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Lenora Fulani Delivers Sharp Critique of American Politics

by Rich James

Dr. Lenora Fulani, presidential candidate for the New Alliance Party in 1988, delivered a scathing critique of the two-party political process in an address delivered February 3 in Dana Auditorium. Her words fell hard upon those who have never doubted the fairness of the system. And to those who had doubts, she presented a convincing argument for pursuing "independent politics."

Proclaiming her campaign for the presidency as the Campaign for Fair Elections, Dr. Fulani became the first African-American woman to appear on the presidential ballot and the first candidate to qualify for federal matching campaign funds. She garnered two percent of the national vote making the New Alliance Party the fourth largest political party in the nation.

Dr. Fulani held no illusions about

being elected but she considers her campaign a first step in hard fought victory for fairness and empowerment of minorities in this country. "My campaign is a crusade for the black agenda ... for the disenfranchised ... to push these issues into the national dialogue." By doing so, she hoped to "dump the Duke" (Dukakis) by pulling away black support for the Democratic ticket.

"The Democratic party can no longer take us for granted," she said as she blasted the party for claiming the black vote but failing to deliver the black agenda. She pointed out that even though there has been a 300% increase in blacks holding office since 1972, there has also been a 400% increase in black poverty. "Every grass-roots movement [since the late 1960s] has been absorbed and compromised by the Democratic party."

Fulani said of the electoral process, "It stinks. The entire process is rigged from the top - I would say down but it rarely gets there." Despite getting on every state ballot she was denied participation in every debate. A federal judge refused to grant an injunction on the debates even though he agreed Fulani was treated unfairly because he didn't want to "disrupt the political process."

Fulani is truly a people's candidate. Her campaign platform was to be an advocate for the silenced: blacks, Latinos, Native Americans, lesbians and gays. She projected no clear ideology except to "transfer power back to the people where it belongs." She is "fed up" with a system dominated by "rich white men" who preserve their own interests. "I am not a kook. I am a black woman outraged at what this country has become and what it has done to my people."



Lenora Fulani, PhD.

photo by O.-K. Oladuwa

Guilford Health Officials Respond to Measles Scare

by Peter Smith

Guilford County reported a fourth confirmed case of the red measles this week, prompting members of the Guilford College Health Services to review student immunization records as a possible precaution to prevent an outbreak at the college.

College health officials were cautious, however, to point out that although outbreaks have been confirmed in Guilford County, the likelihood of a significant outbreak at Guilford College is slim.

Charlotte Schmickle, Registered Nurse and Director of the Personal Growth Center, stressed the need for students not to become excessively concerned over the measles outbreak, a contagious virus which can cause fever, congestion, eye irritation, and a body rash. She emphasized, however, that students should be careful during the winter months because traditionally it is the season for colds, flus, and other diseases.

"I know students become concerned when they hear this in the news, but I really don't feel there is a need to become excited over this outbreak," said Schmickle. "I would advise, though, that students be aware that January through March is the height of flu season."

Each year, Schmickle and the

Student Health Services provide students with printed advice from the American College Health Association on how to prevent influenza and other viruses, and she encourages students to familiarize themselves with this information.

As of Monday, February 6th, there have been 80 confirmed measles cases, and 350 suspected measles cases in 55 counties of North Carolina, according to state public health officials.

Ann Shank, a spokeswoman for the local Public Health Department in Greensboro, said both local and state Health Departments have been inundated with calls asking about the measles. She added, however, that Guilford County did not appear to be in any significant danger of suffering from widespread outbreaks at this time.

In addition to a majority of counties being hit with the virus, over 7 colleges and universities within the state have confirmed cases of measles. These include UNC-Chapel Hill, Duke, N.C. State, Appalachian State, East Carolina, UNC-Wilmington, and Catawba College.

Since there have been no cases of red measles reported at Guilford College, health officials at the school are not requiring students to be in-

oculated. However, if a case was to be confirmed on campus, the school would consult the Greensboro Health Department, which would most likely require some form of widespread inoculation at the college for students who did not meet the estab-

lished immunization standards.

Schmickle recommended that students be aware of their personal immunization records and encouraged those who wish to be inoculated to call the local Health Department at

373-3897. A measles hotline has also been established for people to call to receive recorded information about symptoms of the virus and inoculation information. The number is 261-0612.

WQFS in Financial Fix

by Jacob Stohler

A recent internal audit at WQFS revealed that the Guilford College radio station is \$4,800 in debt as of the end of this fall semester. The money, which is owed to the Community Senate, is causing many problems for the station and its managers.

According to Station Manager Sean Desmond, financial difficulties began for the station in the fall semester of the 1987-88 year. Despite a \$4,100 surplus left over in WQFS' account from 1986-87, the station went into debt in the fall '87 semester and hasn't been able to get back in to the black.

Desmond and Financial Director Gilbert Bailey, who conducted the audit along with Dick Coe, blame the problems on last year's management. Former managers were, according to Desmond, "at least partly

responsible for the deficit we're facing now."

"The past management did not pay particular attention to the financial aspects of the station, which caused the present management to pick up last year's debt," said Desmond. Bailey, who conducted a small audit on behalf of WQFS at the end of last year, agreed that poor management caused the debt.

No past WQFS managers could be reached for comment.

The result is that WQFS began this school year owing the Senate almost \$5,000. Under a plan overseen by Bailey, cutbacks have been made in several areas, among them printing, paperwork, telephone expenses and public relations.

One important area of reduction is in communication with record companies, most of which are located in New York and Los Angeles.

Whereas phone calls used to be made four to five times a week, they are now being made only twice, a move which Desmond says will hurt WQFS, but is necessary nonetheless.

Public relations events such as sponsoring bands at Serendipity will still be held, but on a smaller scale. The station is now slated to give \$750 to the Serendipity band fund, which is about half what they had hoped. Referring to upcoming events as a whole, Desmond said, "Basically, it just shoots the whole spring to hell."

Other cutbacks were made in the area of engineering to save on maintenance and repair costs. The station retains an engineer in case of equipment failure.

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