

### Malveaux

growing jobs that are low paying jobs." Malveaux says that by the year 2005, the position of cashier, which pays about \$250 a week and is "70 percent female (mostly women of color), and janitor, which pays about \$220 a week and disproportionately consists of women of color also, will have more openings than

any other positions with women of color continuing to fill the spots. "You fail to provide the training, making access to higher education more and more difficult for many. You mount a war on affirmative action and literally decimate the number of students who are going to graduate from professional schools and you say you want to talk about race," said Malveaux. "How can you tell me that

affirmative action is looking for unqualified people, when indeed doors have been slammed and slammed since African people came," says Malveaux. "Affirmative action doesn't mean you're gonna try to find some 'homies in the hood' to do brain surgery ... affirmative action means you're opening doors and saying you're going to give people an opportunity." Malveaux, who has written for a number of publications

such as "Emerge" and "Essence," while being a regular contributor to "Ms." and "USA Today," is also the host and executive producer of "The Julianne Malveaux Show," a news and public affairs show based out of Washington D.C. "She's a dynamite African-American woman," stated Dr. Frank Woods an African-American studies professor at UNCG. "She really speaks her mind and she has a lot to say."

"(My students) just got a view of somebody with a lot of knowledge and confidence," said Woods. Malveaux feels that discussions on race are important. She commended President Bill Clinton on his recent initiative to induce dialogue about racial issues, but she says that discussions are not enough, especially if the right ideas aren't communicated. "We can always talk and if

we talk too much, we defile talk, reducing itself to empty cliches (like) 'I feel your pain.' What we need to say instead is: 'I experience your inequality and want to work at removing it.' This is how we move to (race) solutions," concluded Malveaux.

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### Election

were on hand for the voting results at the Board of Elections in Greensboro happily said goodbye to America's favorite pastime.

"I'm rejuvenated ... I feel good," said John Harris, who sported a vote "no" to taxes pin.

"We have been misled by the black movers and shakers," stated Harris. "I'm glad that blacks didn't listen to these so-called leaders"

"I think it would have created a greater gap between the haves and have-nots," said the Rev. Nelson Johnson of Faith Community Church.

It was reported last week by THE CHRONICLE that Guilford County Commissioner Melvin "Skip" Alston was one of three African-American commissioners who urged the board to endorse the baseball initiative, but on Tuesday night he sang a different tune.

"(I was) cautiously optimistic for baseball, but from a realistic standpoint, I thought it might come up short based on the fact that here in Guilford County we have a lot of strong Republicans that do scare tactics based on the fact there is a tax," said Alston.

"The people have spoken and we just won't have baseball," said a frustrated Steve Bowden in a telephone interview. Bowden was one of three African Americans appointed to serve on the Triad Baseball Authority.

"The people who oppose (baseball), oppose everything," stated Bowden. He says these naysayers are the ones who also vote negatively on other issues like education and schools, which would benefit Guilford County students.

The problem of overcrowded schools was a significant concern for many African Americans in Guilford County. During informal exit polls on election day, that was a repeated reason for votes against the stadium.

"If our leaders aren't willing to even give us a chance to vote on a school bond referendum to get our kids out of trailers, why in the world should I agree to spend tax dollars on a baseball stadium?" asked Carla Boykin. She voted "no."

Black opposition to the baseball referendum was a disappointment to those who worked hard at the grass roots level. Ricky Wilson was one who expressed that disappointment in a phone interview the morning following the election.

"We tried. People in Winston did everything they could to get support. But those people in Greensboro were against it from the beginning," said Wilson. "Their concern was everything but baseball."

Wilson added that it is the youth of the Triad who will feel the loss. "Reynolds is gone. Sara Lee is on the way out. We need something to replace them," she said.

Taxpayers, however, decided Tuesday that professional baseball at their expense will not fill that void.

In other election results: Ella Scarborough, the only African American running for a chance to be the Democrats' challenger to U.S. Sen. Lauch Faircloth, narrowly finished third behind D.G. Martin in Greensboro. John Edwards, who garnered over 50 percent of the votes, ran away from the pack.

Scarborough took in 7,250 votes; Martin received 7,902 and Edwards devoured 20,677.

"I think it's pretty sad that African-American leadership did not get behind her," said Johnson.

