

## Alice Walker to appear via satellite

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Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alice Walker will come to Winston-Salem State University next week via a live satellite hook-up.

"A Private Conversation with Alice Walker" will be broadcast on Nov. 5 from San Francisco to WSSU and 92 other colleges.

The video conference will be held from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. in

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"I think to hear her talk about life in the South, why she became a writer and new themes and directions in her writing will be interesting, particularly because so many people are aware of her because of her book, 'The Color Purple.'"

Dr. Hayden said she hopes there is a large turnout for the program.

"We certainly will encourage students in our classes to attend," she said. "We're plann-

-- Dr. Lucy Hayden, WSSU

Room 228 of the the Hall-Patterson Communications Building and will feature questions from the various audiences across the country.

"This is the first video conference the university has sponsored," said Dr. Lucy Hayden, chairwoman of WSSU's English and communication arts department. "It really sounds very exciting.

ing to get letters out to some churches, high schools and colleges and universities to let them know about the program."

The two-hour program will feature an interview with Ms. Walker conducted by Dr. Barbara Christian, professor of Afro-American studies at the University of California at Berkeley.

The program also will feature

poetry reading by Ms. Walker and a film clip from "The Color Purple."

Dr. Hayden said that there will be two question-and-answer periods.

Questions will be phoned in to the station in San Francisco and will then be flashed onto the screen, she said.

Hosting the program is a unique opportunity for WSSU, Dr. Hayden said.

WSSU became aware of the program, she said, when fliers arrived in August from its sponsor, the Massachusetts-based American Program Bureau.

Because WSSU belongs to the Black College Satellite Network, the university was able to get the program at a reduced cost, she said.

Dr. Hayden said it was up to each college to decide whether to charge for the program. WSSU chose to offer it free.

"I feel that it is part of our mission to provide literary exposure for our community," she said.



"Color Purple" author Alice Walker will present a "private conversation" via a satellite program broadcast at Winston-Salem State University Wednesday, Nov. 5, from 9 to 11 p.m.

## Virginia state senator to keynote annual BPAL banquet Saturday night

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Virginia Sen. Benjamin J. Lambert will speak at a banquet for the Black Political Awareness League Saturday at 6 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center.

Lambert represents the 9th Senatorial District in Richmond, Va. Political candidates and elected officials throughout North Carolina are expected to attend this event.

The purpose of the banquet is to focus attention on the local candidates in the general election.

The 21st Century Political Action Committee of North Carolina has endorsed W. Terry Sherrill of Charlotte for resident superior court judge.

Sherrill, a district court judge, is the only black statewide candidate in the Nov. 4 elections. "Terry's candidacy is terribly important for North Carolina," said Faiger Blackwell of Caswell County.



Sherrill received an endorsement of \$400 from the organization, which was founded in 1985 to widen political participation.

"Many contributors outside of Charlotte were not aware of Terry's campaign," said Vernon L. Robinson, chairman of the PAC. "By contributing to the PAC, these individuals were able to support a crucial effort though they are unable to follow the race closely."

A native of Huntsville, Sherrill attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as an undergraduate and a law school student. A recipient of a Morehead Scholarship, Sherrill served as an assistant public defender in Charlotte.

James G. Exum received the endorsements of two of North Carolina's legal organizations in his race for chief justice of the state's Supreme Court.

The North Carolina Bar Association and the N.C. Academy of Trial Lawyers endorsed Exum last week in Raleigh.

"This is the most impressive endorsement ever made by the state's legal community for anyone running for office," said Burley Mitchell, an associate justice for the state Supreme Court. "Nothing rivaling such an endorsement has ever occurred during a judicial race."

"I am honored, pleased and overwhelmed," said Exum, who is facing Republican Rhoda Billings for the chief justice post.

Two black Democratic candidates in next week's election are guaranteed victory because they face no Republican opposition.

State Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy will continue to represent the 66th House District, a

predominantly black area.

