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Racketeering trial begins

Winston-Salem Four finally have their day in court Monday.

By SHERIDAN HILL, Chronicle Assistant Editor

Opening arguments and jury selection will begin on Monday for the racketeering and conspiracy trial of community activist the Rev. Lee Faye Mack, Alderman Larry Womble, former alderman Patrick Hairston, and consultant Rodney Sumler.

The trial has been postponed twice since October to allow

defense attorneys more time to prepare for the trial. The trial is the result of a four-year investigation by the Internal Revenue Service and the FBI into allegations of political corruption.

Rev. Mack said she is glad the trial will begin soon.

"I have no fear of the trial being here. I have no reason to feel uncomfortable or down-and-out. I am glad now that the truth will be told, and I will have a chance to

give my side of the case," she said. "I never did anything but to work with people and try to help them. I don't even understand why this came about, but I know God does. I will continue to organize people and help them. If anybody's gonna bring us out of this, it's God."

Alderman Womble declined to comment. Womble's attorney, David Freedman, said his client will enter a plea of not guilty. Patrick Hairston and Rodney Sumler could



Hairston not be reached for comment.



Mack



Sumler



Womble

The indictment against the "Winston-Salem Four" charges Hairston and Womble with extorting money from local businessmen

in exchange for their votes on issues before the board. Sumler and Mack were charged with setting up not-for-profit organizations for the purpose of depositing the money.

Controversy erupted following the June 19 release of the 81-page indictment, when community

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UNC directors squelch Little, Robinson bids

The UNC Board of Governors says Little and Robinson can't run for statewide offices and teach too.

By SHERIDAN HILL, Chronicle Assistant Editor

The UNC Board of Governors has denied the request of Winston-Salem State professors Larry Little and Vernon Robinson to keep their full-time jobs while campaigning for public office — but they are leaving the door open for the two to try again. Joe Thomas, chairman of the committee that denied the two candidates' request, said they did not adequately specify how they would conduct state-wide campaigns and still meet their responsibilities to the university.

"They can come back to us to try to convince us that they can run a statewide campaign," said Thomas. "They can tell us how many hours they spend teaching, the number of hours in classroom, and the number of hours they will spend campaigning."

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Oldest living grad!

Chancellor Cleon Thompson presented Ms. Spence with a plant for her birthday on behalf of Winston-Salem State University. Ms. Spence is the university's oldest living graduate. See article on page A11.

Threat to Brown raises issues of extortion, privacy

Attorney General says no actual crimes were committed in either case.

By SHERIDAN HILL, Chronicle Assistant Editor

Larry Snow describes his call to Geneva Brown in these words: "I called her on Wednesday and asked her to let me know by Friday what her decision was. I told her, if you persist on running, I may go to the press with this."

Brown's supporters wonder if Snow committed bribery or extortion, but Andrew Vanore Sr., chief deputy for the Attorney General, says Snow committed no crime.

"Illegal? No. It's just like certain presidential candidates talking

about other candidates. It's a matter for the press, and whether the press feels there's something the public ought to know about. If he said, 'I'm going to come out with the facts as I understand them,' there's nothing criminal about that. As far as his motivations, that's not a legal matter as long as that's all he did."

District Attorney Tom Keith explained that extortion occurs if the person making the threat was attempting to receive benefit for himself.

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Padding accounts differ — see page 3

ON THE AVANT-GARDE BY TANG NIVRI

In defense of those who bounced checks!

Hypocrites, hypocrites, hypocrites! There he was on network television — the little squirt — Newt Gingrich telling any and everybody who'd listen, "the sky is falling in and the Democrats are the cause. For 38 years they have ruled the roost and now the chickens have come to roost."

Only to find out later that the young buzzard himself, Newt, and a flock of his right-winged feathered friends have also been pecking from the trough of congressional privilege and mismanagement.

What a spectacle indeed to see Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney standing before all the world, pointing — not to charts and graphs and maps to locate the enemy — but rather to a couple of huge photographs of his personal overdrawn "problem" checks.

From the physical size alone, you knew something must have been mighty wrong. My first thought was that Cheney must have overdrawn his account by a billion dollars, him heading the U.S. Defense Department and all.

But the shame of it all is that none of this mess really matters — not one bit!

Let me put it bluntly: If I were your congressman, I'd bounce checks too — in fact I'd probably bounce as many as I could get away with. Most of us would!

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President Bush to honor local teen

Very few teenagers see the importance of volunteer work. One young man will soon receive a medal from the President for his insight.

By YVETTE N. FREEMAN, Community News Editor

A local 15-year-old has the distinct honor of being one of only two young people in the country who will receive an award for his volunteer service in the community from President Bush.

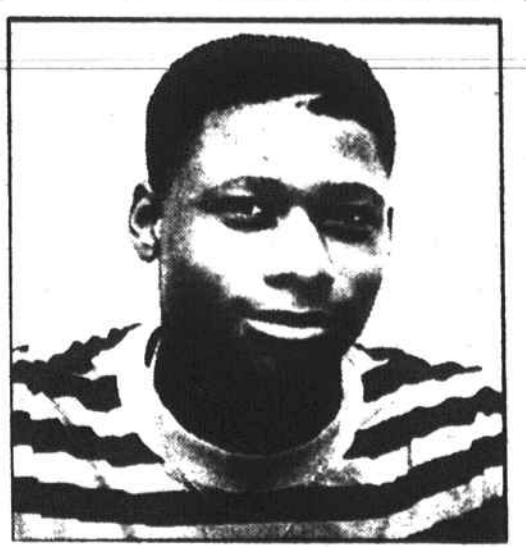
Dennis "DJ" Chisholm Jr. of Winston-Salem will receive the 1990 Young American Medal for Service for his volunteer work with children at the Children's Center for the Physically Handicapped.

