond for education because I am an educator. I certainly have some apprehensions about the reorganization (such as the busing of black students from their communities and the closing of elementary schools in black neighborhoods), but I will take care of those when it comes time for re-election (to the school board). Instead of fighting against the education bond, blacks ought to go into those schools and fight for good, quality education for our children.

"I grieve at a few people getting together trying to sway a whole lot of people. I worry about those people. They keep talking about housing. I believe I have fought for housing as long and as hard as anybody else. We ought to be fighting for more black teachers instead of fighting against the bond. We need to fight for what we ought to fight for."

Vivian Burke, alderman and public school guidance counselor: "In my opinion, the city bond referendum is



Louise Wilson



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very important for the welfare and quality of life in this community. With the industrial park, you are talking about creating more jobs. We have made it clear to the city what kinds of industries we want in the park. And the convention center is not as large as it should be. We can't meet the needs of some of the conferences now because we don't have that much space. Although there is nothing put directly in the bonds for housing, what is in there is for making things look better. Once things begin to look better, that might attract a contractor to build where we are making the improvements.

"I have looked at this bond referendum very seriously ... and I think a bond for this city would be meaningful.

"Now, the bond for the (city-county) schools concerns me. It concerns me because it concerns people who I represent. They (the school board) are talking about busing black children for 10 years. I know some have to give and take, but poor people shouldn't always have to give. I haven't involved myself in the school board's business. If they (voters) have some problems with the school board's business, they should not stay at home. Come

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Townhouses At 12th And File: Aldermen Approve Development

By JOHN SLADE
Assistant Editor

The Board of Aldermen unanimously approved Monday night a request to file for a federal grant supporting the development of a 100-unit multi-family housing unit in East Winston and adopted a resolution to issue mortgage-revenue bonds to pay for the remaining costs of the development.

The city will ask the federal government for about \$1 million in Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) money, which will finance about one-quarter of the townhouses to be built on a site at 12th and File streets. The total cost of the development will be \$3.9 million.

The request, which was forwarded to the full

board from its Finance and Public Works committees with no recommendations, outlined a plan for 90 two-bedroom townhouses and 10 three-bedroom units. The complex will be called Summit Square Apartments.

Alderman Vivian Burke said she was "pleased to hear about quality housing" but expressed a concern that jobs created by the construction of the complex should go to city residents. "We need to be careful that jobs be given to people in Winston-Salem," she said, "and not people out of the city."

Burke also questioned why only 10 percent of the townhouses would be three-bedroom units. Many families have a need for three-bedroom accommodations if they have children of both sexes, she said.

Officials from the city's Community Development

Department said the city is not locked into the proposed ratio of two- and three-bedroom apartments and would include more three-bedroom units in the development.

Community Development Director Gary Brown said the city's intention with Summit Square Apartments is "to attract young black people to the East Winston area to keep revitalization in the area going." And he assured the board that it shouldn't interpret the city's efforts as "abandoning affordable housing for the lowest-income people."

A two-bedroom unit at Summit Square will rent for \$295 per month and a three-bedroom unit will cost \$330 a month.

In other business, the board

voted unanimously to increase the fines for illegal

ly parking in a handicapped space from \$5 to \$25.

Mrs. Mary Sloan Jones, who has championed the rights of the handicapped in Winston-Salem for years, thanked the board for its decision. "I thank you all and may God bless you," she said. "You never know when you might have to use them (handicapped parking spaces) yourself."

Approved Mayor Wayne Corpening's recommendations for appointments to the Winston-Salem Sports Commission. The new appointees, whose terms expire August 1987, are Howard Gray, Marlene Scales, James W. Webster and David L. Lash. Scales, Webster and Lash are black.

Adopted a motion from Alderman Lynne Harpe that restricts a person from serving on more than one board or commission at the same time.