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## Roundtable wants residents to speak out

Group will hold forum to give local folks the ears of school officials

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The Black Leadership Roundtable will have a public forum of its own the proposed school bonds. The city-county school system is in the midst of holding a series of meetings on the bonds in order to get input from the public. The Roundtable meeting has a similar purpose, officials say, but the answers will also be sought at the meeting from school officials. Several system officials are on the agenda for the meeting.

"This is going to be an important issue," said Flow Howie, the chair of the Roundtable's education arm. "It is our job to aware the people of what is coming forth."

Howie made the remarks during a Roundtable education committee meeting Tuesday. Members of the group talk about issues concerning the bond and possible questions that may be posed to school officials.

Members seemed to be confident that the bond issue has not resonated fully through the community, especially the African American community. The group is encouraging everyone to speak up about an concerns and ask questions. Howie said parents especially have a vested interest in the issue.

"(Students) are relying on us," she said. "We have to speak out for them."

Where to build new high schools has become a major point of contention for school board members. If residents pass the referendum, some most members of the board want new high schools (at \$25 million each) built in largely white, suburban areas. The board's two black members want a high school in a largely African American section of town. The black members want the inner-city school to be a magnet school, pulling students from all areas in the county.

Many blacks are weary about the bonds; they feel that the African American side of town will be shorted if they vote yes. Other blacks don't want another high school in the inner-city because Carver High School, the one high school left in the black community, is underpopulated compared to other high schools in the county.

"I personally feel that the African American community will not have a unanimous opinion on this issue," said the Rev. Carlton Eversley, head of the NAACP Education Caucus.

Eversley said the caucus has yet to take a stand on the bond, although member were scheduled to discuss the situation Tuesday night.

Eversley said, personally speaking, he feels that the African American community should hold the bond referendum under a microscope to insure that the community is not slighted. He cited examples in the past in which he said the system has not been truthful with the community.

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Alderman Nelson Malloy speaks out against the death penalty. He is surrounded by members of the Black Leadership Roundtable and the Winston-Salem Bar Association.

Photos by Cortney L. Hill

## Tick, Tock

Groups rally to save local man scheduled to die tomorrow

BY CORTNEY L. HILL  
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Members of the Black Leadership Roundtable, the Winston-Salem Bar Association and community members rallied in front of the Forsyth County Hall of Justice at noon Tuesday against the execution of a Winston-Salem man, Willie Ervin Fisher, and in support of a moratorium against executions in North Carolina. Friends and family of Fisher were also present at the rally.

Fisher, 38, is scheduled to be executed tomorrow at the Central Prison in Raleigh. He was convicted of first-degree murder, burglary and assault charges in the 1993 stabbing death of his girlfriend.

Todd McIver, a member of the bar association, commented on the purpose of the rally and the reasons for supporting a moratorium on the death penalty. "We wanted to have a visual that will be in support of the legislation supporting a moratorium on the death penalty. Because we feel that the death penalty is implemented more among blacks than whites, a stop to the death penalty in North Carolina should be established until reviewed and made fair."

Moderating the rally was Nelson Malloy, who is a member of



Todd McIver heads the Winston-Salem Bar Association, a group for local minority lawyers.

the Black Leadership Roundtable and the Board of Aldermen of Winston-Salem. He provided leadership for the passage of a resolution by the Board of Aldermen in support of a moratorium on legal executions. The board passed the resolution on Nov. 6, 2000. "A 5-3 vote is what passed the moratorium. Because the death penalty is

racially biased towards blacks and the poor, we feel that the death penalty should be put to a stop for further evaluation," Malloy said.

He said the death penalty is racially biased because a disproportionate percentage of blacks are executed, compared to whites.

McIver agreed. He said that

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## City leaders serious about recouping CIAA

BY SAM DAVIS  
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RALEIGH - While a lot of folks around the CIAA think Raleigh and its 20,000 seat Entertainment and Sports Arena have a lock on the CIAA Tournament for now, a group of business people from Winston-Salem isn't giving up hope that it can lure the tournament back to town when the current contract expires after the 2002 tournament.

Bidding for the tournament for the years 2003-2005 will begin in the next couple of months and Winston-Salem believes it has a chance to impress the conference's chancellors and presidents.

