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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle." — Frederick Douglass

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Postal Officials Refuse to Meet with Watt

▲ Dozens of African-American postal service employees have filed grievances against postal management

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The area district manager of the Postal Service has refused to meet with representatives of Congressman Mel Watt's office regarding African-American postal workers' complaints against management.

Don Baker, Watt's district director in Charlotte, said at least two attempts have been made within the past few weeks to meet with District Manager Ron Campbell, but he has refused both invitations.

"We have sent a number of inquiries to the post office management, and we have received some additional information from

some of the workers that we would like more information about," Baker said. "If we can't get anything accomplished, then we will have to look at other ways of getting answers."

Campbell oversees several territories, including Greensboro and Winston-Salem. It is Winston-Salem that has come under

scrutiny following allegations of verbal intimidation and racial discrimination by Postmaster J. Mark Matics.

Neither Campbell nor Matics returned a reporter's telephone calls Tuesday and Wednesday.

Baker said Watt wants to meet with Campbell to try to resolve some of the

issues that African-American postal workers have brought to his attention. Watt met last month with about a dozen postal employees in Charlotte, all of whom said they have been targets of racial discrimination, verbal threats and have been unfairly targeted in

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White Democrats Vote Republican

Blacks Remain Loyal to Party

By VERONICA CLEMONS
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The debate within the black community to either single shot vote for Nigel Alston or cast a vote for all three democratic candidates in the at-large school board race didn't matter in the end.

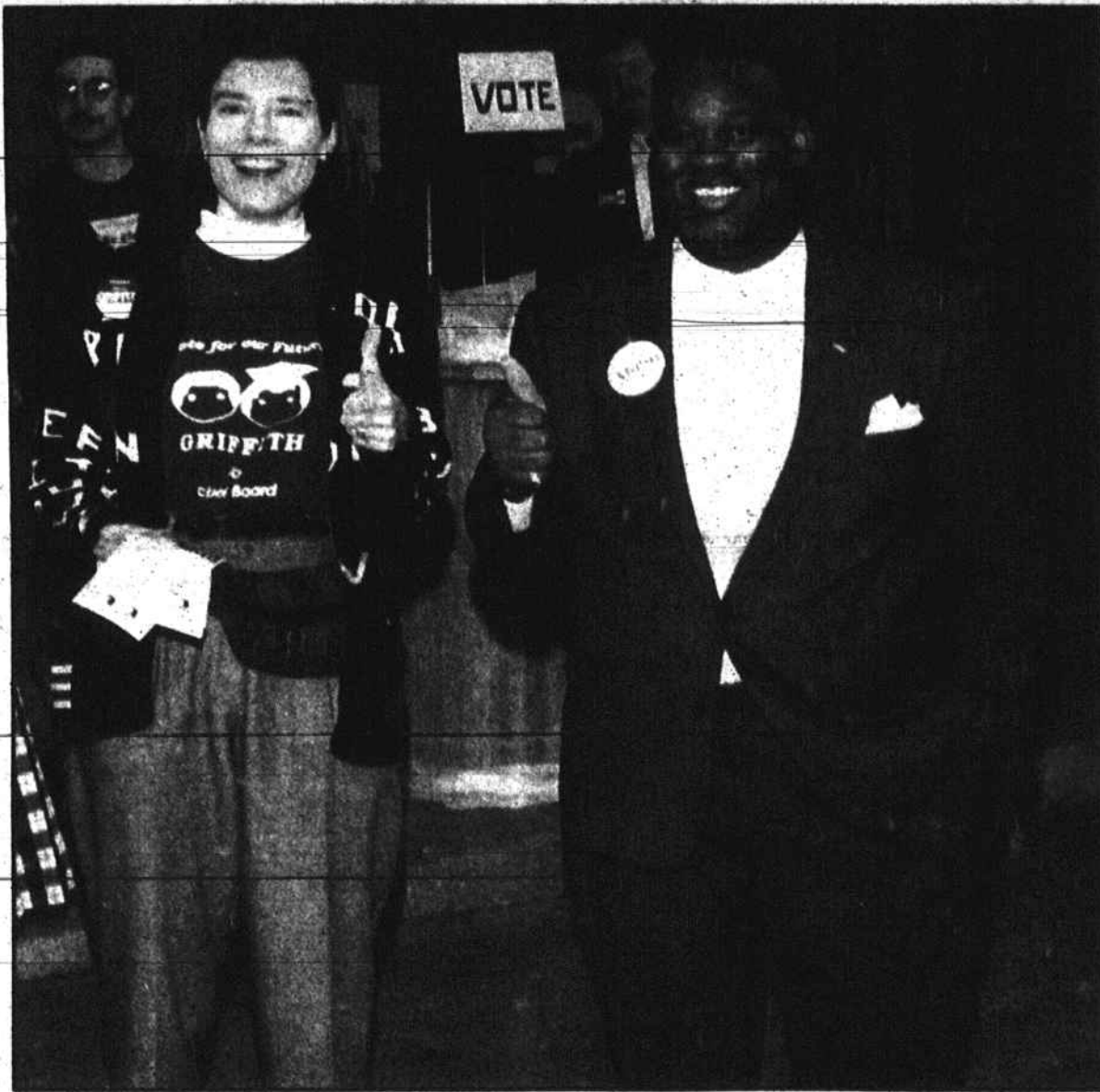
While predominately black precincts showed that blacks remained virtually loyal to the entire Democratic Party, registered white Democrats crossed party lines helping Republicans accomplish the overwhelming sweep of the seven contested school board seats.

