

'Wheeeee!'

Photo by Mike Cunningham

April Brooks, 8, gives her all as she heads for a turn during a recent skating session at Skate Odyssey.

## NAACP announces new direction

Special to the Chronicle

A new direction for the civil rights movement was laid out in Washington, D.C., Tuesday, Oct. 31, when some 300 national and local remedial action. leaders attending the NAACP's "Conference on the Present Crisis," heard Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, call for greater efforts on the part of the black community to deal with critical social and economic problems, and for the establishment of a national clearinghouse that would track and coordinate such efforts.

ment has a major role to play in solving. bringing parity to black America and that racism is still a major factor, Dr. Hooks said that the black community had to do more and "we as black greater good fortune have a duty to our less well-off brothers and sisters."

The conference was a follow-up cated in other communities," he to the recent "Silent March" of the NAACP protesting several adverse civil rights rulings by the Supreme Court and calling for Congressional

The first formal sessions attracted representatives from a broad range of over 100 groups including fraternal and social organizations, the church, labor, etc. Delegates heard presentations that not only explored the dimensions of the particular problem areas under discussion but focused attention on a wide variety of com-While pointing out that govern- munity approaches toward problem

"These approaches were really at the heart of the conference, Dr. Hooks said. "We've studied these problems ad infinitum, but what we've added to Americans who enjoy somewhat the equation are self-help programs which have proven their effectiveness in one community and can be repli-

The areas under discussion were "The Crisis in the Courts and the Resurgence of Racism." "The Truly Disadvantaged," "Economic Empowerment" and "Political Empower-

Dr. Hooks told the delegates:

"We had a very special reason for seeking the attendance here of national organizations in the black community that have a substantial local presence. The umbrella group we propose would mobilize the full and complete efforts of the organized black community to deal with a number of problems.

"We do not propose to say to the Greek-letter organizations, the fraternal orders, the service clubs, or the denominations what you and each of

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## Wood supporters rejoice

hope Martha can pull the city back the new mayor embraced when she together but I'm concerned about arrived at the Sawtooth Building. whether she'll be able to do it."

Mr. Sale said that he expects little progress to be made because of the "controversy" on the board and because of what he considers Mrs. Wood's inability to deal with the business community.

"Her personality is such that people have a hard time working with her. The business community is not going to support her whatsoever. She makes people mad," said Mr. Sale. "She's a fair person but she'll have to change her attitude about things to pull the community back together."

When asked if any portion of the business community had discussed with him their willingness or lack thereof to work with Mrs. Wood, Mr. Sale admitted that they had not, but said that it was his opinion that the business community would not work with her "in terms of retiring the debt."

Mr. Sale said also that the Board of Aldermen would be hampered by bickering between the new mayor and aldermen Virginia Newell and Vivian Burke.

"She and Burke and Newell can't get along," he said. "I like Mrs. Burke and Mrs. Newell. They're great people. Especially Mrs. Newell. She's a beautiful per-

Mr. Sale said that he will monitor Mrs. Wood's progress during her term and if, in his opinion, she is not successful he will again run for mayor.

"I feel like the people that voted for her, she won't be able to help," said Mr. Sale, referring to low-income and minority residents. "I could have helped them but she can't. If she doesn't do a good job, I'll run again."

But Mr. Sale's claims of tension between Mrs. Wood and Mrs. Newell was not supported by action and comments at the Tuesday evening celebration. In fact, Mrs. Newell was one of the first people

Later, in her address, Mrs. Wood congratulated Mrs. Newell on her victory and said she was excited at the prospect of continuing to work with her long-time friend and colleague.

"Virginia I congratulate you on your big win and I am so excited for you," said Mrs. Wood. "We have worked together for a long time and I look forward to our working together now."

Mrs. Newell, whose Republican challenger Richard Rowell accumulated fewer than 95 votes, said that she was pleased that she would be returning to the board, but equally excited about the significance of Tuesday's election outcomes.

"I'm proud to be a Democrat tonight. I'm proud we're taking a turn in a new direction in Winston-Salem," said Mrs. Newell, who will

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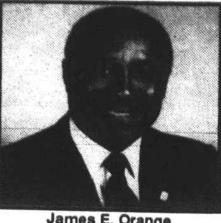
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