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Issue promises to spark controversy

## Womble, Burke question effect of annexation

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Relatively mild, non-controversial issues have gone before the city Board of Aldermen since its make-up changed in November 1989, however, with the subject of annexation on the agenda for the next two years, the meetings are expected to heat up a degree or two.

On Monday, City Manager Bryce A. Stuart will ask the aldermen to approve a resolution of intent for the first phase of the annexation process.

Over the next two years the city is planning on undertaking two major annexations. The first phase could be approved by aldermen on June 4 and would go into effect in June 1991.

Phase one includes two areas. The first is an area northwest of the city that is bounded on the south and east by existing city limits from Robin Hood and Milhaven roads to Shattalon Drive in the Oldtown area, on the north by Reynolda Road and state Highway 67 from Shattalon Drive to Muddy Creek, and on the west by Muddy Creek

and Shattalon Drive from Reynolda Road to Robin Hood Road.

The second area slated for annexation in phase one is southwest of the city and is bounded on the north and west by Salem Lake to south of the Parkview Shopping Center, on the south by U.S. Highway 311 and Fiddlers Creek to Oak Drive Road, and on the east by Oak Grove and Linville roads in the Sedge Garden community.

About 8,000 residents, 3 percent of them Afro-Americans, could be taken into the city in phase one, and 11,000 - 9 percent of them

black - in the second phase.

For county residents, annexation means higher property taxes, over and above that paid to Forsyth. It also means more services, such as protection from full-time, trained firefighters as well as members of the Winston-Salem Police Department.

While those are important issues, Afro-Americans sitting on the board have traditionally questioned the validity of annexations and been wary of their diluting black voting power.

Governmental bodies, especially those in Southern States, have historically used annexation to dilute the black vote, said Alderman Larry W. Womble, but there are other reasons for his frowning upon annexation, he added.

"One of the reasons that I'm not too aggressively supportive of forced annexation is because it is just what it says. In forced annexations people are annexed, and they don't have the right or privilege to vote on whether they want to come in or not, and I think it's unfair for any governmental body to make that decision for them," said the

Southeast Ward Alderman. "Another reason I'm skeptical about forced annexation is because it borders on taxation without representation. I know that's stretching it, but in many cases the taxes people pay are doubled.

"There are some people who prefer not to live in the city and that's just their right. There are other reasons, such as the areas being annexed do not have an affinity or identification with Winston-Salem. I've gotten a lot of calls and several letters stacked in my house

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## Discrimination charges filed against Marriott

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Sylvanus O. During is a unit manager for the Facilities Management division of Marriott Corporation in Winston-Salem. He was promoted to the post in 1984, but Mr. During had to sue his employers before they would offer him a job in management.

On April 12, Mr. During will take the multi-million dollar corporation to court again, but this time he's not just fighting for himself. He's fighting for the thousands of Marriott employees who, he said, have been denied promotion because of the color of their skin.

Mr. During, a native of West Africa, moved to the United States in 1978 and has been a resident alien here since then. He worked as an area manager for Coastal Building Maintenance, director of housekeeping for Hill Haven Nursing Home and housekeeping supervisor for Roanoke Memorial Hospital before he joined Service Systems Inc., which was acquired by Marriott in November 1985.

Marriott Facilities Management division, at 8 West Third Street in Winston-Salem, contracts with owners of large companies to provide housekeeping and maintenance services. RJR Nabisco is Marriott's largest customer in the Triad area, reportedly having negotiated a \$5 million contract with the national corporation.

In 1987, Jim Manning was the regional manager of the management division and four district managers were under his charge. Under the district managers were a number of unit managers who had the responsibility of tending to the various accounts of Marriott's individual customers.

Total employment in the Winston-Salem region, as reported by Marriott in 1987, was 228 people - 151 of whom were black and 77 were white. Afro-Americans, who represented two-thirds of Marriott's workforce, were employees responsible for mopping and sweeping floors, cleaning toilets and polishing fixtures. Ten people were in management positions, all of them white.

Mr. During was promoted to unit manager in 1984,

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### Metal Maze



Only the camera could freeze 5-year-old Brashana Pellman as she makes her way through a "metal maze" on the playground of the Bethlehem Child Care Center.

Photo by Mike Cunningham

## Three more file candidacies for state legislature

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With only three days left to file for office, two newcomers to politics and a former candidate have joined the growing list of hopefuls vying for a state office.

Warren "Pete" Oldham, 63, filed Monday to challenge Naomi Jones and Carlton Pressley for the 67th District seat in the state House of Representatives. Incumbent Logan Burke announced last month that he would not seek re-election to the post he has held for two terms.

Before he retired Sept. 1, Mr. Oldham was the registrar at Winston-Salem State University. He worked at the university for 20 years and had been an educator for 38 years. His candidacy is a response to public demand, he said.

"I was approached by several people over the weekend and my filing is my way of succumbing to those arguments and persuasions," said Mr. Oldham, a Democrat. "In the past, I've considered myself too busy to become involved. But now we've reached the point where many of us blacks who've been sitting on our duffs must reach out there. We've got to give the people a choice. The people should not be bound to vote for whoever happens to file.

"I'm a novice. But my interest is education. It's dis-

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Denise Adams

## Kids get help with science

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Seventh grade Afro-American students at Cook Middle School, who were failing or posting below average scores in their science classes, now have the academic assistance they need thanks to a Saturday morning tutorial class sponsored by members of the Beta Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

Twenty-one students who made a D or F in science were targeted to participate in the Alpha's program, said Shirley J. Atkinson, principal at Cook.

"First we notified the students' parents by sending letters home by the students. We got no response," Mrs. Atkinson explained. "Then we sent a letter by U.S. Mail and got a little response. It was then

that Larry (Womble) began to visit parents."

Assistant principal Womble, also an Alpha, went to Kimberly Park Terrace - where all the children now participating in the program live - and began knocking on doors.

"I went out there and knocked on the children's doors, and now only three of the children are not signed up for the program. But we're working hard trying to get them signed up," said Mr. Womble, also alderman of the Southeast Ward.

For the past two Saturdays, the students have arrived at Cook for class at 10 a.m. Lowden E. Anderson, a retired educator with nearly 35 years of experience, instructs the students.

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Shirley Atkinson and Larry Womble, principal and assistant principal, respectively, at Cook Middle School, discuss a Saturday morning tutorial program for seventh-graders.

Photo by Mike Cunningham

## City transit authority trying to overcome rash of accidents

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A fury of accidents involving buses or other vehicles in the fleet of the city transit authority have been the result of "dumb" mistakes that hopefully won't be recurring anytime soon, general manager James A. Ritchey told board members Tuesday.

The most recent accident took place about three weeks ago, Mr. Ritchey reminded Winston-Salem Transit Authority members during a regular meeting. After discovering that the rear of his bus was on fire, a driver stopped the bus and got off. After watching the fire for a while, the driver decided that the fire may extinguish itself if he turned off the engine. Mr. Ritchey explained. However, when the driver turned

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