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This young lady didn't count on hanging around after Winston-Salem State's graduation exercises ended last Sunday. Maybe she'll think differently -- when she gets her degree (photo by James Parker).

Campaign Notes

Hannon throws his support to Knox

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Political tidbits we have gathered while following the campaign trail:

The primary is over, but candidates who survived the May 8 primary are gearing up for the runoff and the state House primary in Forsyth County on June 5.

Both Attorney General Rufus Edmisten and former Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox are hoping to be North Carolina's next governor. But in order to do so, one must be victorious in the June 5 runoff and win the general election in November.

Meanwhile, both are busy gathering endorsements from former candidates. The latest in a rash of endorsements is former candidate Dr. Robert Hannon's, who is supporting Knox. Hannon, the only black candidate for gover-

nor, said in a press release from Knox campaign office that Knox best represents what he supports.

"Eddie Knox's position on the issues closely parallels my ideas," the press release said. "I am particularly impressed with his high sense of integrity and ability. Mr. Knox represents the highest ideals of what human relationship is all about. ..."

Both Edmisten and Knox were in Forsyth County last week and met secretly with the Black Leadership Roundtable Coalition. Interim convenor Clifton Graves said the purpose of the meetings was to interview in detail each candidate before making a decision on who to endorse.

The Roundtable endorsed Tom Gilmore during the primary. Graves said the group's

members will not take for granted Gilmore's personal endorsement of Knox, but will weigh the merits of both candidates.

Graves said candidates will be judged on three basic criteria: education, economic development and the environment. The candidates will also be judged on their position on the death penalty and second primaries....

The two gubernatorial candidates also met with the Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates, with the group deciding at its regular Tuesday meeting not to endorse either candidate.

Dr. Jerry Drayton, chairman of the group's Political Action Committee, said the membership was divided evenly between Edmisten and Knox and in an effort to keep group unity decided not to endorse either.

School board prepares for another year

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As the present school year winds to a close, the city-county board of education spent Monday night finalizing plans for the 1984-85 school year.

At the board's regular bi-monthly meeting, the board approved the school assignment list of elementary, middle and high school guidance counselors, elementary media coordinators

(librarians), reading coordinators, Junior ROTC instructors and driver education teachers.

When placement of the system's 2,000-plus teachers and other support personnel would be finalized, Dr. Earl Sanderfer, assistant superintendent for personnel, said he did not know. "We are moving as rapidly as we can," he said.

In other board action, the board agreed to lease Brown Elementary School, which became a surplus school under the reorganization plan, to Shilohian & St. Peters Inc. The newly-formed organization between Shiloh Baptist Church and St. Peter's Church of God Apostolic will lease the building for six months at \$2,000 per month with the option to buy. The total cost of the building and grounds is \$330,000.

NYSP: It may be the perfect babysitter

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For those parents among you who still haven't found affordable programs for your children during the fast-approaching summer months, Winston-Salem State basketball Coach Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines has an offer you can't refuse.

If your youngsters are 10 to 16 years old, says Gaines, and you meet certain income criteria, he'll see that they're picked up each morning, given breakfast and lunch, and receive supervised instruction in seven sports as well as counseling in health and hygiene, drug abuse, the use of alcohol and tobacco and current teen-age problems.

Best of all, it's free. The local program is part of the National Youth Sports Program, which provides a constructive outlet for disadvantaged youth. NYSP is funded by the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the food is provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

But there's one hitch, says Gaines: NYSP could use more support from the black community.

"Last year, we had 550 students in the program and our program is one of the top 10 in the country," he says, "but it's hard to get the community to back us."

Physical exams are required for all NYSP participants, Gaines says. But, because the program is geared primarily to financially disadvantaged children, many of them can't afford physicals.

So, each spring, Gaines holds a free medical clinic in the WSSU gym.

This year, the clinics will be held on Saturday, May 26, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"We tried to get the black doctors to volunteer to come over here, but do you think they will come?" Gaines says. "A few of the old ones come every year, but the young hungry ones are too good to come over here. These kids can't afford a \$35 physical."

A second hitch in getting the nine-year-old program

off to a smooth start this year is transportation.

"This problem can be solved so easily," Gaines says. "The black churches here have vans and buses and we need them for transportation. You get a bunch of kids standing on the corner and somebody has to pick them up."

"The black churches say they have outreach programs, but I don't see them. All they come up with is excuses why they can't participate. I'm not trying to stir up trouble, but they should be jumping at the opportunity to help."

Despite the lack of community support, Gaines says, the program will go on, one way or another.

Segments of the community that provide more than their share of help for NYSP include the Experiment In Self-Reliance Inc. and the Winston-Salem Foundation.

Pat Mumford, an outreach follow-up worker in ESR's Problem Center, says the advantages of NYSP should make everybody want to pitch in.

"These kids need somewhere to go. They need something constructive to do," Mumford says. "If they don't, they will get in trouble or break into people's houses."

"This is a good program and Gaines has a lot of dynamic staff people. Without it, a lot of these kids would be at home alone during the summer. They need the supervision. They need the guidance. We are just trying to keep crime down."

The local program will start on Monday, June 11, and run for five weeks. The day begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m. Supervision by local high school coaches, physical education teachers and WSSU students will be given in basketball, track and field, soccer, tennis, badminton, dance and swimming.

In addition, an enrichment series will involve police officials, social service workers and drug and alcohol counselors in talks to the youth about the law, venereal diseases, good grooming and other topics of interest and importance

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