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JCSU Launches \$2 Million Drive

Johnson C. Smith University will publicly launch a \$2 million "New Era of Excellence" local capital campaign on November 7 under the experienced guidance of a standout group of Charlotte business and community leaders.

"General Chairman, John B. Stedman (president of Republic Bank and Trust Company), has assembled an impressive staff in our behalf," noted Johnson C. Smith University President, Dr. Robert L. Albright. "The enthusiastic response and ready willingness of the Charlotte community leadership

Survey: 26% Young Blacks Registered

Ten percent of all registered black voters and more than one-fourth (26 percent) of all young black voters between the ages of 18 and 24 have registered since January 1984, according to a national survey whose results were released today by the National Urban League.

These findings, according to the NUL, reflect the effectiveness of the various registration campaigns that have been conducted in various communities across the country as well as the increasing interest in the political system that has been fostered among blacks.

One thousand individuals were interviewed for the survey which was conducted for the NUL by EVAXX, Inc., a black owned New York City based evaluation group using the polling mechanism of the National Black Omnibus.

Among other findings was that the percentage of registered blacks has increased from 75 percent in 1981 to a current level of 79 percent. The survey also reported that when non-registered blacks were asked why they did not vote, 14 percent said "I'm not eligible"; and 12 percent said "I don't really understand enough about the voting process to get involved."

Another 7 percent found it too difficult to get to the polls; 5 percent reported the attitude that voting is "somebody else's game," and 3 percent said they had stopped trying to vote because of past problems connected with voting. Some 48 percent listed "some other reason," but did not specify the reason. The survey is subject to a 5 percent margin for error.

Aged Advocate

Speaking on behalf of America's senior citizens, New Orleans Mayor Ernest Morial told members of the U.S. Conference of Mayors that American cities must develop a new strategy for aiding the elderly.

"City officials cannot afford to be the grasshoppers who fiddle away their summers expecting the future age of America to take care of themselves," Morial said. "This nation will only have a prayer if it continues to make a commitment at all levels of government to the elderly and their rights to equal and gainful employment, to sufficient health care and community participation, to quality and affordable housing, and independent living."



The flowers of tomorrow are in the seeds of today.

in contributing their tremendous efforts and resources has been a gratifying show of support for our efforts and new directions at the university."

Top campaign leaders include Honorary Chairman James J. Harris; Vice Chairman the Honorable Harvey B. Gantt, Mayor of Charlotte; and Vice Chairman Rolfe Neill, president and publisher of The Charlotte Observer and The Charlotte News.

Division Chairmen are Edward E. Crutchfield Jr. (Advance Gifts); Leroy Robinson (Major Gifts); John Lewis (Major Gifts II); Thomas P. Johnson Jr. (Special Gifts); John T. Fielder (National Gifts); Robert C. Schroeder (Board of Visitors); Judge Horace A. Davenport (Family); Scott Carter Lea (Kickoff Committee); and Robert J. Sailstad (Advisor).

"Charlotte's record of community support in campaigns is the envy of the Carolinas," remarked Mr. Stedman. "Just as in the recently completed United Way campaign, every effort the city gets behind is a success."

"There are no figureheads on the Johnson C. Smith University capital campaign staff," pointed out Harvey Gantt. "Every single member has been putting in long hours to make this important appeal an overwhelming success."

If the \$2 million goal is met, Johnson C. Smith University will receive an additional \$750,000 in matching challenging grants from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation (\$350,000), the Busch Foundation (\$250,000), and the United Negro College Fund (\$150,000).

The "New Era of Excellence" capital campaign will officially be opened with a news conference and kickoff dinner on Wednesday, November 7. The 2 p.m. news conference will be held on the campus. The kickoff dinner at the Charlotte Marriott City Center at 7 p.m., will feature guest speaker John T. Templeton, world renowned financial analyst and investment counselor.

Free Bus Service

The City of Charlotte in cooperation with the League of Women Voters will provide free transit service on election day, November 6, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. To take advantage of this free service, voters must show their voter registration card to the bus driver.

For specific route and schedule information for Charlotte Transit buses, call 336-3366.

Will Jim Polk Replace Phil Berry?

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer

Who will replace Phil Berry as the unopposed candidate for the State Senate 33rd District will be decided Thursday by a precinct vote. James K. Polk Sr., is one of the contenders for the office.

If selected, Polk will be the first State Senator from the recently drawn predominantly black district. This is the first election year in which there have been single-member districts, as opposed to at-large elections.