Chisholm began volunteering five days a week at the Center during the summer of 1990. Then during the school year,

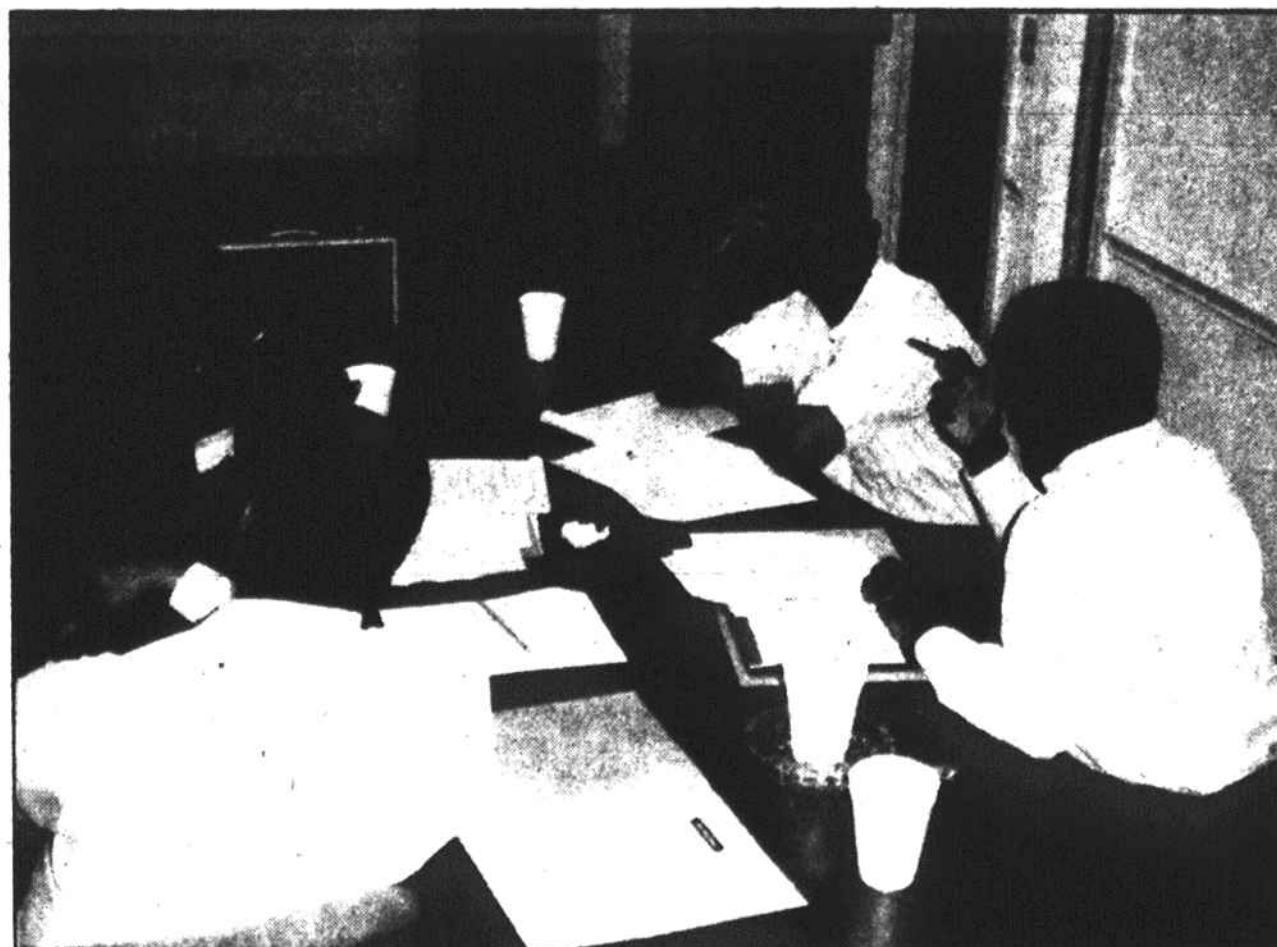
he volunteered three hours each afternoon, Monday through Friday.

The children at the center are confined to wheel chairs, walk with braces, or may never walk or speak again. Some are even terminally ill. Chisholm's activities as a volunteer at the Center include pro-

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Dennis Chisholm



Maurice Hardy (far left) and other Teen Male Forum facilitators and resource persons discuss the format for the Forum, which was held Saturday, March 7

Black teen males address issues

Seventy-five young men identify problems they face, offer solutions to overcome them.

By YVETTE N. FREEMAN, Community News Editor

"If your teacher overlooks you, you show her that you know the answers. And if she sends you up for discipline, the solution to that is show her how a black person should act and not what she thinks a black person should act. And basically just behave and try to go with the flow."

That was one of the comments made by 13-year-old Aaron Richardson at the Teen Male Forum held at the Marquee Hotel Saturday afternoon, March 7. Richardson was among

approximately 75 African-American male teenagers who offered their solutions to problems that they face daily in the community.

Six topics were addressed at the forum, which drew a crowd of about 100 community leaders and residents. Those topics were racism, sexuality, education, violence, AIDS, and drugs, which the young men discussed in small group sessions earlier that morning with adult facilitators and resource persons.

Some other suggestions that the

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