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**Fashion Fair '85**

Ebony's Fashion Fair makes its usual appearance here Friday night. See special section inside.

## Elections quietly approach; few surprises are anticipated

By ROBIN ADAMS  
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Among the best-kept secrets in town is that an election will be held next Tuesday.

After the considerable fallout from the Sept. 24 primaries cleared, the weeks since have been quiet. But candidates in each contested ward insist that they've been campaigning hard nonetheless.

"I'm working like mad," said East Ward Alderman Virginia K. Newell. "We are doing quite a bit of calling and knocking on doors. I'm not going to leave any stone unturned. We are working very aggressively."

Mrs. Newell, a two-term Democratic incumbent, faces political newcomer Richard L. Rowell, a Republican, on Nov. 5. Neither candidate encountered primary opposition. In fact, Mrs. Newell was out of town during the primary.

Mrs. Newell hasn't had a Republican opponent since she was elected in 1977. She beat then-Alderman C.C. Ross in 1977 during the primary and William A. Bryant in 1981's municipal primary. Political observers say Mrs. Newell, chairman of the board's Finance Committee, is the one alderman who can't be beat.

Because of Mrs. Newell's name recognition, a

quiet campaign could work in her favor. But Rowell insists that he has been out among the people and that he has the name recognition necessary to unseat Mrs. Newell.

"If you are running against an incumbent and making a lot of noise, there will be fighting back and forth," said Rowell. "I don't see any reason to tear down a person to go after their seat. I believe in running this campaign like a gentleman."

Although Rowell has never run for a citywide

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-- Alderman Virginia Newell

political office before, he insists he is no newcomer. Rowell worked on Rufus Edmisten's campaign for governor, Larry W. Womble's campaign for alderman and his own campaign for president of the Piedmont Circle Resident Council. Rowell said he was also instrumental in organizing the first, but now-defunct, black Jaycees organization in Winston-Salem.

In the North Ward, Democrat Patrick T. Please see page A2

## NAACP plans boycotts of businesses

By ROBIN ADAMS  
Chronicle Assistant Editor

The NAACP will call for a nationwide boycott of companies that do business in South Africa early next year, said an organization official during the NAACP State Convention's Life Membership Luncheon Saturday.

The convention was held Oct. 24-27 in the Benton Convention Center.

"As of yet, we haven't selected which companies we will boycott," said Joseph Madison, director of the NAACP Voter Education Department in Detroit. "We also haven't decided the formula we will use to determine which companies to boycott, but we will be targeting companies that have not signed the Sullivan Principles or Fair Share

agreements with us."

Madison said he expects approximately three to 12 companies to be boycotted. The only firm Madison specifically named was baby-food manufacturer Gerber Foods.

In addition to organizing boycotts, the NAACP will soon develop a political action leadership conference and educate the world about the "high price of apartheid in South Africa," Madison said.

"We as black Americans know more about what's happening in South Africa than the white South Africans do," he said.

The leadership conference, said Madison, will help train leaders for tomorrow.

"We will be training our own black leaders," Please see page A11

## Woodson proposes an alternative to Winston-Salem's housing woes

By ROBIN BARKSDALE  
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A national authority on housing addressed members of the local community recently and said Winston-Salem is ripe for an innovative new housing program.

Robert L. Woodson, president of the National Center for Neighborhood Enterprise, outlined the program at a seminar held Friday, Oct. 26, at the Winston Lake Family YMCA. Woodson's program advocates policies of more self-help and less government and he said the proposal will allow lower-income black residents to gain more control over their housing environment.

"There's been a report that in the last 25 years there has been a twenty-fivefold in-

crease in the amount of federal, state and local money going to help poor people," said Woodson, who is also chairman of the Council for a Black Economic Agenda. "Yet, even in the face of that expenditure we're told that one-third of the black community is now in an underclass. So obviously, just spending more, spending less, is not the answer. We've got to learn to spend more wisely."

Woodson said one solution to the housing crisis for poor blacks is to learn to "help ourselves." He says his organization has toured the country and identified successful programs that meet the needs of low-income residents.

The results of this canvassing, says Please see page A2



Stefon Stewart, surrounded by police officers and security guards, is escorted out of Sebastian Health Center at A&T, where he held his former girlfriend hostage (photo by Joe Daniels).

## A&T coed's abductor is apprehended

By RUTHELL HOWARD  
Carolina Peacemaker

GREENSBORO -- A Spring Lake youth was charged with first-degree kidnapping and assault with a deadly weapon after he held his former girlfriend hostage and Greensboro police at bay for nearly seven hours at North Carolina A&T State University Monday.

Stefon Stewart, 19, of 305 North Point Road in Spring Lake, was placed under a \$50,000 Please see page A15

## My Sunday morning with the Rev. Jerry Falwell

By ROBIN ADAMS  
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LYNCHBURG, Va. -- The smiling, pudgy man stepped to the podium.

Were it not for his heavily publicized stands against abortion, pornography and liberals and his recent comments against South African Bishop Desmond Tutu -- and for continued American investment in South Africa -- he might have been just another Southern Baptist preacher.

Instead, the pudgy man was an international celebrity.

He claims to have thousands of church members and millions of listeners on his television program, "The Old Time Gospel Hour."

Jerry Falwell operates Liberty University, Lynchburg Christian Academy, a home for alcoholics, a summer camp, a Bible institute and correspondence course, a seminary and a live, call-in television show on Ted Turner's superstation.

This Sunday morning the 4,000-seat Thomas Road Baptist Church, the biggest in Lynchburg, was filled to capacity for Falwell's third service for the day. He conducts five services every Sunday. The 11 a.m. service is the one taped to be broadcast as "The Old Time Gospel Hour."

After weeks of asking Falwell, through his press secretary, for an interview with the *Chronicle*, I had gone to church to ask Falwell Please see page A3



The Rev. Jerry Falwell in his Lynchburg pulpit (photo by James Parker).