

Lady Doctor

Gertrude Brown, Vicki Lovings and Brenda Latham constitute a rare breed in Winston-Salem: black women doctors. Staff Writer Robin Adams reports.

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Remembering King

In a special section, local citizens remember Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. His birthday is Sunday.

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Taking Notice

In upset victories, surprising Shaw has humbled both Virginia Union and North Carolina Central. Sports Editor Robert Eller reports.

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According To Mississippi Newspaper

Covington Frontrunner For Jackson State Post

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Dr. H. Douglas Covington, chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, is a strong candidate for the presidency of Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss., according to a story in this week's *Jackson Advocate*.

A front-page article by *Advocate* Editor and Publisher Charles Tisdale says the Jackson State board of trustees is expected to make announcement concerning its choice for a new president within the next two or three weeks, and that Covington appears to be the frontrunner.

Tisdale said he has received information from an "unimpeachable" source that Covington is the prime candidate and will be offered the position being vacated by John A. Peoples, Jr.

The *Chronicle* could not reach Covington for comment.

But a close associate of Covington's at WSSU said Tuesday that he has been nominated for positions at several institutions, and, "for the first time in his career (at WSSU), thought he would honor the nominations and follow through with applications."

According to the associate, Covington stressed that he

had not actively sought the positions, but had been nominated; that he was not being forced out or feeling pressure to leave from the WSSU faculty or board of trustees, or the University of North Carolina system's General Administration in Chapel Hill, and that, if he were offered any of the positions, he retained the right to decline.

Covington, who noted that he has been nominated for positions before during his seven years at WSSU, said the associate gave no reason as to why the time was now right for him to respond to the nominations.

According to sources in Winston-Salem, Covington was nominated for the position at Jackson State University by Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas, president of the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg, Miss. Covington has also expressed an interest in the presidency of Tougaloo College in Tougaloo, Miss., a position now held by George A. Owens, say the sources.

But Robert Jones, chairman of the presidential search committee at Tougaloo College, said he could not disclose whether Covington had applied for the job, and said he does not remember the name Covington among the candidates. "I do know that he is not one of those being considered in the final round," Jones said.

Howard Lett, director of information for the board of trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning in Mississippi, said the vacancy at Jackson State is expected to be filled by March 1.

Lett said the board is still screening and interviewing eight candidates. "We haven't or can't release the names of the eight candidates," Lett said, "at the request of the candidates."

Covington came to Winston-Salem State in 1977 and is the institution's sixth chief administrator since it was

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Covington

Puffin' And Thinkin'



Vander Jones of Winston-Salem says he's "about 70, maybe a little older - I don't know" (photo by James Parker).

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• NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks returns to Winston-Salem to keynote the local chapter's annual Freedom Fund Banquet. Staff Writer Robin Adams will file reports of both Hooks' address and an earlier press conference.

• Plus, looks at Winston-Salem State's swing back into basketball action by Sports Editor Robert Eller and women training for jobs traditionally held by men by Staff Writer Audrey Williams.

Coming Up

• A new look and new features in our Jan. 26 "Year In Review" issue, which also will unveil our Man and Woman of the Year and our Male and Female Athletes of the Year.

• Also on Jan. 26, this month's edition of the Black College Sports Review, which takes a look at Virginia Union's quest for two national titles and North Carolina A&T's tangle with defending national champion N.C. State.

Ministers Conference Declines To Take Position On Boycott

By ROBIN ADAMS
Staff Writer

"We are kinda coasting along right now, until we find out what it's about," said Bishop R.K. Hashi, commenting on the Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates' decision earlier this week not to take a stand on an

NAACP boycott of Food Lion Inc. food stores.

NAACP chapters in five states where Food Lion stores are located have planned a boycott against the chain charging that blacks are not getting their fair share of jobs and that the company does not do sufficient business with minority banks, contractors, insurance companies

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School Board Approves Affirmative Action Policy For Minorities

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education approved an affirmative action policy for minorities and women Monday night without a hitch.

The policy had been introduced to the board at its last meeting and sent back to its policy committee for clarifications after several board members raised ques-

tions about its content.

At the introduction of the policy Monday night, board member Beaufort Bailey said, "This is not a panacea for our problems, but this is a beginning."

With that, the board, with the exception of John Holleman, who arrived at the meeting late, unanimously approved the policy.

The policy says, in part, "The school system shall affirmatively seek out and gain knowledge of minority and

women business enterprises and their products and services."

To qualify, 51 percent of a business must be owned by a minority, which includes black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, American Eskimos, American Aleuts and women.

In other business, the board:

• heard a committee report on changes and suggestions for changes that will create a smooth transition from the

present two-year senior high school format to four-year high schools. Included in the report are plans to increase the number of courses a senior must take from four to five, redesign the Career Center sessions to three two-hour sessions, consider establishing workshops to prepare students for the SAT, consider letting students be identified as gifted and talented in individual subject areas, and restructure the math, social studies and voca-

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Civil Rights Group Calls For Justice In New Klan-Nazi Trial

By ROBIN ADAMS
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It is being called a trial on which the eyes of America will be focused.

On Monday, for the second time in four years, nine present or former Klansmen or Nazis appeared in court on charges stemming from a bloody Greensboro shootout.

This time, they'll be charged with violating the civil rights of the five people killed during the incident.

But it is not merely a struggle between the defendants and the federal government; there are a lot of

other people involved.

In a press conference on Monday afternoon, the American Civil Liberties Union, the Anti-Klan Network, The Center for Constitutional Rights, The Lutheran Church of America, The National Council of Churches and The Christian Institute in Washington reiterated their calls for "fast, swift judgment" for the nine on trial.

In 1980, six Klansmen and Nazis were acquitted of murdering five Communist Workers Party labor organizers in Greensboro in November 1979. The deaths occurred during a shootout between the Klansmen and Nazis and the Communist Workers

Party.

The CWP was conducting a "Death to the Klan" rally at a predominantly black housing project in Greensboro when a caravan of Klansmen and Nazis arrived and the melee ensued. Sixteen Klansmen and Nazis were indicted for taking part in the killings. Six were charged with murder while charges were dropped against the others.

Since the acquittals, the Greensboro Civil Rights Fund, founded after the killings, and numerous other groups have said that the federal government played a part in the killings and have called for a special prosecutor to investigate the events before and after the

killings.

Although there has been no special prosecutor, six of the Klansmen and Nazis and three others have been charged with conspiracy and interfering with a federally-protected activity.

"The acquittal has been seen as a 'virtual green light' for increased Klan activities, said Lyn Wells of the National Anti-Klan Network in Atlanta. Wells displayed a map at the press conference pinpointing areas where Klan activity has occurred in North Carolina, with most incidents concentrated in Iredell and Alexander counties. In 1983, Wells said, North

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