

What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

CIVIC CENTER FUN...The PI PHI CHAPTER of the OMEGA PSI PHI FRATERNITY sponsored a real super get down affair last Friday night at Charlotte's Civic Center.

The function was the Q's annual "Mardi Gras," where some of the guests dressed in competition for one of several prizes given away "to the best costumed individual and-or couple."

This grand party began around 9 p.m., even though most of the people started filtering in around 10. Before the majority of the guests really got an opportunity to find their tables and settle down, they were rocked and rolled by the big sounds of Opus 7 from Winston-Salem.

Dressed in very colorful garb, this musical



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aggregation played all the latest tunes in a style that was better than the original sounds in some instances, and as good in the others.

The mood for the evening was a very gay one, that afforded the participants the opportunity to chat with friends, dance the week's frustrations away, and frolic with their mates.

Bill Davis, offensive line coach for South Carolina State College and his lovely wife Ozzieta were among the guests. Ken Harris, Republican candidate for Mayor of Charlotte was there. Art Norman, newscaster for WSOC-TV was also on hand along with, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Johnson, Henry Wallace and Carolyn Davis who will be wed very soon, Judge Clifton Johnson, Vinson Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Cousar, Eddie McGirt, head (football) coach at Johnson C. Smith University and many more friends, enjoying what the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity had to offer.

Oren McCullough, Tennyson Johnson, James Dixon, and all of the other Q brothers did a fantastic job in organizing their biggest Mardi Gras yet.

FAREWELL JAM...Some old Johnson C. Smith friends and WCCB co-workers gathered recently for a bon voyage bash at 1027 McAlway Road.

The party was given for Ruth "Dee" Edwards who's taking a position as assistant Traffic Manager at a TV station in her home town of Charleston, South Carolina.

Some of the people that enjoyed the folly, but didn't enjoy the reason for having it, were Terri McRae, Vaudrey Funderburke, Amy Lovelace, Dean Coley, Howard Ballou, Debra Gates, Robbie Thompson, Betsy Hardy, Debbie Brice, Ron Johnson, Thomas Jackson, Daniel Stradford, Clara White, and Oliver Blue.

The group really got off til the early morning hours to the contemporary sounds furnished by Cunningham and White.

DID YOU KNOW...While the dust still stirs over famous rock singer Elvis Presley's untimely death, one man is taking it as just a matter of fact, Arto R. Aaron.

Toe, as he is called by his friends, has had opportunity to cash in on Elvis' death, but he refused.

Elvis trained under Arto when he was a soldier in the 25th tank battalion at Fort Hood, Texas.

Got any more goodies, Toe?

DISCO FUN...THE CHARLOTTE BRANCH OF THE NAACP held a gigantic fall disco last Sunday at The Gallery on East Morehead Street, with WGIV's Ron Cunningham at the helm.

The event was a definite success, thanks largely to the efforts of Al Rousseau and his wife June, C.J. Cowan, Kelly Alexander Jr., and the Gallery staff.

Free albums were given away through the courtesy of the promotion people at Columbia and WEA Records.

Among the participants in this dance function were William Fox, Brenda Hankins, Gloria Talbert, Harold Osborne, Kevin Stone, Emma Ragin, Lester Harrell, Calvin Meaks, Bobby Leake, Jennifer Williams, Kim Alexander, Robin Paige, Dianne Roberts, Alvin Pewter, Gloria Norman, Jerry Starks, Cynthia Bownan and Phil Hodges.

YOUTH PROGRAM...The Youth Department of The Mecklenburg General Baptist Association sponsored a "Mecklenburg Contest and Fall Fashions Galore" program recently at the Greenville Neighborhood Center, 1130 Spring Street.

Susie Norton was the mistress of ceremonies for the program that included participation by Elaine Wallace, Gayle Wood, Greta Miller, Doris Mobley and Rev. F. A. Griffin.

Sandra Smith narrated "Fashions on Parade" featuring church, school, casual and after-five fashions.

Creative dances were done by Rovanda and Leslie Whitaker.

The success of this program was due largely to the efforts of people like Doris Mobley, Perrie M. Norman, and Ona Taylor.

