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WSSU ordered to reinstate Norman, offer back pay

Panel rules professor was fired unfairly

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A University of North Carolina Board of Governors committee has ruled that a former Winston-Salem State University professor was unfairly denied tenure and fired three years ago and that he should be reinstated and given back pay.

According to a ruling by the three-member tenure and promotions committee of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors, Dr. James Norman should not have had his WSSU contract terminated and should be given back pay from the time his contract would have normally expired until the date he is reinstated.

Norman, an associate professor in the graduate school in the department of special education at Texas Southern University in Houston, told the *Chronicle* by phone Monday afternoon that he is seriously considering returning to Winston-Salem.

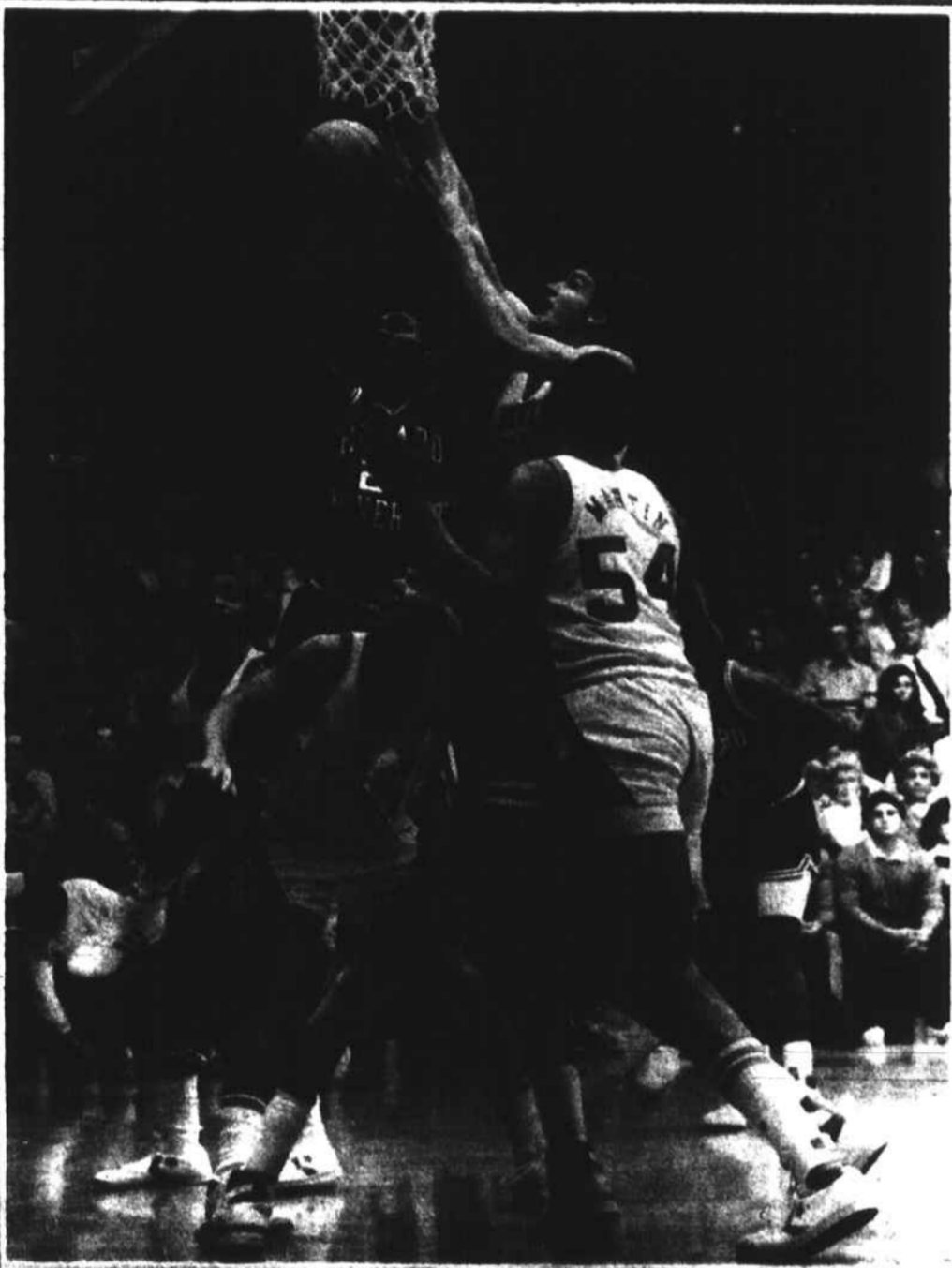
"I'm considering coming back in September," said Norman, who still has a home in Winston-Salem. "The decision says I should be offered a position at the beginning of the spring term, but at best I will be there in September. I'm too professional to leave this job in the middle of the year."

Dr. Haywood Wilson, WSSU's acting chancellor, said the school has received a copy of the committee's ruling and has accepted it.

"We have sent the appropriate correspondence to Dr. Norman but we have not heard from him," said Wilson. "The board ruled in his favor."

Wilson would not comment further on the committee's ruling.

Norman contends that he was denied tenure and subsequently fired because he supported another professor who had been fired. Norman said the first time he applied for tenure, he was turned down by Dr. Melvin Gadson, chairman of WSSU's education department, because Gadson had not been worked at the university long enough to evaluate him fairly. When he applied a second time, Norman said, Please see page A3



What's The Point?