Out of an approximate 47 percent turnout of Forsyth County voters, only 33 percent voted a straight democratic ticket while 66 percent of the ballots were straight Republican. If the turn-out stayed along the lines of the number of registered voters in the perspective parties, more Democrats turned out than Republicans, but party loyalty belonged to the Republicans.

Earline Parmon, who retained her seat as a county commissioner, said the absence of white democratic support of Alston is a prime example of why the black community should sever the ties of loyalty to the Democratic Party.

"The democratic party will never see the black community loyal again because time and time again we've

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Nancy Griffith and Nigel Alston's smiles early Tuesday turned to frowns as all challenged democratic school board candidates were defeated.

Racism Defeats Alston Candidacy?

By VERONICA CLEMONS
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African-American leaders don't seem too optimistic about the future of the school board after the outcome of the elections.

What they do see is a board that will push a conservative agenda supported by the right wing Forsyth County Christian Coalition and a board that will not be progressive or sensitive to issues concerning African-American children or the African-American community at-large.

"It will be tragic," said the Rev. Carlton Eversley. "I see almost an immediate lack of concern for issues that support the poor and health education."

Eversley and others said racism is what kept Nigel Alston and white democrats off of the board. "The thing that white people hate worst than a nigger is a nigger lover," said the Rev. Carl-

ton Eversley. "And the white democrats felt that racism in this election."

The Rev. Stephen Falls said he didn't know if Alston's loss was racial, but he said the new school board will see African-American representatives at the board meetings and depending on what way the board moves possibly in court.

"We're tired of carrying the olive branch for them to whip us with," he said. "We will be coming to the school board because we've been excluded again. We made them give us Walter and Geneva. Do we need to go to court again."

Eversley and Falls are co-chairs on the Citizens United for Justice education committee.

Dr. Jonathan Weston, a member of Citizens of Unite for Justice, said conservative boards that

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Sold-out Sankofa Could Return to City

▲ Movie about slavery could be shown at North Point Theater

By DAVID L. DILLARD
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Robert Smith didn't know much about his history or culture.

The 27-year-old traveled who from Charlotte to see the movie *Sankofa* last Tuesday said it made him think about slavery, Christianity and pride in African culture.

"It made me think — about the world, about myself and black people in general," he said. "It

was very enlightening and liberating."

The Sankofa Committee, a racially diverse group of community volunteers, came together to bring *Sankofa* and its director Haile Gerima to the city for a special screening of the movie and to talk with college students and explain the movie.

A group of students from Mt. Tabor High School said the movie gave them a different perspective of slavery.

"I liked the style of the movie and how it was told from a black perspective," said Rakisha Mitchell.

Mitchell, Ravonda Jessup and Shamel Lowry are all African-American and are all Christians. They said the movie made them think critically about their religion. They said it was hypocritical for whites to kill blacks throughout the week and "act like Christians" on Sunday.

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Sankofa director Haile Gerima chats with Alton Pollard.

Smith: Black Groups Get Passed Over for Funding

▲ White-run groups get more money to help blacks than black-run groups

By DAVID L. DILLARD
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Winston-Salem Urban League President Delores "D" Smith said efforts to reduce crime are getting better in Winston-Salem, but funding for African-American organizations trying to help black youths is not up to par.

Attorney General Michael F. Easley was in the city November 1 to listen to local efforts to reduce crime. Representatives from various agencies cited their programs and how they helped to reduce violence in the city.

Meanwhile, Smith threw a curve ball

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WHERE TO FIND IT

This Week in Black History
November 11, 1925
Louis Armstrong recorded the first of 'Hot Five and Hot Seven' recordings that influenced the direction of jazz.

Local Attorney Granted Another Hearing by Bar

By VERONICA CLEMONS
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Local attorney Stanley Mitchell has been granted a new hearing from the North Carolina state bar's disciplinary committee to defend claims that involved the mishandling of client funds.

Deputy counsel for the bar, Root Edmonson, said because the calendar is so full, Mitchell's new hearing probably will not be held until early 1995.

An investigation of Mitchell was prompted by a returned check to the Federal

Housing Administration. The investigation found that Mitchell had used funds in clients' accounts to cover other expenses related to his law practice. A finding of fact and conclusion of law cited several infractions committed by Mitchell, involving mishandling the accounts of clients.

The state bar verbally entered an order of disbarment after the first hearing, but Edmonson said no written order was ever signed or filed. If it had, Mitchell would not have been able to keep practicing while waiting on his

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