

Walton Says Media Should Focus On Issues, Not Personal Attacks

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 interest of the citizens of District 2, or was it his personal interest he was looking out for?" Majeed asked.

Walton, Majeed claimed, reneged on his opposition to runoff elections by asking for one last week.

"What concerns me about his position is we are forced into a second primary by a politician who has opposed second primaries because of its adverse impact on minorities," Majeed said.

"I don't feel that my opponent should impose double standards for his own political race when he would on the other hand claim that is not fair when other office seekers call for a runoff."

When asked if he would have

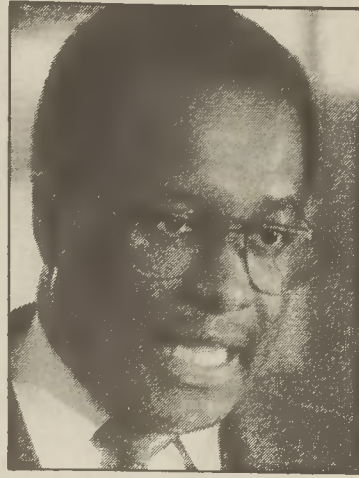
called for a runoff, Majeed, who said he favors elimination of second primaries declared: "I stand for what I stand for. I'm not in Bob's shoes, but if I were, I'd still stand for it."

Walton's voting record came under fire as well. Majeed took a swing at votes he said Walton cast to prohibit supplements to teachers' salaries and to put a waste transfer station on La-Salle Street.

Walton countered in a Tuesday phone interview that Majeed is twisting the truth.

"For him to tell people that I voted against teacher supplements and to go on radio with the voice of Pop Miller is an outright lie," he said.

Walton's vote for the waste station was a parliamentary procedure to enable public discussion



Walton

of the matter, he said, and has explained that to westside resi-

dents ever since. Majeed kept hammering at the issue of moral character, although he insists it isn't a veiled reference to Walton's 1987 assault conviction.

"If the shoe fits, wear it," Majeed said.

Even the local media took some heat from both candidates for overplaying morals and religion.

Majeed refused to comment on reporters' questions regarding Walton's assault conviction, testily blasting the media for blowing the situation out of proportion.

"It's like a sensationalization of the whole political campaign," he said. "It's newsy for them, but I'm trying to discuss some of the things that aren't so newsy but are important to the

citizens of District 2 and Mecklenburg County."

And, believe it or not, Walton agreed with him---for once.

"Instead of concentrating on the incident I found myself in or religion, the media should be focusing on the issues, which I have been doing since the campaign started," he said.

Instead of personal attacks,

Walton said the candidates should talk more about issues important to the district and county.

He mentioned maintenance of the county's fiscal integrity, consolidation of city and county governments and implementation of a solid waste plan as issues and challenged Majeed to appear in a forum.

Alexander Wants Blacks More Politically Involved

ASHEVILLE (AP) --- Blacks must become more involved in politics to protect the civil rights gains that are already being threatened by Reagan administration judicial appointments, the head of the North Carolina branch of the NAACP says.



Alexander

"When Ronald Reagan leaves the White House, he's leaving a legacy that the NAACP and the progressive community are going to be fighting into the next generation," Kelly Alexander Jr. told the "Freedom Fund" dinner of the Asheville branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Friday, May 6.

Blacks also must fight the wounds drugs are opening in their communities, said Alexander, a Charlotte undertaker.

"You can't blame white folks for black-on-black violence in the ghettos," Alexander said. As a result of the drug culture, "young black males are killing young black males at a higher rate than they died in Vietnam."

"I would bet that everyone in this room knows of someone who is doing something along that line (using drugs) ... and you haven't told them it's wrong."

America's next president is more likely to give blacks a fair shake, Alexander said, although Vice President George Bush is no great champion of civil rights.

"I know a lot of you can't get excited about (apparent Democratic nominee Michael) Dukakis, a lot of you can't even pronounce Dukakis, but he's a lot better than Bush," Alexander said. But Bush is "willing to meet with groups who oppose him," like civil rights leaders, Alexander said.

"In Ronald Reagan's eight years in the White House, I don't believe he invited a small group of black leaders from traditional

civil rights organizations to come have breakfast with the president, to come have lunch

Urban League To Sponsor Career Expo For Jobs

By HERB WHITE
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The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League will sponsor its first Career Expo next week with hopes of helping people land the job of a lifetime.

