

Winston-Salem Chronicle

The Choice for African-American News and Information

THURSDAY, JUNE 8, 1995

75 CENTS

"Power concedes nothing without a struggle" — Frederick Douglass

VOL. XXI

Aldermen Quarrel Over Funding

▲ Burke questions \$300,000 to SciWorks

By SHANNON HICKERSON
 and JOHN HINTON
 Chronicle Staff Writers

The funding of the National Black Theater Festival fueled a heated exchange between two aldermen this week and resulted in the allocation of \$35,000 for the organization to stage its festival later in July.

Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian H. Burke argued with West Ward Alderman Robert S. Northington Jr. at Monday's Board of Aldermen meeting over the budget for the festival.

"We appreciate the \$35,000," said Larry L. Hamlin, the producer and artistic director of the festival. "We needed \$50,000, and I am not going to give up

on that."

The aldermen were conducting a public hearing regarding the city's \$220 million budget when Burke asked Mayor Martha S. Wood if she could discuss why the festival's budget was being reduced from \$50,000 to \$35,000.

Northington said that Burke had an opportunity to discuss the festival's budget request at the three Finance Committee's workshops and a public hearing in May.

He added that it was inappropriate for Burke to bring up the matter again at the board's meeting because it was the public's opportunity to speak about the proposed city's budget.

"The time for the board (members to debate the budget items) was during the

three workshops. Northington said on Tuesday. "This was a public hearing - a chance for the public to ask questions."

Burke said that she attended two of the workshops and the public hearing about the budget, but she decided to speak on the issue again at the Monday's meeting because she wanted the public to know more about the budget process.

"(I wanted) to give the public a better understanding of where our money is being spent," Burke told a *Chronicle* reporter on Tuesday.

During the meeting, Burke and Northington disagreed about whether she should continue to talk about the matter.

The issue is not to dictate when you can and cannot talk, Burke said angrily to Northington.

"I'll run my mouth as long as you will," he responded with his face reddened.

Burke said finally

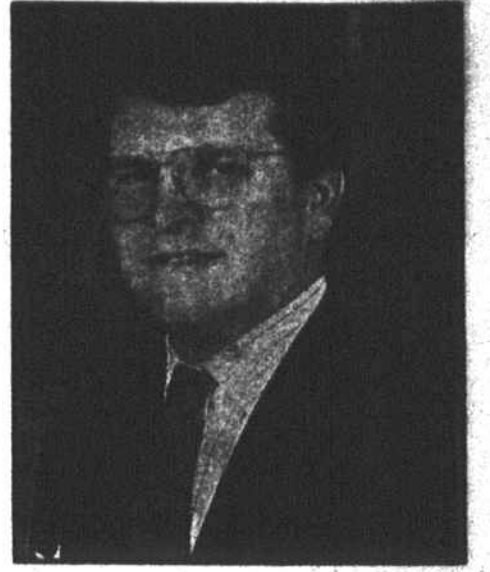
"This is my country, too, and I'll speak, be polite and courteous when I want too."

The funding of the National Black Theater Festival was the basis of the Burke's argument. The aldermen unanimously approved the amended budget with the \$35,000 allocation to the festival.

Originally, the city had proposed to



Alderman Burke



Alderman Northington

allocate \$50,000 to the festival from the city's general fund.

But City Manager Bill Stuart had recommended that the festival should receive only \$35,000 from the Occupancy Tax Fund to maintain its level of

see ALDERMEN page 14

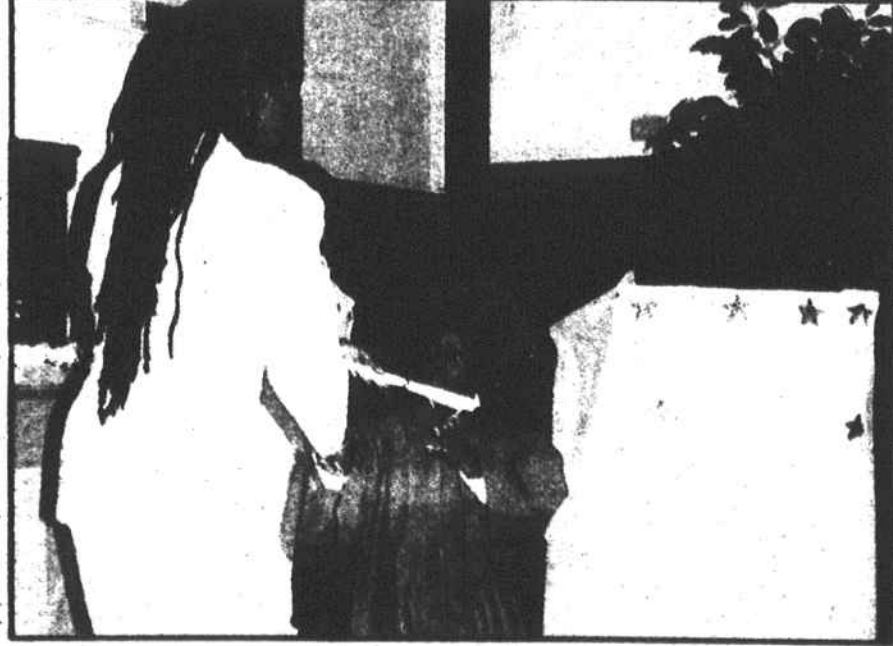
49 Get "Head Start"



