

Her Business

For Adele Scott, her home business venture was just what she needed to reach financial security and independence.

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"Ceremonies In Dark Old Men," which is being presented by the N.C. Black Repertory Company, opens tomorrow. Staff Writer Robin Adams reports.

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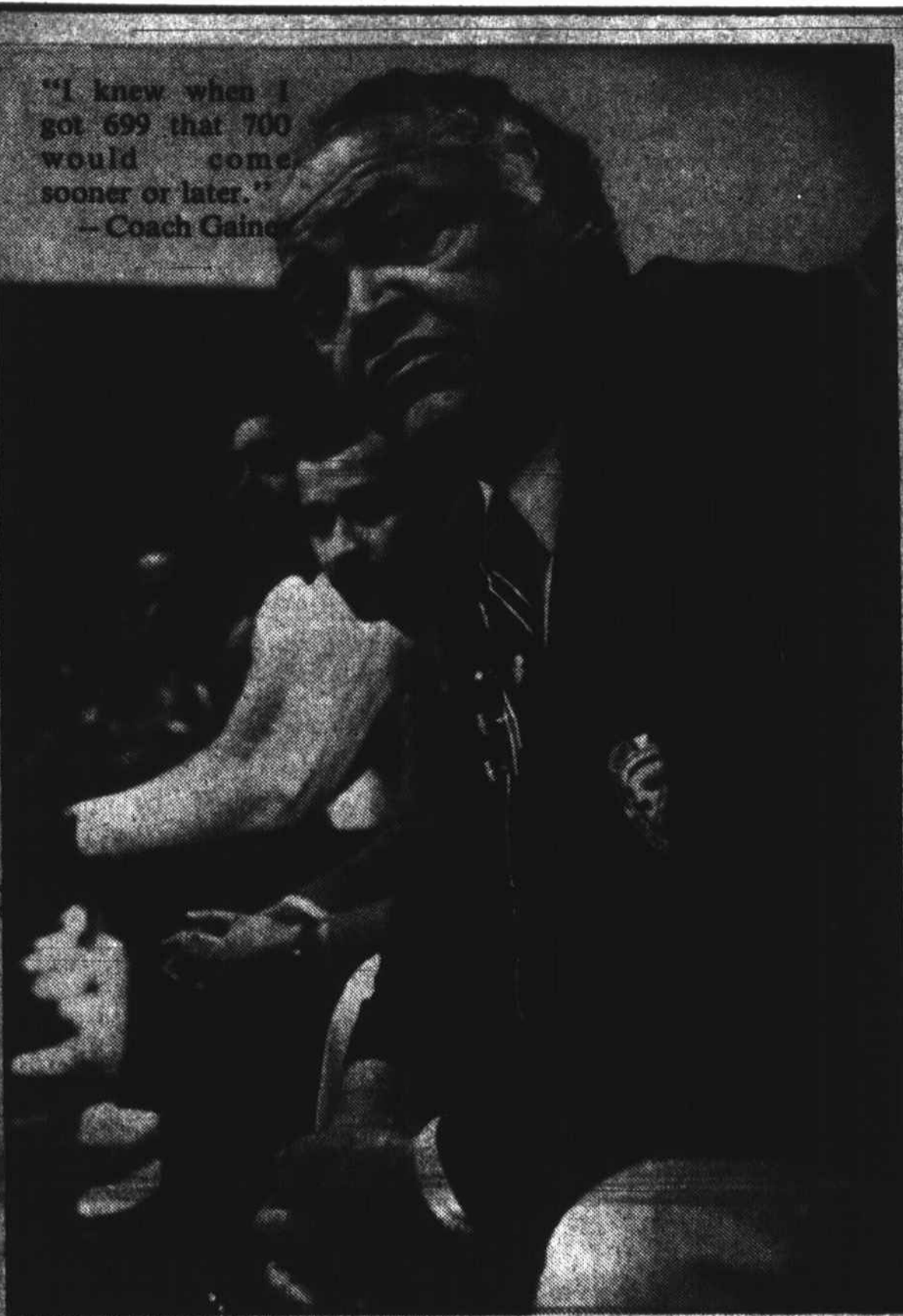
WSSU basketball gets underway, and in fine fashion, as the Rams win two straight to capture the Bighouse Gaines Classic title -- and to give the coach his 700th victory.

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"I knew when I got 699 that 700 would come sooner or later."
— Coach Gaines

(photo by James Perkins)

Gaines Joins '700 Club'

By ROBERT ELLER
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Winston-Salem State University basketball Coach Clarence Edward "Bighouse" Gaines didn't wait any time coralling the one that got away at the end of last season.

The Naismith Hall of Famer missed his shot at the 700th win of his legendary career and a shot at the CIAA tournament title last February when Hampton came from behind to nip his Rams 66-63.

But all that was behind him Friday night in the complex named in his honor when the 1983-84 Rams team gained him admission into the elite "700 Club" by trouncing Barber-Scottia 100-72 before a sparse and lackluster crowd.

