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Coble's top team raises concerns

Decision makers would be white males

By TONYA V. SMITH
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The most recent central administrative staff reorganization would place four white men, one white woman and an Afro-American woman in the top positions in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County system.

Although Afro-American Pamela Chisolm will be retained as internal auditor, Superintendent Larry D. Coble's plan slights Dr. Barbara K. Phillips, an assistant superintendent since 1985, reassigning her to a position in which her superior would be a white man who has less experience than she and has occupied fewer key positions in the city-county system.

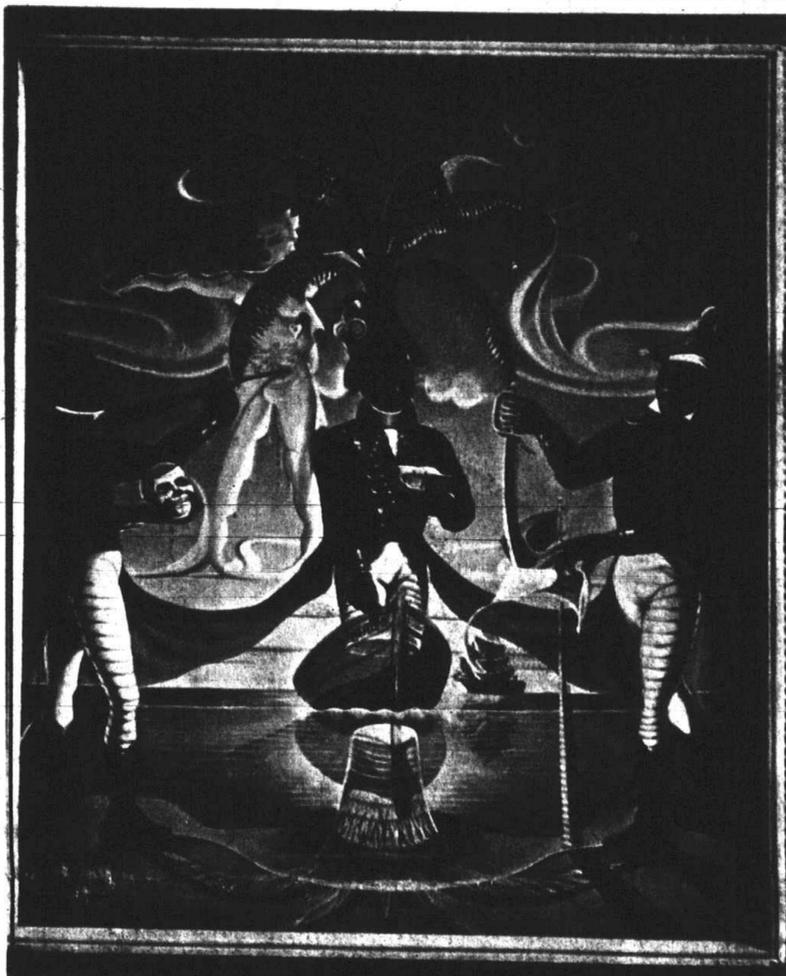
The Board of Education approved Dr. Coble's reorganization plan Monday. The board's personnel committee subsequently approved his roster of persons to place in the new organizational chart. The full board will vote July 17 on the latter changes - the vote is expected to be one of unanimous approval.

All the positions are interim ones, said Dr. Coble. Coble has suggested that the board allow Fred B. Adams and M. Nelson Jessup to occupy two newly created deputy superintendent slots. Dr. Adams, who has been with the local system since 1965, would be the deputy superintendent for instruction, and Mr. Jessup, the deputy superintendent for operations.

The superintendent has also recommended the appointment of an executive assistant to the superintendent. Because Dr. Coble has expressed a commitment to improving racial relationships and increasing the number of Afro-Americans in upper-level administrative positions, some have speculated that the executive assistant will be a black. However, sources close to school administration speculate that Dr. Coble may move one of his newly-appointed white deputies into the executive spot and replace him with an Afro-American. The superintendent said that all three positions are equal in rank and pay.

