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Black N.C. House Speaker?

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — When the 1991 General Assembly convenes, House Democrats should be able to walk in united, now that the fight for House speaker has been abandoned, say two men who were locked in a race for the post.

Rep. Dan Blue, D-Wake, was virtually assured of becoming the state's first black House speaker after his chief rival, Rep. Bob Humer, D-McDowell, withdrew Monday, saying he didn't think he had the votes to win.

"I want to see the Democrats in the House united," Hunter said.

First black member of 'jet set'

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Greensboro insurance agent Necota Smith recently became the first black member of Forest Oaks Country Club, saying "someone had to take the first step."

Smith's admittance last week to Forest Oaks comes in the aftermath of a national controversy that erupted earlier this year about the absence of black members at clubs that hold PGA golf tournaments. Consequently, the PGA Tour strengthened its position opposing discriminatory practices at its host clubs.

Forest Oaks is home of the annual K-mart Greater Greensboro Open.

UNC Prof. kills King column

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A North Carolina professor said he killed a column alleging Martin Luther King Jr. plagiarized parts of his Boston University doctoral dissertation because he didn't want to be the source of public disclosure.

"I didn't want the story to be 'Reed alleges King plagiarism,'" said John Shelton Reed, a sociologist at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Last April Reed pulled a column he had prepared for Rockford, Ill.-based *Chronicles* magazine.

Bus boycott movie powerful

MONTGOMERY, Ala. (AP) — The Montgomery native who wrote the screen play for a movie about the city's bus boycott, an historic event that occurred six years before he was born, said the reactions by those who saw the movie in Montgomery were better than he expected.

John Cork, 29, said he was very anxious Sunday before his family and other Montgomarians saw "The Long Walk Home," but when they broke into applause, he said, "I've never been more relieved."

All returns with hostages

AMMAN, Jordan (AP) — Boxing great Muhammad Ali accompanied 15 Americans out of Iraq on Sunday, and a spokesman said Ali plans to return to Baghdad later this month to seek freedom for others.

Two Canadians and six British employees of the U.S. Bechtel Corp. were also on the Iraqi Airways flight from the Iraqi capital. The Canadians' freedom was secured by a Canadian parliamentary team, and the Britons said they did not know who arranged their release.

Farrakhan, as usual, under fire

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Louis Farrakhan, the leader of a militant black Muslim sect, is a hate-spewing "racist" who should not be allowed to speak Sunday at Benedict College, local Jewish leaders said.

Dickson target of protest march

By RUDY ANDERSON
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Supporters of ousted Urban League executive director Delores Smith are doing this week what they said they would do last week, by picketing the business offices of board members that voted to remove Smith. The first target of the Concerned Citizens for Dee

Dickson says he won't attend public meeting.

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Smith, led by Lee Faye Mack, a former employee of the league, was the administration building of the North Carolina School of the Arts. Joseph Dickson, board chair of the Urban League, is the vice chancellor of finance. He was named to the post in early November after serving for an interim period.

The group shouted from across the street in front of Dickson's office building, "Send him out, send him

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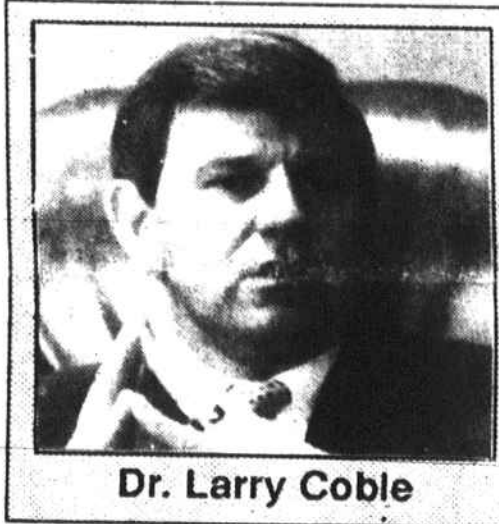
Supporters of Dee Smith brave the rain and the cold on the picket lines at the North Carolina School of the Arts in protest. Urban League Board Chair, Joseph Dickson, works at the school. Photo by Elizabeth Martin

Investigation sought

By RUDY ANDERSON
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The Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem has entered the fray in the spiraling Urban League controversy and is calling on the National Urban League to come to Winston-Salem and conduct an investigation of the board's activities.