Walking to the tune of "Ease on Down the Road" graduates from Sarah Y. Austin Head Start filed onto the stage to give a final performance for parents and guests.

After several songs, dances and skits each of the 49 students was awarded a certificate of graduation from their teachers.

Graduates from the program, which prepares youngsters for school, will be entering kindergarten in the fall.



Afrocentric Schools Impress Officials

By VERONICA CLEMONS
 Chronicle Staff Writers

School board member Jeanne Metcalf said she did not know much about Afrocentric schools before she left on her trip Sunday, but she went ready to increase her knowledge base of the subject.

"I went with an open mind and open eyes," she said.

School Superintendent Donald Martin coordinated a trip to Philadelphia and Trenton, N.J. to further the education process within the system on Afrocentric schools. Martin along with the Elementary Division heads

Daisy Chambers and Toni Bigham, board members Metcalf and Walter Marshall and the Rev. Carlton Eversley visited two schools on Monday. The group visited the Children's Village at Harrity in Philadelphia and the People's Action School in Trenton. The Children's Village exists as a school within a school in the public school system, a model Eversley said could possibly exist here. The People's Action School is a private institution.

"I was most impressed with

see AFROCENTRIC page 4

Brown, Marshall Say No to Plan, Yes to Bond

By VERONICA CLEMONS
 Chronicle Staff Writers

Black school board members Geneva Brown and Walter Marshall cast two of the three dissenting votes against the school system's redistricting plan. However, they did say they do support the passing of a school bond referendum.

"I hope they do pass the bond," Brown said. "My vote (against the plan) was to let them know I don't think there are enough controls."

Dale Folwell joined Brown and Marshall in voting against the plan which divides the school system into zones and depends on magnet themes to bring about integration.

"I support the bond," Marshall said. "I voted against the

plan because before the meeting we had basically agreed to implement some controls."

Marshall and Brown said they support the concept of the plan but they do not see integration will be achieved by just offering choice and having no controls.

"I supported the concept all along," Brown said. "I'm for magnets but I'm not for resegregating schools."

Marshall said integration was not a big concern of his but the board should follow the guidelines that had been set.

"I don't really care if schools are integrated or not but since we set those guideline the schools should reflect the racial make-up

see BROWN page 14

Liberty Street Merchants Hear Legacy Plan from City Planner

By SHANNON HICKERSON
 Chronicle Staff Writer

Toni Tupponce of the City/County Planning Board introduced a new comprehensive plan called Legacy, designed to make Forsyth County a safe, more pleasant place to live with the community's input, to the Liberty Merchants Association Tuesday night.

"We want you (the community) to take part from the beginning, Tupponce told the association. "Envision what you want for yourself, your children and your

grandchildren."

The planning process started in 1985 and was adopted in 1987 under the name Vision 2005. It allows members of the community to give suggestions about what they want their community to look like in the future. The program will address safety, appearance and reducing crime.

"It is important to the African Amer-

see LIBERTY page 14

CLASSIFIEDS	28
OPINION	12
ENTERTAINMENT	14
OBITUARIES	25
SPORTS	17

WHERE TO FIND IT

This Week in Black History
 June 10, 1964
 U.S. Senate imposed cloture for first time on a civil rights measure, ending Southern filibuster by a vote of 71-29. Civil rights bill, with public accommodation and fair employment sections, was signed by President Johnson on July 2.

Mebane to Lead WSSU's Search

By JOHN HINTON
 Chronicle Senior Staff Writer

The Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees has appointed James L. Mebane of Raleigh to succeed Robert Brown of High Point as chairman of the chancellor's search committee.

The trustees also bestowed the title of "Chancellor Emeritus" on Cleon F. Thompson, who will retire as WSSU's top executive on June 30.

Mebane, a trustee and a senior vice president at First Citizens Bank, will assume Brown's duties as chairman effective July 1.

The search committee is expected to select a

see MEBANE page 14



James L. Mebane