Jim Whittington Says:

"We'll Never Have Any More Ghettos"

By Jacquie Levister
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According to mayoral candidate Jim Whittington, "We will never have any more ghettos in Charlotte Housing Projects." Whittington responded to subjects such as: revitalizing the center city, (notely First and Fourth Wards), safeguards against the development of ghettos, his voting record, leadership initiative taken for the black community and the importance of the black vote to his campaign in a recent interview.

"An architect has been hired and a plan devised for the development of First Ward. The homes that are existing and boarded up are to be moved to a cluster for single family development and restored. The plan is to rebuild a combination open space, single family and individual cluster apartments," Whittington cautiously unfolded the plan



Jim Whittington
...Mayoral candidate

that he supports.

In elation he declared, "The entire council, including Jim Whittington, should get an A for the development of Fourth Ward. We are building Discovery Place, a park and old homes are being restored by young people backed by city guaranteed loans. In Fourth

President Carter Names

3 Black U. S. Marshals

President Carter has nominated three blacks to serve as U.S. Marshals. The President has pledged to bring more blacks into the nation's judicial and enforcement areas. Nominated were:

G. William Hunter, Oakland, Calif., to be U.S. attorney for the Northern District of California. Hunter, 34, received a J.D. from Howard University Law School in 1970 and an LL.M. from the University of California's Boalt Law School in 1971. He worked for the Alameda County Legal Aid Society from 1970 to 1972, and for Berkeley Neighborhood Legal Services during 1972. From 1973 to 1976 he was with the Alameda County District Attorney's Office, and since 1976 he has been with the San Francisco District Attorney's Office.

Rufus A. Lewis, Montgomery, Ala., to be U.S. marshal for the Middle District of Alabama. Lewis, 69, received a B.A. from Fisk University in 1931. He has been an Alabama State Representative since 1974.

Bradford-Hoskins

Action Group Plan

Second Attic Sale

The Bradford-Hoskins Action Group is having its second attic sale of the year on Saturday, October 15, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The attic sale will be held in a vacant lot on the corner of Honeywood and Brookshire Boulevard, near the interchange of I-85.

The Bradford-Hoskins Action Group is affiliated with Carolina Action and proceeds from the attic sale will be contributed to Carolina Action. Carolina Action is a community service organization currently involved in getting a park in the area and getting a price reduction on drugs for the elderly.

Par Buster's Sale

An Attic Sale, sponsored by the Par-Busters Auxiliary Group, will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. until, at 515 South Summit Ave. The sale will proceed regardless of the weather.

Ward we are trying to rebuild a neighborhood within two blocks of the square."

Section 8 of HUD housing guidelines, limits the development of certain subsidized housing of 50 units or less, stipulating that the sites be scattered throughout the city. These guidelines were cited as preventives against the development of ghettos by Whittington.

In reference to having been on council for the past 18 years, 14 as mayor pro-tem, candidate Whittington referred to his record on certain issues of interest to the black community. As stated during general election two years ago, he never opposed district representation. He did oppose the plan the citizens of Charlotte eventually passed.

"Those of us opposed to district representation on April 19 felt it was too much too soon. A small segment of the population got their own petition and drew their own plan. I opposed having the majority of council members not elected by the majority of the voters. The 4-3 plan was the plan I favored," he further explained.

The Belmont Regional Center received a negative vote from Whittington who disclaimed any opposition to the center but to building the new structure that he recalls was "several hundred thousand dollars above the budget." "I thought the money would be better spent using the Johnson Y facility that already existed."

The voting record of Jim Whittington verifies a positive nod toward affirmative action, allocation of funds for public housing and various issues of concern to the black community. On a level of leadership initiative for the black community, he referred to his support of black administrative level city employees, while saying that most programs are initiated on the federal or state government level, leaving local government to either accept or deny said program.

Whittington did add that he was an initiator of Urban Renewal and continued by saying he is the only one there (on council) that was there when it began.

"The black citizens of Charlotte are as important to me as are those of all other sections of the city," Whittington added, "I try to run a cam-

paign that is attractive to all the citizens. Jim Whittington wants every opportunity he can get in the black community after they have talked to me, let them make up their own minds."

The interview concluded with Whittington's reply to his certainty of capturing the black vote: "I'm not speculating about anything."

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