Dr. Adams would directly supervise Dr. Phillips. He was a teacher

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Forty photo-panels (such as the one above) portray moments in Haiti's history. The photos are on exhibit at the Delta Arts Center through July 31.

Hunt decision angers blacks

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The announcement that two Surry County prosecutors will determine if Darryl E. Hunt will be retried for the 1984 death of Deborah B. Sykes has been greeted with outrage by some members of the Afro-American community, particularly members of the Darryl Hunt Defense Fund Committee.

"It's a travesty of justice," said the Rev. Carlton Eversley, pastor of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church and public information officer for the committee.

Dean Bowman, Surry County district attorney, and his chief assistant, James C. Yeates III, will handle the Hunt case.

In early May the North Carolina Supreme Court overturned Mr. Hunt's 1985 conviction for stabbing and raping Ms. Sykes, and District Attorney Warren Sparrow was to decide if the charges would be dropped or if Mr. Hunt would be retried.

Mr. Sparrow has declined making a decision in the case, citing an interpretation that says it would be a conflict of interest.

Two of Mr. Hunt's defense attorneys, L. Todd Burke and Vincent F. Rabil, are now assistant to Mr. Sparrow, who was not district attorney at the time of Mr. Hunt's conviction. Mr. Sparrow said that an interpretation of the ethics rules by the North Carolina State Bar said it would be improper for Mr. Sparrow to proceed with the case.

Attorney Larry Little, who organized the Darryl Hunt Defense Fund Committee, said that for now he must distance himself from the matter because he is not sure what role he will have to play if Mr. Hunt is retried.

In answer to a reporter's question, however, Mr. Little said that Mr. Hunt would be the one prejudiced by any conflict of interest and if Mr. Burke and Mr. Rabil are screened

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Board to consider loitering bill

By TONYA V. SMITH
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Dealers and users come from Greensboro, Raleigh and Charlotte to the Twin City, which is becoming infamous as one of the largest drug-trafficking cities in the state, said Alderman Vivian H. Burke during a Public Safety Committee meeting Monday afternoon.

"The word is out in some parts of this community and people come here to get drugs because the trafficking is better here," Mrs. Burke, committee chair, said. "Some of them are living here in a hotel in the city. We are going to have to take a risk."

The risk Mrs. Burke was referring to is a proposed

ordinance that would prohibit drug dealers from selling their wares on street corners and thereabouts. Specifically, a person could be arrested for:

"I can imagine many folks who would have this problem in their communities would be very elated"

-- Vivian Burke

- beckoning to, stopping or attempting to stop pedestrians or cars,
- repeatedly trying to interfere with the passage of passersby,

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Vivian Burke

Blacks trail on CAT test

By TONYA V. SMITH
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Across the board, in every category and grade, Afro-American students scored below their white counterparts on the California Achievement Test (CAT) taken in April 1989.

The national test is required testing for students in grades three, six and eight, and the local system also administers it to students in grades four, five and seven. It is used to evaluate students in reading, language and math. Scores are reported in median percentiles which allow comparisons of an individual score or group average with the relative performance of a national "norm group," said Donna Oldham, assistant school-community coordinator. The national norm is 50. If a student scores at the 50th percentile, he or she did bet-

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Aldermen criticized at meeting

By TONYA V. SMITH
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Winston-Salem needs elected officials who are willing and equipped to usher the city out of mediocrity and back to being one of the trend setters in this state, representatives from the business community said last week during a Chamber of Commerce forum.

Those officials in the city and county and the ones in surrounding municipalities must unite, communicate and promote the entire Triad as a place where big industries and corporations can locate and flourish.

Discussion centered on the topic "The Business Community, in an Election Year," and more than 25 participants laid out what they considered major issues - particularly those important to the business community - that candidates need to address.