The win made Gaines the fifth college coach in basketball history to reach the 700-win mark. Adolph Rupp,

who retired from Kentucky in 1972, heads the list with 875 wins. Phog Allen left Kansas in 1956 with 771 wins; Hank Iba retired from Oklahoma with 767 wins in 1970; and Ed Diddle amassed 759 victories before ending his career at Western Kentucky in 1964.

Gaines was wired for sound by both CBS Sports and WFMY-TV for the historic game, and his players broke their pre-game huddle with a chant of "700" prior to tip-off. But Gaines said he wasn't really thinking of the 700th victory.

As the team took the floor, he remarked, "number one," referring to the Rams' first game of the season. And the coach didn't change his tune with the small ceremony, cake and hors d'oeuvres that followed the win.

"I'm just glad we won our first game of the season," he said. "That is im-

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After Parrish's Death

Local Leaders Say Parmon Unlikely To Become Chairman

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The unexpected death of Joseph Parrish Jr. late last week left his position as chairman of the Forsyth County Democratic Party Executive Committee open. Earline Parmon, who is the committee's first vice chairman, has been named acting chairman. But local black leaders doubt her chances of being named to the party's top position.

According to party bylaws, in the event that something happens to the chairman or if he can no longer carry out his duties, the first vice chairman is named acting chairman, said Robert Joyce, a member of the local Democratic Party organization. Within 30 days, the acting chairman is required to call a meeting of all the chairmen and first vice chairmen of the county's 81 precincts, during which time a person or persons will be nominated for chairman to be voted on by the precinct representatives. The number of votes each precinct can cast are determined and prorated according to the number of votes cast

during the last gubernatorial election. If a precinct chairman and first vice chairman are split as to which candidate to vote for, the votes are divided between the candidates.

Joyce said he thinks Parmon's chances of being elected chairman are good. "I supported her as first vice chairman and if she wants it

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— Alderman Virginia Newell

(chairmanship) I will support her as chairman."

Parmon said that deciding if she wants it is the only thing that will hold her back from being elected chairman.

"I have no doubt I could be elected if I choose to do that. I am electable and I have the ability to do the job," Parmon said. "I feel like my chances are greater than anyone else's. I have been in the party and worked up from a

precinct chairman to my present position, and people know I have the ability to do the job. Being a female or a black does not have anything to do with my chances."

Parmon said she is now trying to determine if she should run. "Personally, I'm still accessing where I stand. Being chairman is more than just being chairman. It brings with it a whole lot of responsibility. I am wondering if and where I will get my support."

But a survey among local black leaders reveal that most feel her chances are "slim to none." Yet, there are some who feel she stands just as good a chance at the chairmanship as anybody else.

"I suppose her chances are as good as anybody else's," said Alderman Virginia Newell. "But she is going to have to find her strength. She needs to get the people polled to see where they stand in support of her. Earline is going to have to fight for that seat. If she were white, it may come to her. But she is a black and a woman. She can't sit by and watch if she wants it."

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WSSU Student's Death Stirs Reaction

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The last thing Jerry Taylor said to his roommate, David Edwin Halliburton Jr., as Halliburton was leaving the room on the afternoon of Nov. 16 was, "I will either see you at your wedding or your funeral."

Taylor, who said he's not sure why he made the comment, did not know it would actually be the last time he would see his roommate alive.

Halliburton, a 23-year-old Winston-Salem State University student, was killed two weeks ago when he ran out in front of a tractor-trailer truck on I-85 about six miles south of Oxford.

Taylor said Halliburton left school on the afternoon of Nov. 16 on his way home to Brooklyn, N.Y., to settle some problems he seemed burdened with. But what caused Halliburton to run out in front of the tractor-trailer or in front of the car before that remains a mystery.

"All day Tuesday and Tuesday night he was very disturbed," Taylor said. "In fact, he didn't sleep at all that night. He kept trying to wake me to talk to him, but I never got completely aroused."

Taylor said Halliburton spent his last day in a "confused state," afraid to be left alone and looking for somebody to tell him how to solve his problems. "He talked about marriage and

his friends and being a Christian," Taylor said, "but I was never sure what his problems were. I don't think one major problem would have got

him to that state. It was a lot of things that just sorta built up."

So Halliburton left school Nov. 16, Taylor felt, on his way to New York looking for some solutions.

"But I knew that something was wrong because he didn't take his saxophone with him. He always carried it," Taylor said.

