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Survey views pros, cons of bloc voting

By Sonji Black and Donna Davis

The black vote is important, but bloc voting is more important.

At least that what some students at North Carolina Central University believe.

Bloc voting occurs when a group of people decide to cast their votes behind a particular candidate or issue.

What are the advantages and disadvantages of bloc voting? A random survey was taken at NCCU.

"Bloc voting at NCCU," said Steve McClure, "shows strength and unity. It lets people know college students are mature enough to be committed into the spectrum of politics. Numbers carry strength."

Tommy Hicks, freshman class president, agreed with McClure, saying, "As Jesse Jackson pointed out, the 5,000 people on this campus represent a large amount of people who are together and only through togetherness can bloc voting be accomplished." Hicks added that the generation gap cannot play a role in bloc voting but the issues at hand are the only concerns of importance.

But Edward Thomas, a sophomore, doesn't see any way that students and faculty could agree on such a matter. "Bloc voting would most likely succeed, but the faculty and students may not

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Students organize to help chauffeur voters to polls

By Ronnie Hopkins

N.C. Central students met Thursday to organize a drive to assist voters in getting to the polls in the national election on Nov. 6.

At a 7 p.m. meeting chaired by SGA president William "Billy" Barber, SGA officials and a few other students gathered to organize committees to assist disabled persons and residents of single parent homes to the polls.

According to Barber,

students have an important role to play in providing transportation, babysitting service and voter education.

"Somebody may not be able to get to the polls because they have to babysit or because they just don't have adequate transportation," services that NCCU students can provide, Barber explained.

Barber said that the committees will canvas 85 percent of the black communities in Durham, which may yield as

much as an 80-percent voter turnout if they are adequately covered by the voter assistance drive.

In the past the turnout in these precincts has been only about 50 percent because many voters could not get to the polls, Barber said.

Earlier this year the SGA registered over 2700 NCCU students, Barber reported.

Barber also announced that

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Famed civil rights lawyer to speak at Founder's Day

NCCU News Bureau

Julius LeVonne Chambers made a promise in 1961. As the newly-chosen editor-in-chief of the North Carolina Law Review, he pledged, "After graduation (from the University of North Carolina School of Law), I will work for civil rights for colored persons. I think it is an obligation that I have to do so."

Chambers, the principal speaker Friday, Nov. 2, at the 11 a.m. Diamond Anniversary Founder's Day of his undergraduate alma mater, NCCU, has kept that promise for more than two decades.

But if the beginning of the two decades saw Chambers' options limited—and his status in the 1961 as UNC's top law student was evidence he refused to accept limitations—his graduation came at the beginning of an era which would see Chambers' scholarly credentials and his race combine to make him highly desirable to law firms and government.

He has achieved honors since his graduation from the UNC School of Law. He added one more academic degree to his UNC Juris Doctor, receiving the LL. M. from Columbia University in 1963. He already held the B.A. summa cum laude for North Carolina College (now NCCU) and the M.A. from the University of Michigan.

While working toward the Columbia degree, Chambers held his first teaching appointment as a teaching associate in the Columbia Law School. He currently holds adjunct status at Columbia and at the University of Pennsylvania, and also serves as a member of the Board of Visitors at Columbia University School of Law and at Harvard Law School (where he has also held teaching appointment) and of the Board of Overseers of the University of Pennsylvania School of Law.

His honorary degrees include the LL. D. from NCCU and two other colleges and universities.

Chambers holds the record for brevity of term on the Board of Trustees of NCCU. He appeared in 1971 for his first meeting of that board, as an appointee of Gov. Robert Scott, to find that the first order of business after the oath of office was the election of two members of the newly-created UNC Board of Governors. He was one of the two elected; the other was a veteran member of the NCCU board.

Their election to the Board, which would then govern all 16 senior state-supported colleges and universities in North Carolina, made the two ineligible for service as trustees of individual institutions. Chambers' tenure as a

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UNC poll: Hunt needs large black turnout

By Winfred Cross

Editor's note: This article was written Sept. 18.

A large turnout among black voters may decide the winner of the U.S. Senate race between incumbent Sen. Jesse Helms and challenger Gov. James Hunt.

Data found in the Spring 1984 Carolina Poll (a telephone poll conducted by University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Journalism) showed that 86 percent of the blacks surveyed said they supported Hunt. Sixty-five percent of all other minorities said they would also vote for Hunt.

This overwhelming support by minorities is impor-

tant to Hunt's election effort because of his poor showing among white voters. Only 40 percent of the whites surveyed said they would vote for him. This was down 10 percent from the fall 1983 Carolina Poll.

In fact, Hunt lost support in all voter categories except blacks. In October of 1983 Hunt led Helms by 20 percent over all. By February of 1984 his lead was shaved to only 3 percent. The poll had a 3 percent margin of error which meant the two were virtually tied. This was the first time since 1981 that Hunt has not led Helms in this poll.

Helms now has a slight lead over Hunt, according to results of the latest Observer Poll conducted by the

Charlotte Observer Sept. 5-11. Forty-eight percent of those surveyed said they would vote for Helms. Forty-five percent said they would vote for Hunt. This poll also has a 3 percent margin of error.

The reason for Hunt's slip may stem from his support for the bill that made Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday a national holiday. Helms gained national attention by strongly opposing the holiday. He did this before last spring's poll was taken. According to the poll, 44 percent of all North Carolinians thought the idea of a King holiday was a bad idea. Sixty-three percent of Helms' supporters thought a King holiday was a bad idea.

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