

## Burke: No surprise

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much money because the funds simply came in. "The people started sending money, and the people on my campaign started spending it," she said. "People that I'd never dreamed would be sending money in."

Mrs. Burke also campaigned very hard. While she and her supporters sipped punch, hugged and patted backs, Johnson, a big man who looks the part of the former athlete he is, assessed his game plan and the score. His team had lost, but it went down fighting.

"It takes a long time for the establishment to recognize that you are visible," Johnson had said at his home before the results were in. "The in-

cumbent has the news media on her side. Regardless of what she's saying, she's in the paper.

"She has a lot of people that owe her IOUs," Johnson said of Mrs. Burke as he sat on his living room couch and a group of supporters gathered downstairs. "I noticed the ministers got on the bandwagon, whether they were in her ward or not."

Johnson looked tired but satisfied that he'd done all he could, given it the best shot that he had to muster. He also seemed resigned even before the totals were known that his best may

not have been enough this time.

He praised his campaign workers, one of whom left as he spoke. He insisted on paying her for her services, and she insisted that he keep the money.

"Your winning is enough for me," she said. Johnson said he harbored no ill feelings toward Mrs. Burke, though he had been candid during the campaign in discussing what he perceived as her shortcomings.

Before the results had been tallied, Johnson said he expected Mrs. Burke would work with him if he were elected and he'd do the same if she were elected "and she asked me."

"This ward is too big for one or two people to run it," he said. "I'm not anti-Vivian."

Would Johnson run again? he was asked. "If my supporters wanted me to," he said. "I wouldn't embarrass myself by filing without support."

Later, Mrs. Burke said the *Chronicle's* endorsement had "made a difference" for her and lambasted the *Winston-Salem Journal* for choosing to endorse neither her nor her opponent in the primary.

"They don't pick the leaders for black people," she said. "We pick our own leaders." Despite the margin of victory, members of both camps seemed to agree that the sometimes bitter race had been good for the ward.

"I think that (the race) was very well fought," said Johnson supporter Louise Wilson, executive director of the Experiment in Self-Reliance Inc., as she awaited the results at Johnson's home. "It was fought with dignity, and the issues were

brought forth."

Johnson agreed, saying that, if he did nothing else, he aired issues in the ward that needed airing.

"Regardless of the outcome, the constituents will be the winner," he said. "There's a lot of people suffering. I hope this is a victory for the people. You got to pull up your sleeves and work (as alderman). You can't just profile."

"I brought the issues before the people, and I hope the people -- poor people -- will benefit," he said.

Mrs. Burke, meanwhile, said she would continue the work she has begun in her ward.

"I'm a grassroots worker," she said. "They're like my extended family. I love my ward."

Mrs. Burke won so handily, it seems, because her campaign machine is a big, well-established, well-oiled piece of hardware. In addition, she enjoyed the advantages of an incumbent, and incumbents are traditionally tough nuts to crack in Winston-Salem's aldermanic races.

Mrs. Burke also seems to like a good fight, as does Johnson, and she said Tuesday night that the race had brought out her competitive nature.

What's more, despite Johnson's criticism, most of the residents in Mrs. Burke's ward apparently are pleased with her performance in office.

Finally, she may have won so easily, ironically, because Johnson worked so hard. The challenger forced Mrs. Burke to pull out all the stops in her efforts to turn him back -- and she did.

She may have won big, in a sense, because he made her win big.

## New YMCA

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optimistic," said Cormier. "It (the budget projection) started out with a full membership base in place when the doors opened. Unfortunately, that was too unrealistic. We still anticipate the original projection, but it will happen over a period of a year rather than when the doors opened."

Joyner agreed. "It takes time to build something," said Joyner. "You don't come in and have everything perfect the first few months or the first six months."

In addition to an overprojection of members, a 450 percent increase in liability insurance for the entire YMCA system coupled with a utility rate hike have resulted in higher overhead, said Cormier.

"The cost of operation can't be scaled down," Cormier said. "Regardless of your base of membership, water, sewer and utility bills have to be paid."

The YMCA's budget had to be totally reworked, he said.

Despite the budget overprojections, Cormier said he is optimistic about the new Y's future.

"Winston Lake is going to continue to grow and will be a success story to the benefit of the people in the community," said Cormier. "... The reason I feel that way is because of the leader-

ship. It won't happen without real hard work and people going the extra mile. I feel good about Joyner and his ability to bring on a quality staff .... That is very important."

Joyner was named executive director of the Winston Lake Y after the resignation of Richard Glover. Although Glover signed a letter of resignation, some members of the YMCA contended that Glover was forced to resign.

The issue of Glover's resignation divided the board. Some board members hinted at the idea of splitting with the national YMCA and joining forces with another black YMCA in Miami.

Although there were some differences of opinion and some division when Joyner came on board, most have joined forces to support him, said Cormier.

"The majority of the people have put that behind them and moved forward in the best interest of the community and organization," Cormier said.

One of the first things Joyner did when he came to Winston-Salem was to meet with individual board members to see what their goals and objectives were for the facility and to see what resources they could bring to the board. The result, said Joyner, has been a coming

together. Joyner also said he has conducted orientation sessions for the board, educating its members on the role of the board and committee responsibilities.

"We are now moving in the right direction," said Joyner.

In addition to increasing the Y's membership and working to unify the board, Joyner has another agenda. He wants to make the Y a community meeting place where the facility's multipurpose rooms can be used for banquets, conventions and workshops and where various neighborhood organizations can offer the community outreach services such as tutorial programs.

Its first summer was a good one for the Y, Joyner said, noting that it posted one of its best-ever records for summer camp attendance. Other programs, such as adult fitness and racquetball classes, received strong responses as well, he said.

"The community was willing to support the Y," said Joyner. "We had a good summer, but we still have a long way to go."

As for the future, Joyner has nothing but high hopes.

"I will be very disappointed if our membership doesn't expand to 1,500 to 2,000 by next year," he said.

## Crime

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### • 1600 block, East 14th Street

A business was broken into; the coin boxes were taken from the washers and dryers.

### • 1000 block, Highland Avenue

A school was broken into.

### • 1400 block, North Liberty Street

A service station was broken into.

### • 2000 block, East End Boulevard

A school was broken into.

### Housebreaking

#### • 2900 block, Patterson Avenue

The victim's home was broken into while he was out of town. A neighbor called the police and said someone was breaking into the house. The police found a suspect in the house and charged him with housebreaking.

#### • 1400 block, Derry Street

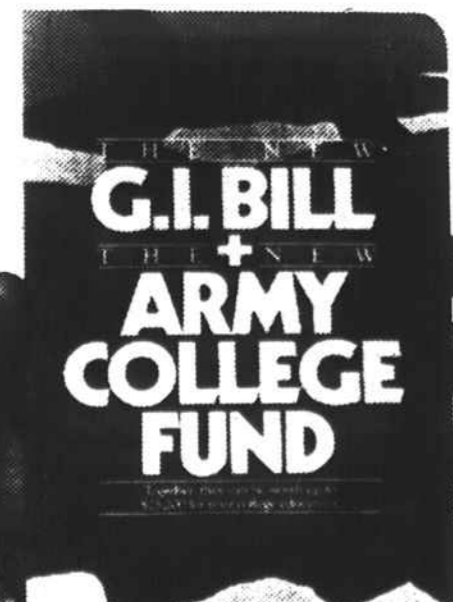
An apartment was broken into and the refrigerator was taken.

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