

Marshall wins second primary

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Walter Marshall won the District 1 school board second primary election Tuesday by a landslide with 64 percent votes.

According to the Forsyth County Board of Elections unofficial summary report Marshall walked away with 1,398 votes. Henry Jones, a retired school teacher, finished the race with 803 votes. Marshall and Geneva Brown, who finished in the first primary with more than 3,000 votes, will officially sit on the board as voting members in December.

Marshall said while he was glad to be a part of history — the first time two blacks will occupy seats on the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school board — he was glad it was finally over.

"I'm glad this step is over, but I still feel this process was unnecessary. I'm glad the people spoke out against it," Marshall said Tuesday night.

While in the NAACP, Marshall led the fight to eliminate run-offs from elections, claiming that it lessened the chance for blacks to win. He criticized Jones' decision to call for a run-off and said it had defeated the purpose.

"With two blacks on the board, the board won't be the same. They will never be able to ignore the black community again," he said. "But I'm optimistic that we will be able to work together as a board."

But now with the campaign behind him, Marshall said it's time to be a voice for the needs of the black community in the school system.

At a school board meeting this week, the board postponed the redistricting issue and naming the

two black representatives that will sit in as non-voting members.

Wooten said she will first make a motion at the next meeting to keep talks of redistricting going but moving not to make any final decision until the two black representatives are on the board," said Brown. Brown said the first thing she would like to see, regarding redistricting plans, is a list of reasons why a system-wide redistricting plan was

temwide. Marshall said he thought the problems that erupted at Bolton Elementary School were because of the lack of a good curriculum.

"They see it as a discipline

Robinson loses by 2000 votes

By SHERIDAN HILL
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The day after losing his bid for the Republican nomination for state superintendent of public instruction to Teena S. Little, Vernon Robinson went out to his front yard and planted a Little campaign sign in it.

The Winston-Salem State University political science professor ran an aggressive campaign against the woman who had the support of the statewide Republican party. He surprised many when he carried the state's five major urban counties, but ended up with only 48 percent of the vote.

"I only lost by 2000 votes," he said. "People who think their vote doesn't count should think again. Less than one vote per precinct would have changed the outcome of this race."

Robinson said he congratulated Little on a tough race, and that she agrees that parents are interested in sweeping reform, his main platform. He hopes to meet with her in the next two weeks to discuss policy.

"I hope to convince her to incorporate as many of my ideas on reform as possible," said Robinson.

A contest between a black and a white for the Democratic nomination in one of two minority congressional districts highlights Tuesday's six runoff elections.

Republicans will decide a statewide nominee

for superintendent of public instruction, choose 2nd and 12th district congressional nominees and decide one state House race.

The only other Democratic race to be decided Tuesday is a House race.

In the 1st District, state Rep. Walter B. Jones Jr., son of the incumbent congressman who has announced his retirement, is competing with black businesswoman Eva Clayton for the party's nomination.

The Democratic winner in the 1st District faces Republican Ted Tyler in the November general election.

Also Tuesday:

• The Republican runoff in the new 12th District, George C. Jones and Barbara Gore Washington are vying for the nomination. The winner will face Democratic nominee Mel Watt in November. The 12th is the state's other minority district. All the candidates are black.

• In the 2nd District, Republicans Don Davis and Bill Israel are in a runoff to see who will challenge Democratic incumbent Tim Valentine.

• In House District 46, Republicans Charles F. Buchanan and Gregg Thompson are competing.

• Democrats Emily H. Moore and M. Keith Stewart are in a runoff in House District 77.

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sions until December.

Brown and Marshall both said if such a vote is passed, they will accept the non-voting seats on the board.

"It would be acceptable to me if they make that decision to wait

developed to begin with.

Marshall said he feels "getting a better education should be the primary factor" for redistricting.

At the top of his agenda, Marshall said, will be developing a multi-cultural curriculum sys-

tem, but I see it as a curriculum problem. They don't know how to deal with black students, especially black boys. If the developed a curriculum that suited the needs of everyone, the problem would take care of itself," he said.

Memorial held for suicide victim

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As the years go by, a tree that stands next to the Ronald McDonald House on Hawthorne Road will grow to be strong and tall. Unfortunately, the young man that it was planted for and named after won't have the chance to do the same.

