

Election Year '84

Edmisten Apologizes

Attorney General Rufus Edmisten, the Democratic nominee for governor, apologized Tuesday to the Chronicle and the state's black press for not appearing at a press conference. **Front Page.**

It Was A Very Good Year

Picture local community leaders 15, 20, 25 years ago. Throw in a clue or two and guess which cheeky tot or curly-haired little boy grew up to be the man or woman you know today. **Magazine Section, B1.**



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## Angela Davis: Times change, but she hasn't

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GREENSBORO -- She looked as if she'd stepped right out of the 60s.

The burnt-orange afro -- which became her symbol 10 years ago -- is still there, and she's still lean and tall and smokes a black pipe. But Angela Davis, 38, a well-bred and -educated product of a middle-class background who became a Communist in the 60s and made the FBI's 10 Most Wanted List in the 70s, hasn't been in the news lately.

Davis, a college professor at San Francisco State University and a spokesperson for black rights everywhere, insists she hasn't changed. In fact, with the exception of her marriage to Hilton Braithwaite, a chef and photography instructor, the Angela Yvonne Davis of the 80s is very much like the Angela Yvonne Davis of the 60s and 70s, she says.

But to others, Davis seems to have matured. For one thing, even though she's the Communist Party's candidate for vice presi-



Davis at Bennett College: The Rainbow Coalition could become a third political party (photo by James Parker).

## Of Food Lion grocery stores

# NAACP may resume boycott, says official

By GREG BROWN  
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CHARLOTTE -- The national director of the NAACP's economic development program says he now doubts that a Salisbury-based grocery chain will live up to commitments it made when it negotiated an end to a nine-week boycott last summer.

And, if Food Lion Inc. fails to show sufficient progress in meeting those commitments when they are reviewed in a few months, the official says, the NAACP may renew the boycott.

"If Food Lion is not sincere in the commitments they made, then our original course is open," Fred Rasheed told about 250 persons attending the

"This organization functions on the theory of the credible threat. We cannot be about the business of bluffing. We have to be about the business of sure 'nuffing. I just want to let that percolate."

-- Kelly Alexander Jr.

Saturday morning session of the 41st annual conference of state NAACP chapters at the Adam's Mark Hotel.

Rasheed also attacked the *Chronicle* for stories it published about the Food Lion negotiations, him-  
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## Agreements not available to public

By ROBIN ADAMS  
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Though they are intended to benefit the black community, the economic covenants the NAACP calls Fair Share agreements are not available for inspection by the public, including the black community at large and local NAACP branches.

While no blanket policy appears to exist concerning the disclosure of the documents, none of several companies contacted by the *Chronicle* recently

would make the pacts they have signed with the NAACP available. Neither would the NAACP.

Shortly after the NAACP signed a "statement of principles" with Food Lion Inc. grocery stores, the *Chronicle* requested a copy of that agreement. Food Lion officials said the newspaper could read a copy available at the Food Lion store in the East Winston Shopping Center, but that they would not send the newspaper a copy.

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## Terry: Nonendorsement won't matter in the end

By ROBIN ADAMS  
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When the Forsyth Association of Classroom Teachers released its slate of endorsements for the Nov. 6 general election last week, one name not included on the list may have attracted the most attention.

Willie Anderson, the group's president, said it decided not to endorse school board candidate Evelyn Terry, who works for Winston-Salem State University, because she "flip-flops" on the issues. The group endorsed Terry, a black woman, in the primary.

"We watched through the primary season all the candidates to see if they were consistent on advocating the causes they say they are advocating," said Anderson. "But in Mrs. Terry's

case, those advocacies weren't consistent."

Anderson would not say which issues Terry had been inconsistent on.

"We don't want to attack a candidate," he said.

On the other hand, Anderson said the group did endorse William Tatum, a black school board candidate whom it didn't endorse in the primary, because he has been consistent in his stances since he started his campaign.

"Tatum was true to his word and true to the word he said in the beginning," said Anderson. "He seems a better ally for us than Terry."

But Terry said she isn't worried about not receiving the FACT endorsement.

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Helms: Making a point to a small, predominantly white audience while students protest outside (photo by James Parker).

## Livingstone students give Jesse cold reception

By ROBIN ADAMS  
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SALISBURY -- Sen. Jesse Helms offered his hand to a several Livingstone College students last Wednesday afternoon. None would shake it.

Though Helms had hardly expected a warm reception, he seemed taken aback by the polite, but ice-cold student response to his visit to the predominantly black AME Zion school.

Helms, accompanied by former pro football player Roosevelt Grier and former White House aide Bob Keyes, both black men, had accepted an invitation to speak at the Salisbury college so, according to Helms, the media wouldn't say "he's afraid to come."

But Helms, an arch conservative who is locked in a bitter senatorial race with Gov. Jim Hunt, may have gotten a colder shoulder than he expected.

First, the majority of the students at the school chose not to hear Helms' speech.

Second, before Helms got in his car to leave, he walked across the street from Varick Auditorium to the 150 to 200 students who had boycotted his speech and extended his right hand. Helms tried three times to get one of the students, who were locked elbow to elbow, to shake his hand. But none would consent.

"Just the same, I love you," Helms told the students.

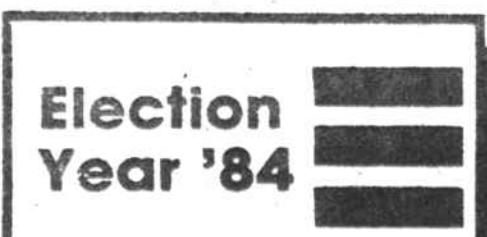
As Helms walked away, Please see page A2

## Edmisten visits Chronicle, apologizes

By ROBIN ADAMS  
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State Attorney General and Democratic gubernatorial candidate Rufus Edmisten apologized Tuesday morning for failing to accept an invitation from the North Carolina Black Press Association to meet with its editors and publishers.

Edmisten made the apology during a meeting he had requested with *Chronicle* Publisher Ernie Pitt, who had attempted to invite him to the press conference, and *Chronicle* Executive Editor Allen Johnson.



The Aug. 31 conference with the state's black press was to have included both Edmisten and his Republican opponent, Jim Martin. Martin said he would appear, but Edmisten declined to appear

with Martin. When Pitt offered to schedule different times for the candidates, he said he was told by Edmisten campaign aides that there were scheduling problems. When he offered an alternative date, Pitt said, an Edmisten aide said the candidate wasn't interested.

Joining Edmisten in the hour-and-a-half meeting at the *Chronicle's* offices were Winston-Salem NAACP President Pat Hairston, school board candidate Bill

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Rufus Edmisten

## Next year's meeting set for Winston

# NAACP elects new head

By GREG BROWN  
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CHARLOTTE -- The torch was passed from one generation of civil rights leaders to the next Saturday when delegates to the 41st annual conference of the N.C. NAACP elected Kelly Alexander Jr. to succeed his father as president of the state organization.

The 36-year-old president of

the Charlotte-Mecklenburg NAACP chapter was elected over George Frazier, 56, president of the Durham chapter, in a three-hour meeting closed to the press. Frazier had campaigned for the post for the past year.

The election marked the end of the 36-year presidency of 69-year-old Kelly Alexander Sr., first elected to the post in 1948. The elder Alexander was named Please see page A3