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Dr. Larry Coble

Coble resigns board seat

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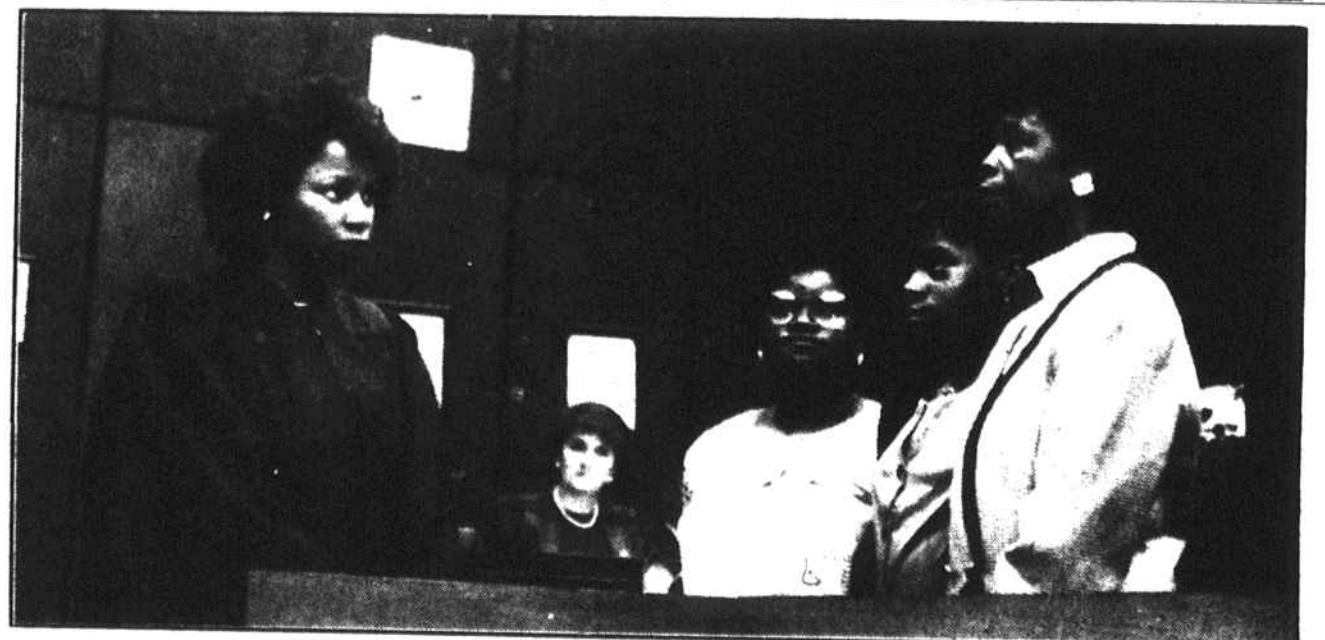
The *Chronicle* has learned that Larry Coble, superintendent of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system has resigned from the Urban League Board in the wake of the board's dismissal of its former executive director, Delores Smith.

Coble, one of the newest to the Urban League board, was not present when Ms. Smith was ousted Nov. 21. In a letter to board chair, Joseph Dickson, Coble expressed concern about the impact the controversy could have on him as superintendent, an extremely high

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Judge James Beatty (left) administers the oath of office to County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff (far right). Photo by Elizabeth Martin



Judge Loretta Biggs (left) administers the oath of office to new County Commissioner Earline Parmon (far right) as family members stand by her. Photo by Elizabeth Martin

Woodruff, Parmon take office as county commissioners

Two sworn in to represent African-American districts

By RUDY ANDERSON
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Two African-American women became the first people in the history of Forsyth County to join the board of commissioners as representatives from districts rather than the whole county.

Earline Parmon, a first time member of the board, and Mazie Woodruff, a former board member, were

both sworn in Monday, Dec. 3, at the Forsyth County Hall of Justice in the commissioner's seventh floor board room. Also sworn in were John S. Holleman Jr. and Wayne G. Willard.

Holleman was reelected as board chair and Willard was elected vice-chair, replacing Gerald H. Long who had served as vice-chair the last two years.

Long said the Holleman and Willard elections were the result of a compromise between commissioners.

But Woodruff said nobody talked with her about any compromise. She said she thought there would just be a straight vote without any behind-the-scenes deal

making. "When I saw how the vote was going, I decided not to rock the boat," she said. Woodruff had said earlier that she felt Long would make a good chairman.

Parmon said one of the main reasons she gave her support to Willard as vice-chair was because of his assurance to her that he had changed his position on making Martin Luther King's birthday a holiday for county employees. When the issue last came before the board for a vote, Willard voted with the two Republicans on the board and blocked its passage. Both Holleman and Long voted in favor of the measure. She said in addition, no other names were placed in nomination.

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Dr. Barbara Phillips

Phillips files suit against school board

\$15 million suit charges libel, slander, wrongful dismissal

By RUDY ANDERSON
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Dr. Barbara K. Phillips, former assistant superintendent of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system, is suing her old boss and the local board of education for more than \$15 million dollars. The suit filed late Monday, Dec. 3, in

Forsyth Superior Court alleges wrongful failure of the superintendent and the school board to renew Phillips' two-year employment contract with the school system and that she has been the victim of libel and slander.

On each of the three charges, the lawsuit seeks actual damages of \$5 million and punitive damages in excess of \$10,000.

The charges stem from a published report in the *Chronicle* which included comments from unidentified sources concerning reasons why Phillips contract may not have been renewed. Phillips employment status had become a subject of discussion following the hiring of superintendent Larry Coble

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