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Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young: "Nothing counts until election day. Polls are a conspiracy to convince people their vote doesn't count. People forget Ronald Reagan was behind in the polls until one week (was left) in the election with Jimmy Carter."

Young: Mondale will top Reagan

By ROBIN ADAMS Chronicle Assistant Editor

It began as a friendly meal among ministers. But, before anyone knew it, it had developed into a full-blown media event, with some of Winston-Salem's and the state's top politicians and political contenders on hand to share the spotlight.

Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young had stopped in the city Monday on a voter registration swing through the state. But, before speaking to students at Winston-Salem State University, whom he later urged to take charge of their futures by voting, Young visited Shiloh Baptist Church for lunch, fellowship with other Democrats and a barrage of questions from the press.

Young's favorite question came early in the

press conference, when he was asked who won the Sunday night debate between Walter Mondale and Ronald Reagan.

"Mondale was clearly the most forceful, dominant person in the debate," said Young, a U.N. ambassador in President Jimmy Carter's administration. "The debate gave people a chance to see Mondale. He was sharp, relaxed and had a good sense of humor. And the public also got a chance to see Ronald Reagan without a TelePrompTer.

"I thought nothing would ever get to the Teflon president, but I realized he was a TelePrompTer president. What we need in the White House is not a president who can run the country by somebody else's script."

Despite the fact that Mondale trails the president in the polls, Young said he is sure Please see page A3



Young ponders a reporter's question (photo by James Parker).

Chronicle declines invitation to Edmisten meeting

By GREG BROWN Chronicle Staff Writer

A news analysis.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Rufus Edmisten, who declined three invitations to appear before the North Carolina Black Press Association, has scheduled his own press conference of sorts for black editors and publishers Friday in Raleigh.

But in doing so, Edmisten's campaign staff appears to have circumvented the press

association, waiting until it received firm commitments to attend the meeting from eight of the state's black newspapers before it consulted Chronicle Publisher Ernest Pitt, who issued the association's original invitation to Edmisten.

"I will not be there," Pitt said. "I don't have any interest in having Edmisten make a political speech to me. What we tried to organize was a news event. What he has organized is a public relations event and I'm not interested in attending a public relations

event."

Pitt declined further comment.

"This was just an oversight on Mr. Edmisten's part and it was not his intention to overlook anyone, black or white," said Vicki Wiggins, Edmisten's minority affairs coordinator.

Edmisten was invited to appear at a joint press conference with Jim Martin, his Republican opponent, planned for Aug. 31. When Edmisten declined to appear with Mar-

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Though they benefit black voters now, wards have shut them out in the past

By ROBIN ADAMS **Chronicle Assistant Editor**

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Hoops Already?

Though football season is barely half over, professional and

college basketball are well on the way, as Julius Erving, the

Philadelphia 76ers and Washington Bullets reminded us last

week in a Greensboro exhibition game (photo by Joe

Next week: A look at the latest ward realignment. For almost as long as there have been elections in Winston-Salem, there have been wards. Winston-

"Gerrymandering was the name of the game. Other wards were devised by neighborhood boundaries but they twisted the lines and tried to pull all the blacks in a single ward."

-- Former alderman Carl Russell

Salem has moved over the years from the four wards established in 1913, when Winston and Salem merged, with three aldermen from each ward, to the present eight wards, with one alderman from each

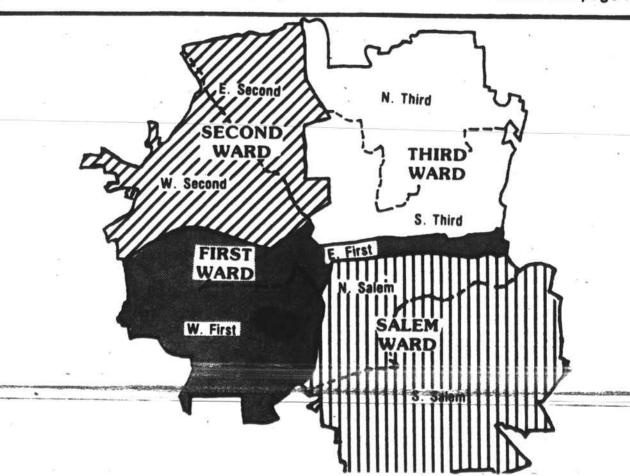
But the oddly-shaped wards of yesteryear were very different from the wards of today, said former alderman and mayor pro tem Carl Russell.

"Gerrymandering was the name of the game," said Russell, who served as an alderman for 16 years. "Other wards were devised by neighborhood boundaries but they twisted the lines and tried to pull all the blacks in a single ward."

When Russell was first elected as an alderman in 1961 after a hotly contested battle with the Rev. William R. Crawford, his ward, the Northeast Ward, extended from the back of the Children's Home on Reynolda Road to Skyland Park to 14th Street and Brown Elementary School.

"The ward was a jagged mess," Russell said. "It wasn't representative government."

Russell was the third black man to serve on the Please see page A13



The present ward system in Winston-Salem evolved from the old four-ward plan developed in 1913 when Winston and Salem merged. Those four wards were subdivided in 1947, making eight wards with the majority of the black citizens living in the South Third Ward. That eightward system was used until 1965, when the lines were completely redrawn.

Newell: Chancellor search committee missing key element

By ROBIN ADAMS Chronicle Assistant Editor

If Dr. Virginia Newell had her way, the committee appointed to find Winston-Salem State University's next chancellor would be expanded

to include people she feels were "omitted." "The senior faculty people, department chairpersons and the faculty senate representative were left off the committee," said Newell, a city alderman who heads the WSSU math and computer science department. "I hope that was an oversight and a blunder and not intended. And I hope that committee will be expanded (to include those people).

"I would have loved to have been on there (the search committee)," Newell said, "but I would have accepted anybody on the academic standards committee."

Newell is not the only one complaining. The WSSU faculty senate also has expressed concern that its chairperson was not named to the committee to find the replacement for Dr. H. Douglas Covington, who left the school in August to accept the presidency of Alabama A&M University in Normal, Ala.

"If the president of the student body is on the committee, then the chairperson of the faculty senate should be on the committee," said Dr. Elwanda Ingram, chairperson of the

"She (Ingram) was elected by the faculty and represents the faculty," said Newell. "Leaving her off is an affront to the faculty. She's the faculty's representative whether you like her or

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not. She ought to be there."

Although John Davis, former chairman of the school's board of trustees and the chairman of the search committee, said he's not going to

"say never," he doubts the committee will be expanded.

"As it is presently constructed, it will stay as it is," said Davis. "I talked with Bill Friday, (president of the University of North Carolina system) and with the members of the committee and we made a recommendation that we main-

tain it as it is." In keeping with the guidelines designed by the University of North Carolina general administration, which operates the 16-campus state university system, there are 11 members on the search committee -- five members of the

board of trustees, four faculty/staff members. Please see page A10