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## FAIR LADY



Ebony's Fashion Fair made its annual trek to Winston last Friday, appearing at the Benton Convention Center, and, as usual, wooing the audience with exotic styles, choreography and music. The show was sponsored by the Winston-Salem Urban League Guild (photo by James Parker).

## Sleeping Bailey: What, me worry?

By ALLEN H. JOHNSON  
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■ A Chronicle commentary.

Beaufort O. Bailey was so excited by Tuesday's dramatic election that he went to bed early.

In fact, Democrat Bailey, who fared poorly in some white precincts, where he normally does well, didn't know he had

rallied to win his third term on the school board until he awoke Wednesday morning and saw it on the television news. When he had gone to bed, he hovered only around sixth or seventh in the race for five seats.

Bailey said he got tired of waiting for the excruciatingly slow election returns, so he decided to call it a night at around 1 a.m.

He probably wouldn't have been up that late had a reporter not called and disturbed the napping Bailey at around 11:30.

"I just got tired of staying up," he said. "I couldn't make sense out of the results."

Did Bailey sleep well? "Shoot, I slept good," he said Wednesday morning. "It didn't worry me one bit one way or the other."

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## Club for blacks will be formed

By CHERYL WILLIAMS  
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West Forsyth High School plans to form a club that will appeal to black students, Principal Jerry Peoples said Monday.

However, whether the club will be called an "Ebony Club" remains to be seen, he said.

A group of black parents and students recently has said that the school discriminates against blacks.

Among requests the group presented to the school system's administration was the formation of an Ebony Club at West.

The other seven high schools in the city-county system have either Ebony clubs or Afro-American societies.

But a school official last week expressed concern about forming a club that would appeal mainly to blacks.

"What we feel is that we ought to be at a stage in our development where we integrate all groups," Dr. Howard Sosne, an assistant superintendent for the city-county schools, told the *Chronicle*. "The more we integrate, the better."

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-- W. Warren Sparrow

## Bailey, Burke and Sparrow win

By JOHN HINTON  
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DEMOCRAT W. WARREN SPARROW won the district attorney's race by 892 votes Wednesday morning after trailing Republican challenger Joseph J. Gatto by more than 1,000 votes throughout Tuesday night.

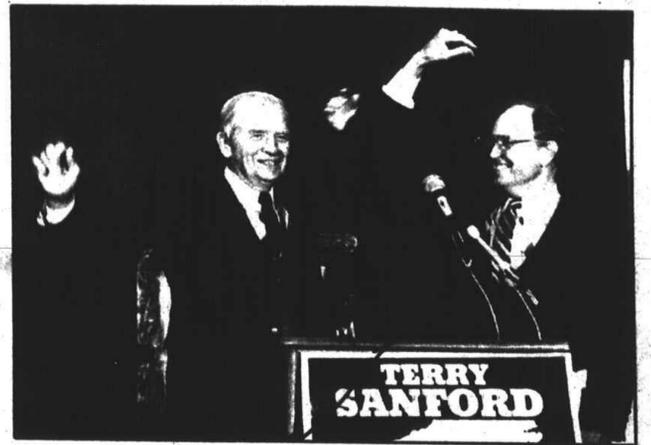
Sparrow received 33,820 votes, Gatto 32,928, according to unofficial figures from the Forsyth County Board of Elections.

Gatto, who campaigned Tuesday in the black community, led Sparrow by 204 votes after 96 percent of the vote was counted.

But Sparrow overcame that deficit with 1,494 votes from three predominantly black precincts early Wednesday morning. Gatto collected only 298 votes from those areas.

Sparrow sealed his victory with 605 votes from the 14th Street Recreation Center, where Gatto could muster only 93.

"It (the black vote) was very important," Sparrow said Wednesday after learning of his comeback victory. "It could have probably been the deciding factor."



Among the winners: Terry Sanford and Steve Neal, shown here during a Winston-Salem rally last month (photo by James Parker).