"Even though I don't face any Republican opposition, I am still committed to serving the needs of blacks and women while I am in Raleigh," Mrs. Kennedy said at a recent forum.

District Court Judge Roland H. Hayes will serve a two-year term on the bench. "I feel real good about that."

He says he will seek re-election in 1988 to a four-year term as a district court judge.

The campaign between former Gov. Terry Sanford and Sen. James T. Broyhill has hit the local airwaves.

Sanford supporters began run-

ning an advertisement on radio station WAIR that attacks Broyhill's civil rights record.

The advertisement says that Broyhill voted against the extension of the Voting Rights Act, the Civil Rights Act and economic sanctions against South Africa.

While Sanford was governor, he was an advocate for education and school integration when the Civil Rights Movement was tearing the South apart, the advertisement said.

Sanford is expected to receive the majority of the black vote, political observers say.

Stuart Epperson, a Republican

challenger for Stephen Neal's 5th District seat, said he is a member of an advisory board at Bob Jones University in Greenville, S.C.

Bob Jones University has a national reputation of discriminating against blacks. It does have black students, but interracial dating is prohibited. Epperson was a student at the school during the 1950s.

"I don't agree with everything they do," said Epperson, who is courting the black vote. "There is no place in our country for bigotry or racism, and I have opposed it everywhere I have gone."

## Mazie Woodruff

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their problem," she said.

Mrs. Woodruff said she waited until a week before the election to announce her candidacy because she wanted to make sure she had widespread community support.

"Many people told me that I should wait," she said. "The time is right now, and we can do it."

Singletary said that the campaign has recruited ward captains to help get out the vote. He also said he has asked for help from the 150-member Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates.

"This campaign is totally dependent upon how black people come out and vote," Singletary said. "They have to make the decision if they seriously want Mazie Woodruff as a county commissioner."

The Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley, a member of the conference, said the ministers met Tuesday morning before Mrs. Woodruff's announcement.

"We discussed her possible campaign, but we didn't know whether she was going to run or not," Eversley said. "I can't speak for the other members, but I am supporting Mrs. Woodruff's write-in campaign."

Other supporters of Mrs. Woodruff's candidacy include Southeast Ward Alderman Larry W. Womble, state House candidate Diana Williams-Henry and East Ward Alderman Virginia K. Newell.

Singletary said Mrs. Woodruff would need at least 15,000 votes to win. However, Mrs. Woodruff said she needs 22,000 to 30,000 votes to win.

Turnout at the polls next week is expected to be good, especially

if the weather is pleasant, Mrs. Cooper said Tuesday.

"We expect the voter turnout to be similar to other off-year elections," she said.

In the 1978 elections, 41 percent of the 113,389 registered voters in the county cast ballots. In 1982, 48 percent of the registered voters went to the polls.

The latest Board of Elections statistics show 134,495 registered county voters, 29,317 of them black.

There were 29,031 registered black voters before the May primary.

The black vote may determine the race between Democrat W. Warren Sparrow and Republican Joseph J. Gatto.

"Both candidates are qualified attorneys," said Southeast Ward Alderman Womble. "Both could do a good job as district attorney."

Sparrow attended a recent meeting of the Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates while Gatto spoke at a breakfast two weeks ago at Reynolds Cafeteria.

Meanwhile, congressional hopeful Stuart W. Epperson, a Republican, has continued to court black votes in his efforts to unseat 5th District incumbent Stephen L. Neal, a Democrat who narrowly beat him in 1984.

Has Epperson's drug abuse task force gained him enough support in the black community to take Neal's seat?

"I am more concerned about getting drugs out of this community than I am getting votes out of this community," Epperson said two weeks ago in Happy Hill Gardens, where he par-

ticipated in an anti-drug demonstration.

Neal said he has earned the black vote with his civil rights record during his 12 years in Congress. Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., endorsed him via telephone last week.

Observers expect another close election between Neal and Epperson, even without Ronald Reagan's name on the ballot.

Such also is the case with Republican Sen. James T.

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