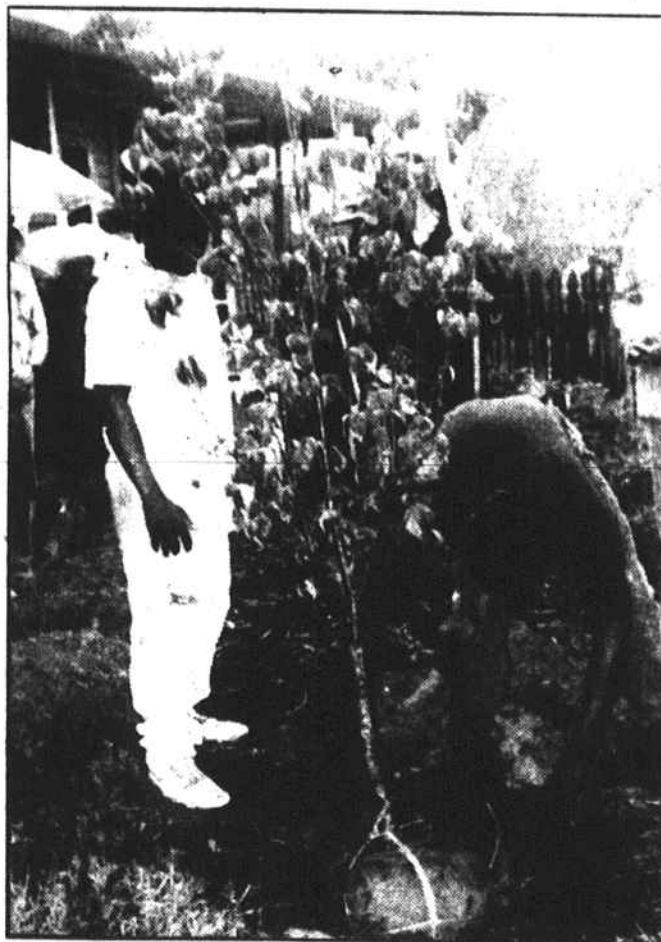
Fourteen-year-old Alexander Gregory died Thursday, February 13 from a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head following an incident at Paisley Middle School which led to a 10-day suspension. Last Thursday, May 28, nearly 30 of his friends, teachers, and relatives came together to remember him by planting a tree in his honor.

According to Susan Kraft, who was Gregory's communication skills and math teacher at Paisley, the memorial was the idea of Gregory's classmates. "The students initiated

wanting to do something in memory of Alex," said Kraft, who was glad to be a part of the ceremony. It was Kraft who suggested that the ceremony take place at the Ronald McDonald House.

"The school system has some guidelines that they go by because of the psychological effects on the students, explained Kraft. "So it was just easier to do something off campus rather than on campus."

Gregory's foster parents, Abron and Ruby Griffin were pleased with the ceremony. "I was just thrilled. It was very uplifting to know that he had friends who thought so much of him," said Ruby Griffin. She added that she was also glad that the ceremony took place at the Ronald McDonald House. "That was an honor because I couldn't think of a more special place. It was just ideal. And now since I work at the hospital, I can just go by and check on the tree and look at it," she continued.



Classmates of Gregory help plant a tree in dedication to him.

Racial tension elsewhere helps state's black colleges

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Racial tension on predominantly white campuses is helping enrollment growth at North Carolina's private black colleges, say officials of the schools.

"Racism is raising its ugly head on white campuses across the country and students are saying why go there and butt your head against the wall," said Shaw University president Talbert Shaw.

The Baptist college in Raleigh was struggling several years ago, but is growing today because of the resurgence in interest in historically black colleges. Enrollment has climbed from 1,450 1/2 years ago to 2,100.

"It's a national phenomenon," Shaw said. "Everywhere you go the black colleges are having mushrooming enrollment. The black student is recognizing the black schools are a bargain...."

Last fall, 791 students applied for a freshman class of 544 at Shaw. Other private black colleges also have had more freshman applicants than places for them.

North Carolina has six private black colleges and universities, and they attract as many students from out of state as from within North Carolina, which also has five public universities that are historically black.

"I think what you're seeing is a

resurgence of interest in black colleges," President Robert Albright of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte said recently.

"Over the past five years we've averaged approximately 1,750 applications per year. We normally have a new student class of 400 freshmen and 25 transfers," he said.

Recruiting has gotten easier in recent years, Albright said. He thinks students are beginning to identify more with black schools "as they once did prior to the days of integration."

"Many of the parents who went to historical black colleges feel (their children) might be better off," he said. "In many ways that is a result of a lot of the racism that is taking place at predominantly white colleges."

Johnson C. Smith has 1,250 students.

Worries about racial tension at predominantly white colleges and universities are sometimes cited by students attending Barber-Scotia College, said President Joel Nwagbaraocha.

"I came to realize that when about 10 students transferred from Iowa and Virginia to finish up. Our question was 'Why are you leaving those schools?' and they indicated the racial tension that existed didn't give the opportunity to do academic work," he said.

Nwagbaraocha also said guidance counselors at high schools

now are more likely to suggest private, black schools to seniors.

Last fall, 400 applied for about 300 freshman spots at the 600-student college, he said.

"Barber-Scotia has a very strong liberal arts program," he said. The school gained recognition in a national finance magazine as a bargain among private schools.

Reaction to racism isn't the only reason for the trend at black colleges. Most are small and offer students individualized instruction and the chance to stand out from the crowd.

"They recognize these campuses are places where they can realize their potential because they are somebody on a black campus, they develop in terms of leadership,"

Surplus food distribution set

The Forsyth County Department of Social Services and the Crisis Control Ministry are hosting the Surplus Commodity Distribution on Tuesday, June 9 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Home Environment Building at the Fairgrounds.

Due to the June Jubilee that will be occupying the South parking lot, Fairground officials have asked that individuals coming to receive commodities that day, to park in the East parking lot.

Individuals can enter the Lawrence Joels Veteran Memorial

Shaw said.

St. Augustine's College in Raleigh had 3,300 applications last year for 650 freshman spaces, college spokesman Tracey Todd said. The school's enrollment is about 2,000.

More applicants than spaces also is the trend at Livingstone College in Salisbury, said admissions director Grady Deese. Last fall, Livingstone had 850 applications for about 300 freshman places.

"We're able to offer individualized instruction to most of our students," Deese said. "They're not a number. We're getting more transfer applications from major colleges. They're going there and getting lost in the shuffle. A lot of our students need a lot of direction."

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