

Mailbag

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center, and their absence is very painfully felt by thousands of people here. The expressions of love and concern from across our region have helped to lift the burden of that pain.
We are deeply grateful.

Richard M. Heriot
Winston-Salem

has always shown compassion for all of the people of this country.

Sen. Broyhill comes over in his television ads as a leader who would have you believe that he is everything to everybody. His record in Congress reveals an entirely different character.

His record on civil rights is disgraceful. He voted against the universal Medicare system. For an amendment to strip the Medicare program of more than \$1 billion in health-care funds. Against legislation to protect the rights of residents of nursing homes. Against an amendment to reduce the rent of poor elderly tenants in public housing from 30 percent to 25 percent of their income. Against funds for the federal drug program.

Now he rants about how something needs to be done with our disgraceful drug program. The National Council of Senior Citizens rated Mr. Broyhill's record as one of the worst in the House.

Our people need leaders with integrity who place the welfare of their people above personal gain. Like it or not, the minorities and the Democratic Party are in the same boat. We must survive together, or we shall go down together. The party may not have addressed all of our concerns; on the other hand, what have Ronald Reagan and Jesse Helms done for minorities except take away school lunches, jobs and educational opportunities, to name just a few?

Gov. Jim Martin and Sen. Broyhill are on the Ronald Reagan, P.W. Botha and Jesse Helms team. Which team are you on?

We must go to the polls on Nov. 4 and deliver at least 350,000 votes from the black community to the Democratic Party.

Thelma E. Small
Winston-Salem

Endorsing Neal

To The Editor:

This letter is an endorsement of our very effective Congressman Steve Neal.

My husband and I recently required the services of Steve Neal's office to expedite our passports.

His very efficient and courteous staff guided us through government red tape, thereby enabling our passports to be processed in one day. The kind attention they gave us permitted a trip to Jerusalem that would have otherwise been canceled.

There are few people in this world who would take time out from their busy schedules to provide such service. This service was provided at no cost to us. We don't have the big dollars to contribute to political campaigns, but this fact did not make a difference to Mr. Neal, and his reception gave us a very warm feeling.

We are grateful for the dedicated staff, and certainly we should keep Steve Neal in office, that he may continue his effective leadership.

Whose team?

The writer is the 2nd District Chairman of the Democratic Party.

To The Editor:

William H. Rehnquist and all the other far-right conservatives would not be filling up the federal benches around the country if Democrats had control in the U.S. Senate and House. With these right-wing people controlling all three branches of the federal government -- executive, legislative and judicial -- we are going to be set back 50 years.

If Democrats can win the Senate race in November and gain control of the legislative branch, we can stop the Reagan revolution.

The Reagan administration (Republican) has already set us back 30 years.

Farmers are going bankrupt by the dozens (whites are losing farms daily, and most blacks have already lost theirs). The administration has turned its back on the farmers and textile workers, women and minorities.

Black colleges are under siege around the country, and the administration is hellbent on closing them down.

Assistance for housing for the elderly and poor is in grave danger.

Social service departments nationwide are operating in an atmosphere of the concentration camp mentality, where the old, the poor and the downtrodden are routinely dehumanized.

P.W. Botha of South Africa is the leader of a repressive, immoral and evil system. The Republican administration supports Mr. Botha and the apartheid system.

The Republican administration has openly flaunted the position that is now fashionable and even respectable to show no concern for the rights of minorities, women and the downtrodden, all under the guise of a free-enterprise system that mandates that everyone should fend for themselves and pull themselves up from the bottom of the boat. Democrats, on the other hand, represent the party that cares and

Carolina, started the North Carolina School of the Arts and was the president of Duke for 15 years.

Yes, Terry Sanford recognizes the need for good education in our state, and he has a record to prove it. Broyhill can criticize the food tax 'til his face turns blue, but Terry Sanford has reason to be proud.

I am a schoolteacher, and I know firsthand about the importance of quality education. I'll be voting Democratic this November!