Polk, who is president of Management Manpower Associates, Inc., ran for the State Senate in 1982, when the district included both Mecklenburg and Cabarrus Counties. He cites education, economic development - "the recruitment of good industry for jobs" - and what to do about inventory and intangibles taxes as some of the issues that will need to be dealt with in Raleigh.

An advocate of small business, Polk has been involved in legislation of concern to small business owners. He is also an advocate on women's issues, especially as they relate to "the working poor." He supports women's rights on the national level, as well as on the state level.

Polk's community involvement, he believes, would be of great benefit as a State Senator. "I've been involved over a long period of time as a community activist," he



Donna Ivey
.....Olympic High junior

In Teen-Ager Pageant Donna Ivey Is Excited About Her Involvement

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

Sixteen-year-old Donna Ivey is a Charlotte finalist for the "Miss North Carolina National Teen-Ager Pageant" coming up in April, 1985.

"I never thought I'd be in a beauty pageant," says Donna, adding that she was sent an application for the contest through her school. The application requested information concerning grade point average, community work, clubs and leadership. Donna sent the application off along with her photograph and soon learned that she was qualified.

Now Donna is busy securing ads and sponsorships to raise the necessary \$300 to participate in the contest. This money will cover her expenses for a three-day stay in Raleigh, where the pageant is to take place.

Other preparations for the contest include deciding upon a talent or the alternative of writing a 100 word essay entitled, "What's Right About America." Donna states she will sing but hasn't decided yet what song. Donna also will need a red, white and blue western outfit as well all the girls for their opening extravaganza. During the show she will appear in an evening gown and a casual skirt suit.

"I'm very excited," admits Donna. "And scared," she adds. Donna confesses that because the pageant is to be aired on television

she is pretty nervous. However, she states, "There will be classes to instruct us (the contestants) on how to be self-assured before the cameras." Donna knows it's important to be confident during the show for the contestants will be judged on, among other things, personality and poise.

Donna is a junior at Olympic High School. She is a member of the Media Club and the recently initiated service club called, Elements. Donna also keeps the minutes at the meetings of the Upward Bound program as she is the secretary.

These extracurricular activities have paid off for Donna since they were the criteria which got her into the Miss N.C. Teen-ager Pageant. If she wins, Donna may walk away with \$1,000 in cash or fly away on an expense-paid trip to Hawaii.

The contest is still some time away, so Donna occupies her time doing her favorite activities such as disco skating and going to a favorite spot for teenagers, Queens Park Movies. "I like to meet the people who go there," relates Donna about the giant cinema.

Donna is also interested in pursuing her career goal in computer science. Though she has a year to go in high school she's already considering college. "I'd like to attend UNC-Chapel Hill or North Carolina State," she claims. Her favorite subject in school is French and she hopes to visit France one day.



James K. Polk
.....33rd District contender

points out, "My broad experience in community and political affairs would serve me well to be an effective Senator." His work on state level committees has made him instrumental in introducing bills in the Legislature. "Because of my statewide political involvement, I've gotten to know the leadership and they've gotten to know me," he continues. "This would help me get off to a fast start."

Polk's management consultant firm also takes him around the state and has acquainted him with people in all areas of North Carolina.

The elder of Grier Heights Presbyterian Church is a native Charlottean. He presently serves as Chairman of the Black Political Caucus; is Treasurer of the North Carolina Association of Minority Businesses; serves on the boards of the Charlotte Uptown Development Corporation, the Salvation Army, the Greater Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, the Greater Charlotte Foundation, and Democratic Men's Clubs; and is a member of the North Carolina Council on the Status of Women, the Committee to Preserve and Restore Third Ward, Grier Heights Community Development Corporation, the State Executive Committee of the Democratic Party, and the Allocation and Review Board of the United Way.

Polk graduated from the former Clear Creek High School in the old Hickory Grove section of Charlotte and attended Johnson C. Smith and Temple University in Philadelphia.

His previous business experience includes a marketing position with Success Motivation Institute, and the Executive Directorship of the Charlotte Bureau on Employment Training and Placement. He was also, at one time, president of Grier Funeral Services.

He and his wife, Dorothy, have six grown children and 10 - soon to be 11 - grandchildren.

Culp Predicts Record Turnout

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer

In a few days, it'll all be over - the political advertising, the ever-changing percentages on who's ahead, the campaign literature in the mailbox, the wait at the polls, the victory celebrations, and the concessions of defeat. Campaign '84 will be history.

According to Mecklenburg County Elections Supervisor Bill Culp, local voter turnout in this year's election is projected at 80 percent of the registered voters, over 200,000. As of press time, the incomplete voter registration figure was 238,168.

