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THE POLITICAL CORNER

By Albert Scruggs, Jr.

Welcome to "The Political Corner." I have agonized incessantly over the discussion of politics and how to present it in this column. Should it be controversial, descriptive, or receptive?

As you can see, it is quite evident that I am already starting to "politicize" this column by instilling confusion. What are the real issues? Do you really care about getting involved? Where were you on election day? Did you go to the polls? Did you take someone to the polls that needed a ride? Did you actively support the candidate of your choice? Did you follow up as enthusiastically in the run-off as you did during the initial primary? If you are completely satisfied with your activities during the May primary, then, having completed your civic obligations, the democratic process worked.

Politics deals with the promotion of ideas, principles, and shared rules of government; in our case "...by the people and for the people." True to form, since the first State Constitutional Convention, North Carolina has been a "hotbed" for controversial politics (as when conversations overheard in public places throughout the county alluded to the allegation that Cumberland County was not ready for a "Black Sheriff"). However, glide through that web of confusion and exercise your inalienable right to vote. The "general election" in November is just around the corner. This election

is the "bash" that Republicans and Independents have been waiting for, especially since they weren't allowed to vote in the May Democratic primary (I did mention Democrats, right?).

Off with the sarcasm! I need input for my next production of the "The Political Corner." If you don't have any ideas, here are a few to consider: What action should be taken on the issue concerning the closing of Seabrook Pool? Did the election of Congresswoman Eva Clayton to the U.S. House of Representatives from North Carolina infringe upon the rights of "white people" in her district? Should a street or thoroughfare be named in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.? Should the North Carolina US congressional Delegation support the cause for official recognition of the Lumbee Native American Tribe in North Carolina?

Drop your comments off at the office of the Broncos' Voice in the Rudolph Jones Student Center. Thanks for the ride!

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is
watching
you.**

We're not.

You know what you are doing better than anyone--

If you think that what your club, fraternity, sorority, fellowship, or group is doing is of general interest-- or if you just have an opinion or idea that you would like to share with our reading public- Art, Science, News, or Sports - write it up, send it off.

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POLITICAL TRIVIA

By Al Scruggs

This column is written exclusively for inquiring minds that want to know. Complete your research and write your answers on a 5" x 8" index card and drop it off at the Student Center (there's no telling what you may win!).

1. In what precinct are you registered to vote?
2. Which residents of Cumberland County are authorized to vote in municipal elections in the city of Fayetteville?
3. Name the member of the NC State House of Representatives (from Hope Mills) who is employed at Fayetteville State University.
4. Name a member of the NC State Senate that represents Cumberland County as part of its constituency.
5. In what year was Fayetteville the capital of North Carolina?
6. Name the second oldest state-supported college in North Carolina.
7. Why does Jesse Helms and not Terry Sanford represent North Carolina in the US Senate?
8. How many vetoes is the governor of North Carolina authorized per year?
9. Where is the county seat of Cumberland County located?
10. What political offices are held by Ida Ross and Mary McAllister?

Answers will be supplied in the next edition of The Broncos' Voice.