Opinions and views differed on some issues but most in attendance said they longed for elected officials who would emphasize the concept of

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Profile Standards, accountability mark Thompson tenure

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At first glance, Dr. Cleon Franklin Thompson resembles more of a defensive tackle than an educational administrator. But that same towering frame and authoritative presence is what has distinguished this Chancellor of Winston-Salem State University from his seven predecessors.

After a decade as an administrator in the University of North Carolina system, Dr. Thompson earned a reputation for being a "hard core" executive. Those closest to him professionally say his dedication to excellence is sometimes perceived as a hardness or coldness.

Dr. Thompson doesn't really see himself as being a hard core administrator but added that the person who doesn't fol-

low through on an assigned task may view him that way.

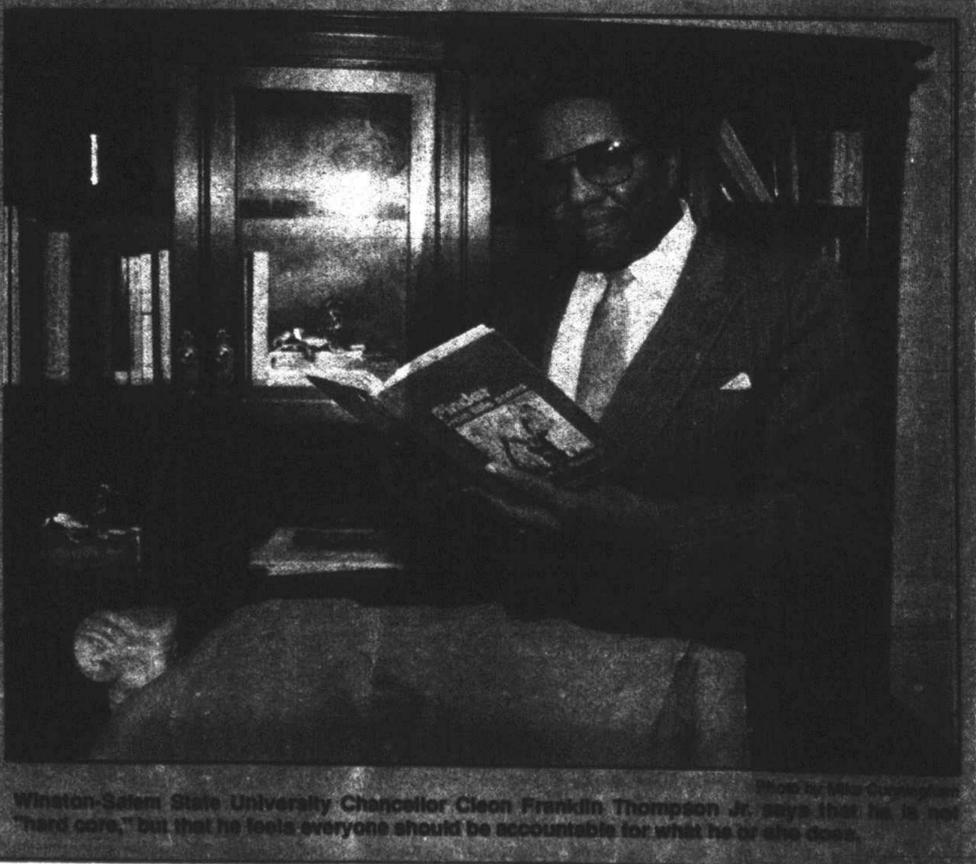
"I'm not hard core but I think that we all should be accountable for our responsibilities in a job setting and I have a low tolerance for excuses of procrastination in others," Dr. Thompson said. "In other words, if a person or group said they will do something, you expect them to do it. If that's hard core then I'm hard core."

"One of the most frustrating tasks in management is having to repeat oneself and go over the same issue time after time. Eventually I break down and do it myself."

The chancellor describes himself as a conscientious person who, contrary to popular belief, does not have all the answers.

"I'm a person who feels that

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Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Cleon Franklin Thompson Jr. says that he is not "hard core," but that he feels everyone should be accountable for what he or she does.