It's sheer folly for black schools like Howard to aspire to become "big time" athletic powers like the University of North Carolina, says columnist Barry Cooper on B4 (photo by Joe Daniels).

Johnson will run against Burke for alderman

By ROBIN ADAMS
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High school assistant principal Victor Johnson, 49, said Tuesday that he will run in 1985 for Northeast Ward alderman.

After seeking the advice of friends and supporters, Johnson told the *Chronicle*, he decided to announce officially that he will run against incumbent Vivian Burke.

"I have assessed my strengths," said Johnson, "and it looks pretty good."

Although the city's aldermanic elections are almost a year away, Johnson said he will spend that time getting closer to the residents in the Northeast Ward.

"I will be spending this time moving in and out of the community," he said. "I already have the name recognition. I have roots here and it's not like I'm someone who has been imported here. I'm a person that stands for what I say."

Johnson has not held public office before.

Last spring, he served as gubernatorial candidate Eddie Knox's local campaign coordinator.

After Knox was beaten by Rufus Edmisten in the Democratic primary runoff, Knox's wife and brothers publicly endorsed Sen. Jesse Helms over Democratic challenger Jim Hunt and Republican governor-elect Jim Martin over Edmisten. Knox then headed a statewide "Democrats for Reagan Committee." Please see page A14

Leland says members of Black Caucus may tour S. Africa to study conditions

By GREG BROWN
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The Congressional Black Caucus is considering sending an official delegation to South Africa to study conditions for blacks living under the apartheid government there, Rep. Mickey Leland (D-Tex.) said during a visit here last Thursday.

Leland, first vice chairman of the Caucus and chairman of the Black Caucus of the Democratic National Committee, said South African Nobel Peace Prize winner, Bishop Desmond Tutu, had requested such a "fact-finding" tour and that last Wednesday the Congressional Black Caucus endorsed the Rev. Jesse Jackson's plans to make a similar trip.

A South African visit by Congressional Black Caucus members would occur in the wake of two weeks of sit-ins by prominent black Americans at the South African Embassy in Washington. The demonstrators pressed for the release of 21 black

labor leaders jailed after strikes which severely curtailed South Africa's industrial output. Sixteen of the labor leaders were released last Thursday while Tutu met with President Reagan.

"Historically, though there have been members of the Congressional Black Caucus who have traveled to South Africa, most members have refused to go to South Africa as a gesture unto itself," Leland said shortly before a speech to supporters of Winston-Salem's Patterson Avenue YMCA.

"We are now in a quandary about whether it is the best strategy, mainly because Bishop Tutu, who is the great campaigner for human rights in South Africa, is appealing to us to go to South Africa to try to give some impetus to non-violent struggle in South Africa and to show the people there that there are people outside the country who do care."

Leland said that, under the apartheid regime's stringent press laws, "the people there are virtually Please see page A14



Congressman Mickey Leland: "We're going to continue to do all that we can to realize the total divestiture of American interests in South Africa" (photo by James Parker).

Debate brewing on future of Winston Lake golf course

By ROBIN ADAMS
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While the city ponders what it will do with Winston Lake Golf Course, local black golfers are divided over who they support to succeed retired pro E. Jerry Jones.

But they do say they oppose the leasing of the course to a private firm, an option city officials say they have considered.

Since Jones' Sept. 1 resignation, Winston Lake has been run by assistant pro Ike Johnson. The pro is responsible for the administrative operation of the course, as well as developing golf training programs and supervising local tournaments.

Jones, who served as pro at the predominantly-black, 18-hole course for 22

years, resigned after being charged with possession of stolen goods.

Since then, the job, which offers a starting annual salary of \$15,309, has attracted a lot of interest. Harold Dunovant, a former golf pro at Winston Lake, has made his interest in the job -- no vacancy has been announced -- known to City Manager Bill Stuart and Recreation Department Director Nick Jamison. Dunovant has presented Stuart and Jamison with a petition signed by approximately 100 persons supporting him for the job.

Both Ernest Morris, an assistant golf pro at Tanglewood Golf Course, and Jim Conrad, a local businessman and former editor of a golf magazine in New York, have been Please see page A12

Famine, politics to be examined

By SAM DAVIS
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Members of the Institute for Islamic Involvement will sponsor a Saturday, Dec. 15, educational workshop to make the community more aware of political issues surrounding the drought and famine in Western Africa.

Spokesman Khalid Abdul-Fattah Griggs says his organization hopes to facilitate increased awareness of the drought and its long-term ramifications during the session, which will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. in the East Winston Library auditorium.

"It is important that we create awareness of what's going on in the broadest sense," says Griggs. "The press is saying that it is a localized Please see page A3

UNCF telethon: It'll be broadcast live from here

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon for the United Negro College Fund will air from the Stouffer's Winston Plaza Hotel on Dec. 29 from noon until midnight.

WNRW, channel 45, will broadcast the fourth annual coast-to-coast telethon designed to raise money for black colleges.

Between the telethon's talent segments, cameras will switch to Winston-Salem for local fundraising updates, said Betty Hanes, the telethon's general chairman for the Triad area.

In addition to the live Stouffer's broadcast, three "viewing parties," sponsored by local civic organizations, will be held. The Iota Phi Lambda sorority, the Top Ladies of Distinction and the Sophisticated Gents will hold parties where they will solicit pledges.

Television cameras will be stationed at the three sites and periodically will broadcast live throughout the 12-hour broadcast.

To kick off the telethon, the annual Community Christmas Party, set for Saturday, Dec. 15, Please see page A2