The Urban League, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce are co-sponsoring the expo for minority job seekers at the Charlotte Convention Center.

About 50 companies, ranging from IBM and Duke Power to the City of Charlotte and Wendy's will be on hand for the May 19 expo. The event is open to the public.

Don Bowen, vice president for programs at the Urban League, said Expo '88 will focus on seniors from the county's high schools, minority job seekers and college graduates of all ages.

Companies that are signed up to attend the event will benefit in several ways. Because competition between companies for employees is keen, local companies could get a jump on the competition for employees. Mecklenburg County has an unemployment rate of under four percent, according to the latest figures.

"Believe it or not, there is a shortage of people for some jobs here in Charlotte and these companies have an opportunity to reach a large group of people," Bowen said.

In addition, companies will have an opportunity to expose their name and services to minorities and the community in general.

The expo is a good vehicle for high school students who may not want to go directly to college or graduating collegians, Bowen said.

with the president, to have a cup of coffee ... to do anything," Alexander said.

HUD To Fund Study On Housing Discrimination

Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Samuel R. Pierce, Jr. announced that the Department will be funding a major study of discrimination in housing in the United States.

"Housing discrimination has been one of my main concerns since I've been at HUD," said Secretary Pierce. "Despite advances in civil rights, discrimination still exists, in more subtle ways than before, in many areas. This research will carefully and objectively document the obstacles facing minority citizens, so that we can focus our enforcement efforts more clearly," said the Secretary.

HUD's Office of Policy Development and research will fund the study, through a competitive procurement. The two-year study, expected to begin this fall,

will examine the level and forms of discrimination experienced by black and Hispanic Americans in metropolitan housing markets.

This project marks the first effort in over a decade to measure the treatment of minority persons who are seeking to rent or buy a home. The study is designed to obtain convincing evidence of the seriousness of the discrimination problem, in a sample of cities.

The study, without any preconceived notions as to the level of discrimination that exists, will document its forms and prevalence, and may well provide evidence of the need for stronger federal Fair Housing legislation.

The study will also provide the first comparison of levels of discrimination between central cities and their suburbs.



Local High School Juniors Meet With Legislators

WASHINGTON, D.C.-- Stephanie Trojan and Melanie Weining of Charlotte Catholic High School, Alicia Richardson of Harding High School and Heather Alene McGarrah of East Mecklenburg High School met this week with U.S. Representative J. Alex McMillan in Washington, D.C. Trojan, Weining, Richardson and McGarrah attended the week-long Washington Workshops Congressional Seminar, which gives high school students a first-hand look at the Federal Government and the opportunity to meet its leaders. The trip to Washington was sponsored by Union

Carbide Corporation's Linde Service Center, Coatings Service and UNISON Transformer Services facilities in Charlotte. Trojan, Weining, Richardson and McGarrah were among 114 students from 24 states sponsored for this year's seminar. Union Carbide has been sponsoring students' participation in the program for 18 years. During the week in Washington, the students met with congressmen, members of President Reagan's Cabinet and staff, foreign diplomats, Federal officials and university professors.

Jackson's Commencement Address

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 impossible dreams. Dreams must be free to flee and to fly high."

He told the graduates he hoped that they will have cured cancer, ended poverty and illiteracy and brought peace to the Middle East and freedom to South Africa.

"Wipe out malnutrition and study war no more," he said. "That is our challenge."

A 1964 graduate of A&T, he

was introduced by Mrs. Elizabeth Randolph, chairperson of the A&T board of trustees.

The commencement had special significance for Jackson and his wife, Jacqueline, as two of their sons, Jesse Jr. and Jonathan, were among the 1988 graduates.

Presiding at the commencement, which drew a record crowd for A&T, was Dr. Edward B. Fort, chancellor. He reminded the graduates that they "have

gained a sense of confidence. You have shown the world that your degree was earned at N.C. A&T State University, the place where dreamers become achievers, from astronauts to Presidents."

Leading the graduating class in honors were Lynn Perry, an accounting major from Philadelphia, Pa., and 36-year-old Gordon Johnson, an industrial technology major. Both finished with 4.00 averages.

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