

Notable quotes from '83

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Joe Doster, publisher of the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel, on District Attorney Donald Tisdale's refusal to talk to the black press: "Generally, public officials do not have a responsibility to the media, but to the public. But since the media are an outlet to the public, it would be foolish not to make yourself available. I have no idea what's behind this."

Velma Hopkins, a local community activist, while rallying support for the Aug. 27 March on Washington: "If you can't go, put your money where your mouth is -- send somebody."

Alderman Larry Little on the Aug. 27 March on Washington: "I wonder if we'll find ourselves again in August of 2003 with some clown leading the country and with a chorus of other leaders such as Jerry Falwell, Jesse Helms and Helms on wheels, John East."

Dr. H. Douglas Covington, chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, on Coach Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines: "Mr. Gaines has done a good job. When a man has won almost 700 games, he doesn't have to prove himself to me. All he has to do is show up. Gaines is good for 15 to 20 points without playing. He just coaches."

Former WSSU faculty member Michael Montgomery, who was discovered to have faked his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees: "I could have gone to any heights I wanted. My timetable has been altered slightly, but I still plan to make it."

Walter Marshall, vice president of the local NAACP, rating school board member Mary Margaret Lohr, who the black community supported during her campaign: "She was our biggest disappointment.... She did a total about-face from what she promised in the

campaign."

Betsy Sawyer, a member of the mayor's Citizens' Committee for Jobs and Education Referendum, on the busing of black children: "We're talking about moving the least to accomplish our goals, and that happens to be black children."

Alderman Larry Womble, on school closings in the inner city: "If you clear them (schools) out of the inner city, nothing is left but the hole -- and I can't use the hole."

Deneen Graham, on becoming the first black Miss North Carolina: "I like to think of my winning the title like Sally Ride going up on the space shuttle. Here she was, the first American woman in space. If she had made a mistake, everyone would have said, 'She's a woman.' In my case, they would have said, 'She's black.'"

Alderman Vivian Burke, commenting on a new

aldermanic travel policy prompted by the city money she and two other aldermen used to attend the Aug. 27 March on Washington, and suggested by Alderman Martha Wood: "We as aldermen have a right to attend functions that help our jobs as aldermen. No one has to put brakes on me. But she (Wood) may need brakes put on her."

The Rev. Warnie C. Hay, pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, addressing the Board of Aldermen during a public hearing on a possible repeal of the city's blue laws: "Churches have survived things more critical than what's before us tonight (but if the board repeals the blue laws without providing some guidelines for making Sunday a day of rest, it) will have to answer on the Judgment Day."

Alderman Vivian Burke, seconding the motion which nominated Earline Parmon to become chairman of the Forsyth County Democratic Executive Committee:

"(Parmon) is an outstanding grassroots woman. She never gets tired and she loves the Democratic Party. I admire this woman Earline Parmon because she is touched by God and she walks with him. I truly believe this woman, Earline Parmon, can walk with us."

Earline Parmon, chairman of the Forsyth County Democratic Executive Committee, on not allowing herself to be exploited: "I don't come off as a wolf, but he's there if that image needs to come forward."

NAACP President Patrick Hairston, on why tickets for the NAACP's annual Freedom Fund Banquet didn't sell well: "I think my position on the bonds is the reason for the footdragging. In fact, one minister told me that 'this ought to be a lesson to you. The NAACP ought to stay in the middle of the road.' If we stayed in the middle of the road, we would still be in slavery."



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