This figure includes 150,895 registered Democrats, 73,671 Republicans, 13,515 unaffiliated, and 86 Libertarian. Women out-registered men by a significant margin: black females, 28,648; black males, 19,758; white females, 101,712; white males, 87,621; other females, 211; other males, 216. Overall, that's 130,571 women to 107,595 men registered in Mecklenburg County.

The 111 polling places in the County will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday. It is recommended that you fill out a sample ballot at home and bring it with you to speed up the voting process.

If your polling place has voting machines, you'll find the bond issues across the top, along with a Constitutional amendment requiring Attorney General and District Attorneys to be duly authorized to practice law. Offices to be voted on are President-Vice President (besides Democratic and Republican, there are also Libertarian and Socialist Workers candidates), U.S. Senator, Member of Congress-9th

NAACP Stresses

Voter Education

For Blacks

Special To The Post

The NAACP continues to run its voter education program in high gear as it races to awaken blacks to the importance of voting November 6.

In a recent mailing to the NAACP's 1,800 branches throughout the country, Joseph Madison, director of voter registration and education, urged branch presidents to "move your community in great numbers to the polls this November."

Madison reminded NAACP leaders that this presidential election "may well be the most important election in recent years for black Americans."

Blacks, he said, should remember that under the Reagan Administration "many of the landmark achievements of the civil rights movement have been weakened or threatened with elimination."

This rollback includes the slashing of \$40 million from human needs programs, \$6.2 million from Aid to Families with Dependent Children, and \$1.4 million from the Comprehensive Employment Training Act's job training programs, as the November issue of "Black Enterprise" magazine reports.

Benjamin L. Hooks, NAACP executive director, has also been troubled by statistics showing that the national black unemployment rate is 16 percent compared to six percent for white males, and the poverty rate for black families is 36 percent, the highest figure in 18 years.

"The very essence of freedom and justice is being altered to mean something alien to their meaning and we will become the victims," Madison warned in his letter to branches.

NAACP units have been instructed to conduct voter education campaigns in their communities to discuss pertinent political issues affecting blacks and other minorities. Voter education literature has been provided to branches for distribution. "Believe It...One Vote Can Make a Difference," is the main theme. "Roll Call! Of Those Who See NAACP On Page 2A



Bill Culp
.....Election supervisor

District, Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, State Auditor, Attorney General, Commissioners of Agriculture, Insurance, and Labor, Supt. of Public Instruction, Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of Court of Appeals, Superior Court Judges, District Court Judges, Board of County Commissioners, Register of Deeds, Soil and Water Conservation District Supervisor, State Senators, and State House Representatives. (Now I understand why some people prefer to simplify things and just vote a straight ticket!)

There are four Charlotte bond issues to be decided: Coliseum bonds, street improvement, water, and sanitary sewer bonds.

On the local level, the issues center around human services, education, day care, balanced growth for the County, and waste disposal. On the State level, issues include education, the State's economy and jobs, crime and drugs. Nationally, the economy, federal spending, human services and civil rights, Social Security and Medicare, and peace and the national defense are big issues. Not surprisingly, on state and national levels, at least, the Republican and Democratic Parties differ widely.

If polls have any truth to them, at present, Reagan is way ahead of Mondale. (Unsurprisingly, it's the power structure that is giving President Reagan his big lead. A recent CBS poll indicated that, if white males were excluded from the polling sample, Reagan and Mondale would be running neck-and-neck.)

Hunt and Helms are close for the Senate race. Jim Martin is overtaking Edmisten for Governor. And the 9th District Congressional campaign will be a race to the finish.

Religious Leaders

Rap Jesse Jackson

For TV Appearance

Declaring that "Somebody needs to say something," a New York religious leader has led criticism of the Rev. Jesse Jackson for hosting the "Saturday Night Live" TV show this past Saturday.

Dr. William Jones, founder of the Organization of African American Clergy and pastor of Bethany Baptist Church of Bedford-Stuyvesant, said it was a "dubious distinction" that Jackson was the first black preacher to host the late-night comedy show.

"It is my firm conviction that anytime a pulpit person assumes the role of a showbiz personality, whether in or out of the pulpit, it detracts from the majesty of the pulpit."

In an apparent reference to the \$5000 offered Jackson to host the show, Dr. Jones, a good friend of the former presidential candidate, said, "Saturday Night Live" is a forum for entertainers, not profits.

Another minister, the Rev. Charles Nesbit, president of the Brooklyn-based Metropolitan Ministers Conference, agreed, declaring that Jackson "had no business hosting that thing."

"Jesse Jackson, my friend, is a preacher and I don't agree with him on this one," Rev. Nesbit said.