

# Martin Supports Madans For Mayor

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responsibilities to our constituents. We addressed the issues that most concerned them; on the city, county and state levels. "We were dealing with the fate of those westsiders who had expressed concerns about the manner in which Duke was responding to the power crisis," Walton said. "I totally disagree with Hoyle's assertion that he should be entitled to equal time. That would suggest that we were involved in some form of political format which it was clearly not. "I have checked with elections officials on this point and any contention such as this is wholly without foundation. We got the suggestion from Ken Koontz, who made the point that major TV coverage was not reaching the city at-large," he said. Walton said radio stations were the only effective means of communicating during the

emergency. It was felt that WPEG had to fill a more aggressive role in getting pertinent information regarding the disaster out to the black community. "After the suggestion was made," Walton said, "I merely followed up on it by phoning Chester Williams (WPEG general manager) and voicing the concerns that we had. Their (WPEG) response was to invite us to do that news show. It's all about public service; that's what we're here for." Martin does plan to seek equal air time with WPEG. No slight was intended, according to WPEG Station Manager Michael Saunders, when asked to respond to Martin's charges. Saunders says, "That's not a problem at all. We'll be glad to have him whenever he's ready. I'll be waiting for his call."

Martin also strongly criticized Walton for his non-committal responses regarding whether or not he's supporting Democratic mayoral candidate Craig Madans in a recent Charlotte Observer article. When asked about his support for Madans, Walton's reply was three consecutive, "Next question." "When Harvey Gantt lost the mayor's race to Sue Myrick two years ago, where were Walton, Dannelly, Richardson and other Democratic Party leaders to respond to the need then to recruit and train if necessary, political candidates to seek the mayor's office," Martin said. "Craig Madans has filled a void with his own money, time, talents and energy to provide an alternative to the Lone Ranger mayor we now have," he said. "For anyone who claims to be a Democrat to refuse to support

the Party's nominee, is just political backwardness," Martin said. He called Walton's disposition "ludicrous and deplorable." Walton said that Martin is attempting to preempt his (Walton's) prerogative. "He's absolutely wrong!" Walton said "I'm surprised that Hoyle would stoop so low. I thought he was a man of more integrity than this." On the issue of his support for Craig Madans, Walton cited a technical aspect of Madans' candidacy. "He is not the Party nominee until after the primary. So it is altogether proper to reserve my judgement until after that time. If, in fact, Mr. Madans becomes the nominee, I will support the democratic candidate." Richardson could not be reached for comment.

# All Black Army Unit Holds 12th Reunion

BY JOANKENT THE SUN HERALD  
BILOXI, Miss. (AP) --- Bitterness enters Charles B. Hauser's voice when he recalls his experience as a black man in the U.S. Army before the military was integrated. He scored high enough on tests to become an officer, but his attempts to advance were blocked, so he decided to try to become a warrant officer, which was awarded on the basis of test scores. He passed and was assigned to a unit. "But when I arrived, the commander said, 'I will not have a nigger officer in my unit,'" Hauser recalled, the words still clear in his mind. "They withdrew my commission and reduced me to a private." Hauser, of Winston Salem, N.C., was one of 25 members of the all-black 582 and 641st Ordnance Ammunition companies, which held their 12th reunion this past weekend at a Biloxi hotel. The units served in the European theater during World War II and were among the first to

work the "Red Ball Express," which supplied ammunition to the front lines. "When you live together for three years, you form an attachment that won't easily go away," said Harold Kirby of Chicago. The attachment is perhaps stronger because of the discrimination they faced. "It wasn't the officers. It was the enlisted men and society itself," said James Wright of Winston-Salem. When they went into American towns, they still had to sit in the back of the bus and could not be served in restaurants. "We felt like we were fighting two enemies, the Germans and the white Americans," said Kirby. The officers were all whites ... southern whites, the veterans recalled. "The Army believed that they knew how to handle blacks," Kirby said. When they learned that their captain, Maj. Herman Hinton, was from Mississippi, they quaked.

"We thought 'oh no!'" Wylie Carter of Gary, Ind., recalled. "But, when we got over the fact that he was from Mississippi, we found out that he was OK." Black units often served on the front lines, the veterans said. "It was straight to the front," Carter said. Deferments were reserved for whites then. Wright had passed college entrance tests when he got his draft notice. He and the man for whom he worked tried everything to get him a deferment, but their efforts failed. He still has the letter in which he says an Army official wrote that the Army would not defer him because he was black. But the veterans say that the worst part of their experience was returning to a still-segregated America. "You'd risked your lives and lost people you loved, and you couldn't even eat inside restaurants," Kirby said. All the veterans used the GI bill to further their education. But

for Carter, it wasn't enough to erase the prejudice. He'd enrolled in the broadcast school at Columbia College in Chicago, and said he was doing good work. "But the professor kept saying, 'You are just wasting time. There's no place for you,'" he said. "Eventually I believed him and dropped out." All the veterans said they were pleasantly surprised that Mississippi was not as they had feared. Everyone here has been more sincerely cordial than in their northern cities, the veterans said. Their reception is a far cry from what they received when they returned to American after the war. They all laughed in agreement when Carter quipped, "If anyone had told us then that we'd be at the Hilton in Mississippi, I'd have told them they were on drugs."



Ken Koontz presents James Cuthbertson with new fax machine

# Smith Athletics Gets "Fax"

Local, regional and national college sports media will now get the "fax" about Johnson C. Smith University athletics more quickly and more efficiently - thanks to a gift from the Ken Koontz Public Relations agency and a group of JCSU area merchants. The Koontz agency developed and conducted a special advertising campaign to raise money to purchase a new facsimile machine for the University's Sports Information Office. "Our Sports Information Office began the year at a serious marketing disadvantage compared to other schools in our conference and to other small private colleges and universities across the country," says James Cuthbertson, assistant sports information director for JCSU. "Ken and I were discussing plans for the football season and he volunteered to take on a campaign to get us a facsimile machine for my office's use," adds Cuthbertson. "The merchants around the university were eager to help out and they supported us wholeheartedly," says Koontz, a '72 JCSU grad. Basically, the program works like this: Koontz makes commercial announcements for the merchants at JCSU's home football games in Memorial Stadium. His agency supplemented their advertising fee with funds he is paid as public address announcer. "Because of Hurricane Hugo, we have included the announcements in the basketball season for full-house crowds at Brayboy Gym on campus," says Koontz. Participating merchants include: A&C Chinese Fast food, Simpson's Records and Tapes, Accent on Cards and Print, and the Steak 'n Hoagie, all in the new Cummings Retail Center at 2200 Beatties ford Road. Others include: McDonald's Cafeteria and Best Western Hotel, Mr. C's Chicken, Universal Beauty College, Beatties Ford Handy Mart, Watts Chiropractic

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