Sparrow said he had strong support throughout the county. "I owe something to everybody who voted for me," he said. "I am going to do my best to apply the law equally to everyone."

At the Winston Lake YMCA precinct, Sparrow received 497 votes to Gatto's 128. Sparrow totaled 392 votes at the Martin Luther King Recreation Center,

Gatto only 77.

"We ran strong in those black precincts," Sparrow said. "I am delighted over it."

However, Gatto did receive substantial support in the black community, which is heavily Democratic. As votes had been counted from other black precincts Tuesday night, he main-

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## DA's race: An eleventh-hour comeback

By ROBIN BARKSDALE  
and CHERYL WILLIAMS  
Chronicle Staff Writers

It ain't over 'til the fat lady sings -- or, in Forsyth County's case, 'til the 14th Street Recreation Center precinct reports in.

W. Warren Sparrow, the Democratic candidate for district attorney, officially claimed victory at 3:41 a.m. Wednesday morning, following an election night which saw him trail Republican Joseph J. Gatto most of the way.

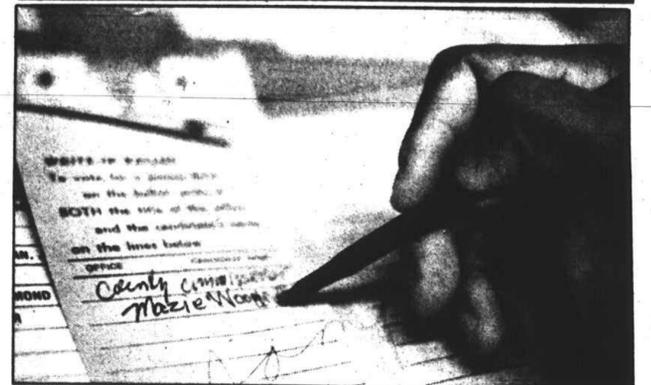
### Suspense - and joy

Sparrow, his wife, Lydia Rebecca, and an early-morning crowd of supporters literally jumped for joy as the tally of votes for the final precinct was read. Sparrow also received a congratulatory hug from North-west Ward Alderman Martha S. Wood.

By 2:30 a.m., the suspense had overtaken the Sparrow camp, and it relocated from the Hyatt Hotel to the Board of Elections building.

Sparrow began the evening in a neatly tailored suit and tie but, by

## FALLING SHORT



Mazie Woodruff's write-in effort: A poor showing in Tuesday's election (photo by James Parker).

the wee hours of the morning, had discarded the tie, loosened his shirt and appeared completely drained of energy.

"I'm just here. I'm not saying anything at this point," Sparrow said, moving briskly about the room before stepping outside to catch his breath.

When Sparrow arrived at the Board of Elections, 81 of 84 precincts had reported, and he

trailing Gatto by nearly 1,000 votes. One by one the final three precincts came in, and Sparrow closed the margin.

Sparrow never looked up or spoke a word when the results from the Martin Luther King Recreation Center, the 83rd precinct, arrived. He buried his face in his hands as the tally put him ahead of Gatto for the first time.

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## College GOP club: Yeas, nays

By CHERYL WILLIAMS  
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Some Winston-Salem State University students don't like the idea of a proposed College Republicans Club on their campus; others are delighted at the prospect.

"I'm very appalled," said Michael Clark, Student Government Association president. "I never thought we would get something like that on this campus."

WSSU senior Cassandra Evans is heading the effort to organize the club on campus. If her attempts are successful, WSSU would be the first historically black college in the state to sanction a GOP club.

No formal opposition to the effort has been organized at WSSU. The university already has a club for Democrats.

Clark said he was shocked when he first heard about the possibility of the club on campus.

"But now, over a period of time, the more I hear about it, if this is what they (students) want to do, then they should go ahead and do it," he said.

Clark said that the issue was discussed in one of his classes.

"I don't think too many people on campus know about it," he said. "But those who do know about it, they are interested."

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