

Roundtable picks Edmisten

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based their campaigns on their experience, Edmisten as the state's attorney general for 10 years and a protégé of former U.S. Sen. Sam Ervin, and Knox as a two-term mayor of Charlotte and a state senator.

But some members of the Roundtable were not impressed by other aspects of Edmisten's past, Graves says.

"We had some problems with his record," Graves says. "His failure to take more decisive action in the appointment of a special prosecutor for the Wilmington 10 case and for the Klan-Nazi shootout in Greensboro presented real problems."

Still, Graves says, Edmisten's rapport with the black community is strong enough that the Roundtable would expect him to be more accountable if he becomes governor.

Edmisten is not, however, guaranteed the Roundtable's support in November's general election if he wins the runoff, says Graves, and will be called upon to address more issues more specifically.

Because Tom Gilmore, who the Roundtable endorsed in the May 8 primary, has given his support to Knox and actively campaigned for him, many felt the Roundtable would follow suit. But Graves says the organization was bound neither politically nor morally to follow Gilmore.

"The mere fact that Gilmore endorsed Knox does not mean we have to follow him because Knox is not Gilmore," Graves says.

Whatever the outcome of the governor's race, Graves says, the Roundtable will monitor Jim Hunt's successor carefully.

"Come January 1985," he says, "there will be a Caucasian man over 40 in the governor's mansion who will have to deal with us."

The Roundtable also endorsed Richard Barnes for commissioner of labor. That decision, in keeping with the Roundtable's May 8 endorsement, Graves says, and was based on Barnes' record as a state senator.



Joanne Falls

Vacation planning

On Friday, June 8, at 10 a.m., there will be a special program on planning a family's vacation. The session will include information on steps in planning the vacations, do's and don'ts of vacation planning and cost analysis of going on a vacation.

The class will be taught by Deborah Womack and JoAnne Falls, home economics extension agents. The class will be held at the extension office. Call 767-8213 to register for the class by Wednesday, June 6, at 5 p.m. There is no fee.

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Vandals

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amount of vandalism at Winston Lake out of the ordinary.

"This is unusual for a job this size," he says.

The contractors and their insurance company will bear the cost of some of the damage while the rest of the added expense will come from the Winston Lake YMCA's budget.

That's bad news for a project already over budget, says Brian Cormier, executive director of the Metropolitan YMCA, and it's going to be hard to find the money.

Both the contractor and the YMCA have insurance, but both have policies with deductibles which have to be paid before the insurance picks up the tab. In addition, Cormier says, both the YMCA and the contractor face having their policies cancelled.

"We run the risk of losing the insurance altogether because so many claims are being filed," Cormier says. "Or the premiums will be raised to a point that we can't pay them."

One measure the YMCA and contractor have taken to discourage vandals is the hiring of the security guard to patrol the area while the construction crew is away.

But it is a costly measure.

"It's unfortunate that that solution happens to be the most expensive," Cormier says.

Representatives of the Metropolitan YMCA board, the Patterson Avenue Board of Management and Fowler-Jones also met and discussed several other security options, including electronic beams, fencing, lighting and guard dogs.

Fencing and lights have been installed at the site.

How much will the vandalism and the preventive measures cost the YMCA? Approximately \$30,000 to \$35,000 would be a conservative estimate, says Cormier.

"This is a significant problem," he says. "And it's very unfortunate. But ... we were at a point where we had to take some kind of action."

Both Cormier and Walters say they don't know why this site has been the target of so many incidents. However, Cormier speculates that Winston Lake's status as a popular teen hangout could be a prime reason.

"I understand that an element that is really negative has created a hangout in that area," Cormier says. "Unless we take steps to get rid of that element, they will become a potential target to create problems."

The answer, as Cormier sees it, is for the police, the city and the community to work together to come up with positive solutions to the problems at Winston Lake.

Unless something is done now, Cormier says, the Winston Lake YMCA could suffer the effects long after

its construction is complete.

"As long as prospective members know that that element hangs out over there, they aren't coming and this could sabotage the project," Cormier says. "We are very concerned about that. I hope that the community at large and the city can work together to solve the problem for the benefit of the community. Now it's at a point where it's a burden to us."

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Close-up

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An added burden to many youth who are in need of summer employment is the lack of concerned counselors in the school systems, says Favors, and the youths failure to use vocational guidance and other available resources that offer employment assistance.

"A lot of youth don't know the school systems have vocational counseling," she says, "and a lot them know about the resources, but won't take advantage of them. I have to slap them on the hands, too."

Favors says the workshop is open to all youth from all economic levels. Refreshments will also be served.

"They don't have to sign up or anything -- just come," she says, "because we want to help."

For more information on pre-employment counseling, contact Gail Favors at 725-5614.

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Road. For further information, contact Velma Simmons at 767-6948.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

•The countywide Rabies Inoculation Clinics will be conducted Saturday, June 2, from 1-2:30 p.m. These clinics will be at each animal hospital in Forsyth County. The cost of a rabies vaccine for both dogs and cats is \$5, with other vaccines available at reduced cost. For more information, call the Forsyth County Animal Shelter at 767-6293 or your local veterinarian.