Scarborough could have definitely used some more support in the money department. It has been well documented that attorney Edwards' campaign did not go lacking in this area and it may have served as the overwhelming factor in his easy win.

But the loss didn't keep some African Americans from

speaking up for the Charlotte, N.C. resident.

"I think they're making a mistake to not put her in (the democratic seat). She's a strong woman," stated Mary Terxler.

"I think she ran a good campaign," said Alston. "We really look forward to her doing something in the future."

Incumbent Donnie Dunovant was the only other African American candidate running in the primaries in Guilford County.

Dunovant was challenged by Penny Mack for the District one Board of Commissioners seat.

This race went down to the wire with incumbent Dunovant leading

most of the night, but Mack took a slight lead going into the home stretch with 4 precincts left to report.

This was all incumbent Dunovant needed to beat Mack by the slim margin of 140 votes.

The Board of Commissioners seat in District 6 also was an intriguing area for African Americans Tuesday night at the old Courthouse.

"I've taken an interest in the Thigpen-Woods race," stated Cheryl Wilson, the president of the Democratic Women of Guilford County.

Jeff Thigpen and Joe Wood are both white candidates, but Thigpen is well respected and embraced by the African-American community.

"He's a person with a lot of integrity (and) he will make informed decisions," stated Johnson.

He helped push and support the March to Raleigh to free Greensboro native Kwame Cannon, who is serving two life sentences for non-violent acts of burglary.

Thigpen, who is a member of Johnson's congregation, also received the Martin Luther King Jr. Service Award for his tireless work in the African-American community while attending graduate school at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

### Chancellor

him to private auto shows on state time.

THE CHRONICLE made repeated efforts to reach Bell, but he was unavailable for comment and calls were not returned.

If the infractions are true, they would be direct violations of state policy. State employees, regardless of position, are not allowed to use equipment or employees on state time for personal matters.

Bob Slade, spokesman for the state auditor's office, said he could neither confirm or deny the allegations.

"Every call into the state hot line is given an evaluation to find out if it has potential to be a case (of abuse)," Slade said. "Sometimes, we refer them to other agencies for an initial investigation and sometimes we hold onto it to find out if there are other instances. Sometimes we take it far enough to find out if something has actually occurred. But it is only after we find out enough that we can give it a case file and then progress as far as addressing it until we can confirm it."

"That's one reason we can't confirm or deny (allegations)," Slade added. "We take the conservative approach. The fact that we are involved in a case sometimes has a way of implying that there is a possible abuse."

Last week, Schexnider reported to his administrative council that he was aware of the allegations. According to sources, Schexnider was "very upset" about the matter and pledged to rectify the situation as soon as possible.

Schexnider has been embroiled in controversy throughout his tenure at WSSU. Students at WSSU voiced their displeasure with him when he arrived because he requested and purchased a \$565,000.00 home in a neighborhood more

than 10 miles away from the WSSU campus. He justified that action by pointing to the fact that it would cost more than \$275,000 to renovate the previous chancellor's house on Banner Ave. to make it suitable for entertaining potential contributors to the university capital campaign.

Last year, the student body protested outside the administration building because Schexnider refused to allow Nation of Islam Leader Louis Farrakhan, who attended WSSU, to give the commencement speech. That led to a bitter dialogue between Schexnider and the student body.

This year, the students accused Schexnider of tampering with the student government elections. They contacted a local legislator and Dr. Molly Broad, president of the University of North Carolina system, because they said Schexnider didn't allow the Student Government Association to conduct a democratic election.

Sports fans of the university and alumni have expressed their dissatisfaction recently of the decision to fire Sam Hanger, the school's basketball coach. Hanger was told last month that his contract would not be renewed even though he had turned the

Rams basketball program around in only three seasons as the head coach.

Recently, the Winston-Salem State faculty issued a list of 33 issues for discussion regarding faculty treatment by Schexnider. Faculty members say Schexnider is running a closed administration at the school.

They state: "Members of the WSSU faculty strongly believe that they are being deliberately excluded from the shared governance of the university. This is clearly evident in the persistent omission of the faculty from important academic decisions and other matters that impact on their teaching, scholarship, morale, academic freedom, future and well-being at the university."

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