

Committee rankles black representative



Earle Oldham Michaux

one to be fair. Even though there is a Republican majority in the House we have always had a Republican on the budget conference committee when they were in the minority.

"To exclude African-American members of the House to not be fair," Condeelis said. "I think the speaker is getting bad advice."

Rep. Beverly Earle of District 60, agreed.

"I don't know why it happened," Earle said. "I read that the speaker said there were no blacks that voted for the budget on the second reading, but there were some that voted for it on the third reading. That's the most important. I think about four of them did."

One third-reading supporter was Rep. Pete Oldham of Forsyth County, Earle said.

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Washington Drive: Past, present, future

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At the northern end of East Washington Drive, a sign proclaims that the corridor is a historic district. The luminaries and landmarks that made the street famous, however, are little more than memories obscured by the

blight.

"Neighborhood of Hope and Achievement," a long-running exhibition at the High Point Museum, recalls Washington Drive's heyday, shedding light on



Alfred J. Griffin was the first African-American principal of High Point Normal and Industrial Institute.

the vibrant business community that thrived during the Jim Crow era. Assembling photos and artifacts for the exhibit was no easy task. During the segregation era, mainstream media rarely chronicled African-American accomplishments. So daily newspapers' archives were of little help on the project.

Fortunately, older residents searched their scrapbooks and attics for vintage photos and artifacts. And they reminisced about old times. Their oral histories captured the sense of pride and community that once character-

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Alabama's Brenda Williams won the award after she was named the 1997 winner of the American Junior Miss National Scholarship. She is in Mobile, Ala. Williams will receive a \$20,000 scholarship for the year and \$5,000 in college awards for her title of American's Junior Miss. Photo by The Mobile Express, John David Harvey

EWCDC's leadership in turmoil

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Since early this year, the East Winston Community Development Corporation has been plagued by internal upheavals.

Dr. Constance Johnson, chair person of the CDC's board of directors, resigned in May after serving only four months in her position. Johnson had assumed the chair from Marie Roseboro, interim director of the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem, whose term had ended.

Johnson, a professor at Winston-Salem State University, declined to comment on her resignation.

"When I resigned, I indicated that I wanted to do it as quietly as possible, and didn't want to make a public issue out of it," said Johnson, adding, "And I'd like to keep it that way."



Grace



Johnson

Her replacement, attorney Bill Blancato, said that he is not interested in retaining the position of chair. Currently, 13 directors sit on the CDC board.

About one month after becoming chair of the CDC board, Johnson sent out a memo to all entities who had connections with the East Winston CDC. The memo, dated Feb. 17., notified these entities that given "the current state of our fiscal affairs" the CDC would be operating under the direction of an interim management team, instead of executive director James Grace. Grace would not comment on the interim management, stating that it was a board matter.

Johnson joined the CDC board in spring of 1994. Her introduction to the board came shortly

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Bowman Gray loses black administrator

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Dr. John Flack's departure from Bowman Gray School of Medicine leaves a void not only in the Hypertension Center, where he is associate director, but in the entire institution.

Flack, who was the sole African American in Bowman Gray's administration ranks, left the school June 30 for a position as associate chair of medicine at Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich.

Though Flack expressed satisfac-

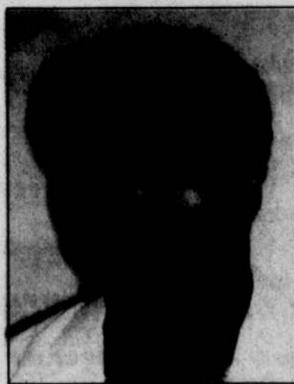
tion with his position at Bowman Gray, Wayne State's offer was too good to pass up.

"This job is at a different level from what I'm doing now," said Flack.

At Wayne State, Flack will be second-in-command of a department consisting of over 200 physicians, with an \$85 million budget.

"That's pretty enticing," Flack admitted. He negotiated with the Detroit school for six months before agreeing upon a contract.

Wayne State University's



Dr. John Flack

School of Medicine has the highest number of African-American students, faculty and administration in the country, outside of

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Bond opponent to polls again

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The bond referendum may be defeated, but at least one opponent isn't stopping there.

Republican Steve Whiton, a founding member of Winston-Salem Taxpayers United, will challenge Southwest Ward alderman Lynne Harpe's seat in the November elections.

Though filing for municipal elections doesn't officially open until July 4, Whiton announced his candidacy June 30. Democrat Inez Davis has also issued a challenge to Harpe's seat.

Some predict a groundswell of

movement against the present board of aldermen. Rumors are circulating that other members of Winston-Salem Taxpayers United, the organization that campaigned against the general obligation bond referendum, may soon announce political intentions.

Harpe, who will be running for her fifth term as alderman, said she had not heard of any grassroots movement against the board. She and mayor Martha Wood are the only white Democrats on the board; as mayor, Wood can only vote if the eight aldermen are split evenly on an issue.

Democrats currently hold sway on the board. African-American

aldermen Vivian Burke of the Northeast Ward, Nelson Malloy of the North Ward and Joycelyn V. Johnson of the East Ward are also Democrats.

Harpe remains satisfied with the decision to hold a referendum. "I don't know how one could reasonably object to letting the people decide," said Harpe. "That is democracy, after all."

Each of the five referendum items — economic development, recreation, housing and redevelopment, streets and sidewalks and improvements to the Benton Convention Center — was defeated by at least a 2 to 1 margin. The

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