In fact, it believes it so strongly that a group of local business people have formed a committee to lobby the CIAA presidents and chancellors for their votes when it comes up in September.

That steering committee is chaired by Don Angell. It put its best face on last Saturday night when it hosted a reception for the CIAA's presidents and chancellors at the North Raleigh Hilton following the CIAA Tournament's championship game.

Dr. Harold Martin, chancellor of Winston-Salem State, was with the contingent that visited each of the presidents and chancellors in their luxury boxes on Friday and Saturday nights.

Martin said he believes his colleagues were impressed with what Winston-Salem had to say.

"All of my discussions with the board of directors (CIAA) was positive," Martin said. "At the function we told them we wanted them to be objective and I believe they will. We want to submit a very competitive bid."

Leon Kerry, CIAA commissioner, said the powers that be in the conference will certainly look at what Winston-Salem has to offer. The tournament was held in Winston-Salem from 1994-1999.

"We're going to start next month visiting the cities that are interested in hosting the tournament," Kerry said. "Then we'll go to the auditors in 30 days and present it at our board of directors meeting in September."

Kerry said the tournament had a very successful run in Winston-Salem but Raleigh had much to offer. In particular, the Entertainment and Sports Arena has 5,500 more seats than Lawrence Joel Coliseum does in Winston-Salem. In addition, chancellors and presidents have the benefit of luxury sky boxes and suites at the E&SA.

Yet, there are other factors to consider. "What we look for when we go in is how can the overall conference best benefit," Kerry said. "Going into our next contract, we're looking for \$300,000-\$400,000 in scholarships for the schools, rooms from the hotels for the schools and sponsorship of the conference and tournament."

"Sponsorships - that's the hardest thing and what helps us most," Kerry added. "You can sell all the tickets but without the sponsors you really don't have anything. Our goal is to add four more sponsors at the mil-



Martin



Kerry

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## Amateur rapper gets perfect score on state writing test

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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Angelo Pegeuse admits that to many he may have looked out of place last week as he accepted a certificate at a School Board meeting for scoring a perfect score on the state's writing test, which every seventh-grader is required to take.

Many other students who hit that mark on the test wore freshly pressed slacks and dress shirts or "Sunday" dresses as they accepted their certificates. But Pegeuse opted to wear baggy pants, a colorful bomber-style jacket and a sparkling diamond earring in one of his lobes.

Donna Faith Pegeuse Selim, Angelo's mother, had pleaded with him to wear "something nice" for the meeting. After all, the meetings are broadcast live to



Angelo Pegeuse poses with awards he won for writing a perfect essay.

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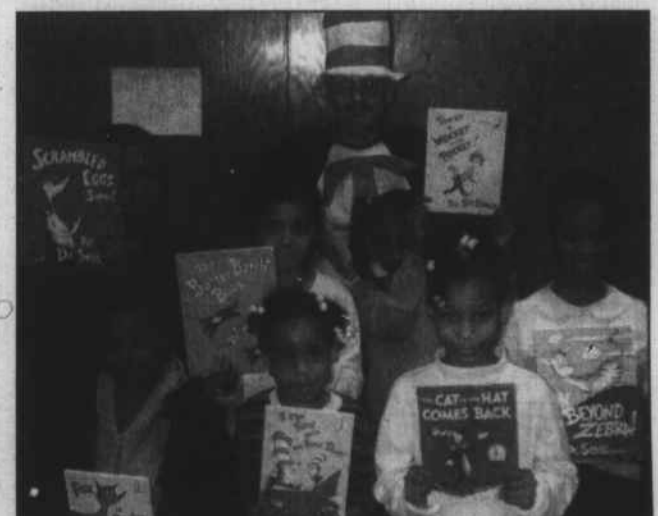
## Rhyme Time

Petree students get trip into the world of Dr. Seuss

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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Students at Petree Elementary had fun. Not a little fun, but a ton. The kind of fun that enlightens minds. The kind of fun that's hard to find.

Rhyme was a big theme at the school last week as youngsters celebrated the life and work of one of the original rappers - Dr. Seuss. The entire school population took part, reading books by Dr. Seuss and other popular authors, creating colorful artwork to coincide with famous Dr. Seuss titles and even trying their hands at rhythmic writing. Students with especially creative writings and drawings received



Student winners at Petree Elementary School pose with their prizes.