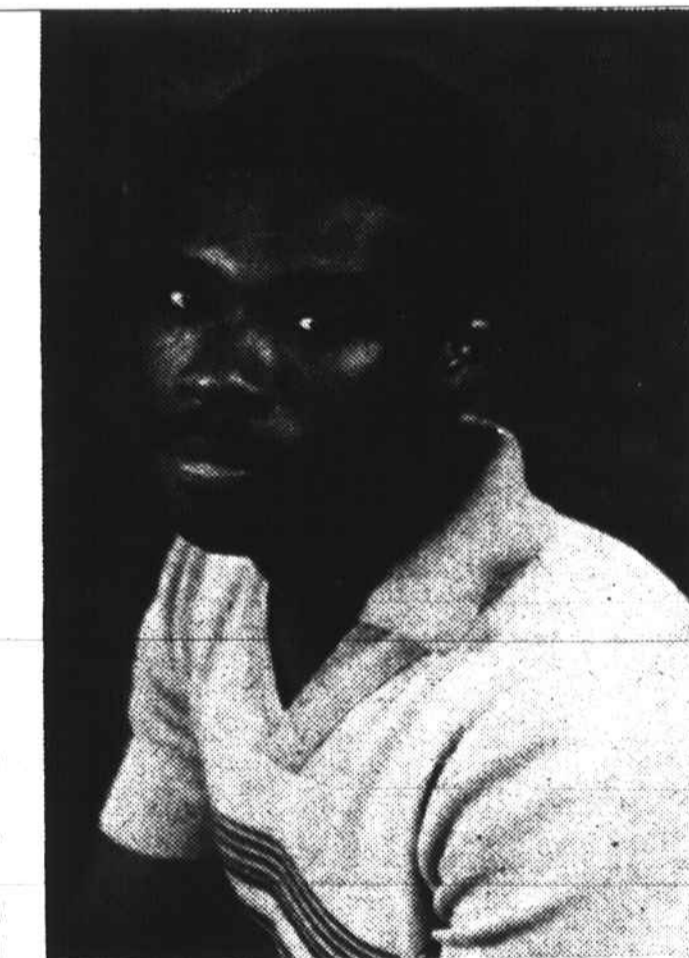
Taylor, other friends of Halliburton, and the administration and faculty at WSSU were informed Thursday morning (Nov. 17) that Halliburton had died.

"I don't believe that he left here with the intention of killing himself," said Donald Benson, assistant to the vice chancellor for student affairs. "What happened in his car, I don't know."

Benson described Halliburton as a quiet, reserved young man who seemed genuinely concerned about school. "David appeared to be a pretty serious young man," Benson said. "He was straight, a person who was moving right along and did not give the kind of overt signals many others give when they are indeed having problems. A lot of people were shocked by what happened to David because David allowed friends and associates to know only that part of him that he wanted them to know."

One of Halliburton's instructors in the music department, where Halliburton was majoring

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David Halliburton

Hannon Tells Young Democrats He's Serious About Governor's Race

By ROBIN ADAMS
Staff Writer

His name is not Eddie Knox, Rufus Edmisten or Jimmy Green. But Dr. Robert Hannon, a black man, says he's just as serious about being North Carolina's next governor as the other contenders.

"I'm as serious as any of those other eight or nine that's running," Hannon, a Democrat, said at a meeting of the Winston Young Democrats Club recently. "Why would a man run all over the state if he wasn't serious. Why would a man spend all that money if he wasn't serious. This is not for fun."

Hannon, 65, a former teacher, agricultural extension agent and college professor, said he is running on a platform that addresses the four 'E's' — the environment, economy, education and energy. "The issues are what is important in this campaign," Hannon said.

Of the four, education is the most important issue, he said. "We need high-quality teachers, and in order to get them we need to pay a high salary. While I am opposed to

a merit salary scale, I do favor increasing, across the board, teacher salaries," he said. "And I am pushing that the minimum salary for a first-year teacher should be \$20,000."

Hannon said he is opposed to merit pay because it would be unfair to many teachers. "It (merit pay) could make for racial and sexual discrimination. Merit pay would go to the men and teachers of the other race, not

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the black teachers."

Concerning the economy, Hannon said:

"We need to do something to get the economy going. We need to bring in new industries and retrain the people who are unemployed for other jobs through the state's community college system."

And his position on other issues:

- "We need to improve the state's tourism business.
- "We need a hazardous waste policy in North Carolina.
- "I stand for good highways.

"We need to have programs to look out for the farmers. The farmers just can't afford to pay their bills. The farmer will have a friend down there in Raleigh if I am elected."

Hannon said he is also concerned about decreasing crime in North Carolina, beautifying the state, improving public transportation and developing programs to benefit the elderly.

Hannon, who has traveled in many of the state's 100 counties since he announced his candidacy, said that, to date, his campaign has been running well. "In all the counties I have been in, I have gotten a good reception. And I believe it's so because people are looking for a choice," he said. "People need a choice. There are a large number of other candidates running and I feel that I have as good a chance at winning as the other eight or nine."

Hannon has often been referred to as a "novice and newcomer" to North Carolina politics, but dismisses the title as incorrect. Although he has not held a political office, he is not new to campaigning. He lost the race for lieutenant governor to Gov. James Hunt in 1972, and campaigned for the U.S. Senate in 1974, a seat eventually won by Robert Morgan.

"I didn't do too well in the race for the U.S. Senate," Hannon said, "because I was working in Mississippi and came back to the state 30 days before the election. But I got votes in all of the 100 counties."

When asked to assess his chances of winning next year's gubernatorial race, Hannon said his chances are "pretty good."

Hannon is careful to avoid making his campaign black vs. white. "I don't want to bring out the race issue," Hannon said. "I don't want to divide the citizens. I want votes from everybody. I want integrated votes. I don't want all black votes. I want black, white, red, blue, yellow and green votes."