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Marshall said the speech spoke to whites and Jews, but left blacks who had followed Jackson's low-budget, but high-spirited campaign, without direction.

Forsyth County Democratic Party Chairman Earline Parmon, who also attended the convention as a Jackson delegate, said she thought the speech was needed to unify the party.

"It was a speech of unity," Parmon said. "I don't think Rev. Jackson is one to concede, but he recognized that, at that point, there is no need to be divisive. And I'm in

agreement with his position. This is not the end, Mr. Jackson. There is another chance."

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But Marshall would only say that the trip was not a total loss.

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"The biggest thing about the convention was the educational experience it provided," he said. "It showed me how divided black people are. As I looked around the convention hall, all other minorities were together on the basic principles. We were divided and in all camps. Some with Jackson, some with (Gary) Hart and some with Mondale and still some undecided. That's why we didn't have any

power to get anything."

Parmon, however, wasn't disillusioned. After four days of struggling to outline the Democratic Party platform and direction for the next four years, she said, she feels that one basic thing was accomplished.

"The convention, at the end, seemed unified," Parmon said. "Rev. Jackson advised us to leave with an open mind and with party unity. And I did."

The third black Forsyth County delegate, state Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy, could not be reached for comment.

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member of numerous organizations dealing with housing, political organizing and community outreach.

He now lives on campus at the New York City seminary and this summer is a student intern for the National Division and Urban Ministries Office of the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. There he serves as an administrative assistant to both the assistant executive secretary of the national division and the director of the Office of Urban Ministries.

Although the desire to attend seminary was one of the reasons he left Winston-Salem, Wiley said in a recent telephone interview, other factors contributed to his leaving so abruptly.

"The opposition and resistance young ministers have met with old ministers and traditional forces within the churches stifles a lot of young ministers who are involved in change," Wiley said. "Myself, (Warner) Durnell and (Gilbert) Campbell (all of whom were young ministers who left the city) were able to do some things. But I found it to be a real difficulty in trying to develop my ministry because of the resistance.

"My potential was limited because of the opposition from traditional forces."

There are, however, some within the ranks of established black clergymen here, like the Rev. Warnie C. Hay, who

Purdie

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student affairs at the 600-plus enrollment law school.

Although the 33-year-old Purdie was offered the position earlier this year, she said Covington's resignation July 6 prompted her to reconsider the offer.

"I was offered the opportunity a while ago and turned it down initially," Purdie said. "After the chancellor was offered a position, I reconsidered. He (Covington) was my primary reason for coming to WSSU. I came to work with him."

Purdie turned in her resignation to Covington on Fuesday and will leave the university on Aug. 24, four days after Covington is scheduled to leave.

The mother of an 11-year-old daughter, Fatina, Purdie worked for Legal Services of Central New York before coming to WSSU. She received her undergraduate degree in sociology from Howard University, her graduate degree in education from the City College in New York and her law degree from Syracuse University.

The job in Houston will allow her the opportunity to combine her degree in education with her law experience, Purdie said.

"I get to incorporate both my legal skills and education background in Houston," she

Purdie is the second person in Covington's cabinet to resign this summer. Clifton E. Graves Jr. resigned in late June to accept a position as an assistant city attorney in New Haven, Conn.

Graves, who had worked at WSSU for three and a half years, served as the university's affirmative action officer.

worked with him and provided him with support, Wiley added.

Unlike Campbell and Durnell, who both left last year to accept positions at other churches, Wiley is a native of Winston-Salem. He first left the city when he was 17 years old after his father accepted a pastorship in Washington. After completing college, he enrolled in seminary and was a seminary student when he returned to North Carolina to work on the Wilmington 10 case. Although

he worked from Winston-Salem, Wiley said he helped organize groups across the state to support the Wilmington 10 and to work to get them released from jail.

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But the opposition Wiley felt as a new minister who was involved in more than the feeding of spiritual appetites has not left him bitter.

"It's up in the air," Wiley said, when asked if there is a possibility that he will one day return. "It depends. It depends on the opportunities and possibilities that exist

when I finish seminary (in. 1986).

"My experience there (in Winston-Salem)... was a very valuable one in my life. The people there will always be close to my heart and were highly supportive of some of the changes I wanted to make."

Wiley said he wants the people in Winston-Salem to know that the commitment he has to better life for black people is still a driving force and that "now I'm preparing myself to deal in the struggle."