Bobby Robinson
Winston-Salem

Objectionable ads

The writer is president of Clark & Associates of Chicago.

To The Editor:

As a former District all-America basketball player at Northeastern University in Boston, I was glad to see the *Black College Sports Review's* "Football Preview '86" in the Sept. 27 issue of the *New Pittsburgh Courier*. I thought the color, content of articles and pictures were top-quality, and hence I read through that section even though I am not a real big football buff. As I proceeded through this section, however, I became disturbed by the advertising.

I am currently a marketing consultant and part-time lecturer at the University of Pittsburgh, teaching an Advertising and Promoting course. In reviewing that section, I recognized two dominant advertisements: cigarettes and alcoholic beverages. In fact, about 78 percent of all the ads in that section were either cigarette-related (3 or 33 percent) or alcoholic beverages such as whiskey, beer or cognac (4 or 44 percent).

Since a large part of your readership is minority and I assume mostly black consumers, I found the quantity of ads on these two items completely outlandish. I can think of two major issues within our community, excluding employment: disease -- cancer, heart disease and alcoholism -- and substance/drug abuse.

I am certainly not an authority on these two issues, but unquestionably, cigarettes have been implicated in cancer and heart disease, and alcohol use or overindulgence seems to lead to alcoholism, among other factors (such as the environment, diet, stress, etc.). Furthermore, there is a growing awareness of the idea that drug abuse is closely correlated with other substance abuse. Drug and substance abuse in our communities is at an epidemic level.

A counterargument that is popular is that advertisements don't force people to consume; however, I think a prudent position might be to stop with these kinds of ads and promote a "drug-less" position to our athletes and the general public. I am certain other companies can pick up the ad space.

John J. Clark
Chicago

Editor's note: The Chronicle publishes *Black College Sports Review*, which is inserted in newspapers throughout the country. Mr. Clark sent copies of his letter to both the Chronicle and The New Pittsburgh Courier.

'He oughta be in pictures'

To The Editor:

The cumulative effect of recent events locally compels me to abandon my past practice of not writing letters to the editor and publicly denouncing politicians.

For the last 18 months, the African-American community in Winston-Salem has been bom-

barded by an orgy of ignorance from 5th District Congressional candidate Stu Epperson. Seldom has a white, affluent, conservative Republican good ol' boy so shamelessly attempted to endear himself to the African-American electorate as Epperson has. Stu has championed everything from fair housing to the war on drugs in our community.

While playing the role of savior, Stu has bought some acceptance in East Winston by financing high-profile, politically expeditious/opportunistic projects. Given the fervor of many of his African-American campaign workers, and the silence of those opinion leaders who see through his charade, Stu has apparently bought more than endearment. Additionally, Mr. Epperson frequently proclaims his spiritual salvation to some African-American church group.

Campaign maneuvering and campaign promising are as old as elections themselves. However, throughout the election process, we must not individually or collectively compromise our integrity for short-term material and/or financial gain.

It would be a disservice to the citizens of the 5th District for the African-American voters to be party to sending Stu Epperson to the U.S. Congress. The best that we should do for Mr. Epperson is to petition Larry Leon Hamlin to give Stu an actor's job with the North Carolina Black Repertory Company.

Khalid Abdul-Fattah Griggs
Winston-Salem

In support of Sherrill

To The Editor:

I too would like to join Judge Roland Hayes in expressing sincere support for Judge Terry Sherrill's campaign for a seat on the North Carolina Superior Court Bench. Judge Sherrill, if elected, will be the only black resident superior court judge in the state. Out of the approximately 72 superior court judges, only two of us are black. However, we both are special judges and thereby are subject to assignment throughout the state on a regular weekly basis.

I emphasize that I support Judge Sherrill not only for historical reasons, but further because of his excellent qualifications for the position. The entire state will benefit from his addition to the superior court bench.

It is very important that everyone go out to vote on Election Day, and please remember to vote for Judge Terry Sherrill as a member of the Superior Court Bench.

Judge James A. Beaty Jr.
Winston-Salem

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