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Campbell confident in record

BY CASH MICHAELS
THE CAROLINIAN

His office has, by all accounts, done an exceptional job of weeding out state waste, fraud and abuse in state government. He makes sure that each state agency is held accountable for its performance efficiency and fiscal management. And he ensures that the public's private information is protected for the benefit of members of the public.



Campbell

State Auditor Ralph Campbell Jr. has been keeping state government honest and accountable for 12 years, saving taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

But every time he runs for re-election, it is always a tough one, a nail biter. And yet, the first African-American ever to be elected to the Council of State says there's a lot of fight in him as he vies once again for re-election.

"North Carolina is really a two-party state now," Campbell told The Carolinian, noting the dramatic change in demographics statewide in the past 10 years.

Campbell, 57, who is vying for his fourth term, is also faced with maintaining a re-election campaign without a natural constituency.

While the state attorney general may have members of the legal profession, and the agriculture commissioner may have the farming industry, the state auditor, because of the nature of his job, doesn't have a natural base of support to root him on.

Thus, fund-raising becomes a problem.

"The only thing that the state auditor has as a natural constituency group would be those who are interested in good government," Campbell said. "So that ends up severely limiting the financial support coming to the State Auditor's Office."

Still, Campbell feels, beyond his community, the closest thing he has to a natural constituency are the state employees and teach-

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Easley falls short with some blacks

AP photo by Sara D. Davis

Gov. Mike Easley speaks during an oyster bar social to rally fellow Democrats for his re-election campaign at the Silver Lake Seafood Restaurant in Wilson.



Ballantine to meet with local black leaders to try to win support

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

It has been said that politics makes strange bedfellows. A lunch meeting later this month between local black activists and former state Sen. Patrick Ballantine may prove that truer words have never been spoken.

The Rev. Carlton Eversley extended an invitation to Ballantine - a conservative Republican running to unseat Democratic Gov. Mike Easley - to meet with a

group of "concerned black citizens" on Oct. 24. Ballantine, who accepted the invitation, will already be in town that day to attend the Founding Convention of CHANGE, a grassroots social and economic justice organization. Eversley said the lunch meeting - which will be open to a limited number of people from the general public but not the



Eversley

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WOMAN ON A MISSION

Neither pregnancy, nor tragedy could stall WSSU senior

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Kindra Givens says she was born a freedom fighter. You can hear it in the tone of her voice - the forceful, passionate way she talks to her peers about the issues of the day. But it is more evident in her actions.

Givens was passed the baton of the newly re-energized Winston-Salem State University NAACP Chapter earlier this year and has taken it and galloped at a pace that would even impress Marion Jones. Already this year, there was an ongoing voter registration campaign that started as soon as students began to arrive on campus in August. She just completed weeks of work on WSSU's first-ever State of Student forum, which gave attention to a bevy of issues relevant to students.

Now Givens, a 21-year-old senior studying psychology, is gearing up like a prize fighter for what she says will be her biggest fight - turning out the campus vote.

"We are going to go through the dorms and knock on those doors," she said. "I think this election is really in the hands of the students."

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Photo by Maggie Chambliss/WSSU

Kindra Givens is the head of the Winston-Salem State University NAACP chapter.

Carl Eller Day is Oct. 24

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

The nation celebrated the illustrious career of Carl Eller two months ago when Eller was formally inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Winston-Salem - the city in which Eller was born and raised - will soon get its chance to lift up the football great.

By proclamation of Mayor Allen Joines, Oct. 24 will be Carl Eller Day in Winston-Salem. The highlight of the day will be a program at Atkins Middle School, where Eller's moves on the football field first got him noticed. Eller, who now lives in Minneapolis, is expected to be on hand to receive various awards, citations and an overwhelming number of pats on the back from local folks.

"The nation has honored him. I think his Larry, where he got his start, should honor him," said Rep. Larry Womble, who led the effort to make Eller Day a reality. A committee organized by Womble has spent the past several weeks putting together Eller Day, which Womble promises will be a "fantastic affair."

The program at Atkins, which is free and open to the public, will include a formal program and a reception where Eller is expected to meet and greet old and new friends. The school sys-



Photo by Kevin Walker
Larry Womble poses items autographed by Carl Eller. The items will be on display at Atkins.

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A&T receives financial windfall

\$2.5 million in gifts are earmarked for number of programs

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Supporters of N.C. A&T State University have opened up their checkbooks, giving hundreds of thousands of dollars that will greatly help the university further educational opportunities for students.

The school announced last week that it had received pledges and gifts totaling more than \$2.4 million. The money has come from a wide range of sources, including individual donors and foundations.

The largest block comes from the Weaver Foundation, which donated \$250,000 to establish the Henry Frye Endowed Professorship in Political Science. The foundation also donated another \$250,000 to the school's honor program.

Frye is a Greensboro resident and a former justice of the N.C. Supreme Court. Frye earned a bachelor's degree from A&T in 1953. The Frye Foundation donation for the Frye Endowed Professorship will receive matching funds from the state and from the U.S. Department of Education's Title III program, which is designed to provide dollars to strengthen historically black colleges and universities in the areas of financial management, academic resources, endowments and physical structure. All told, the endowment will be \$1 million, the school said.

Henry Frye's wife is being honored at the school with an



Frye

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TEARS OF PRIDE



Photo by Kevin Walker

Darlene Vinson, the daughter of local radio legend Daddy-Oh, tears up as her late father is honored at the Carolina Music Festival. To read more about Daddy-Oh and Sunday's festival, see page C1.

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