

Fulani: First Black Female Receives Federal Funds

By Herb White
Post Staff Writer

Lenora Fulani, an independent presidential candidate, became the first black woman to receive federal matching funds for her candidacy.

The Federal Elections Commission voted 5-0 with one abstention last week to match \$205,565.

"I am very proud to be the first black woman to ever qualify for federal matching funds," Fulani said in a prepared statement. "Congratulations to the thousands who have already given. We intend to raise a million matchable dollars before the campaign is through."

Fulani, 38, a New York psychologist, has previously run for Governor of New York and

Mayor of New York.

The New Alliance Party candidate said she supports Jesse Jackson's Democratic candidacy, but in the likely event that he doesn't win his party's nomination, she can be an alternative to the Democratic and Republican nominees.

The matching funds signals the beginning of a serious candidacy, Fulani said.

"It's now the case that 14 presidential candidates have been certified for federal matching funds by the FEC-six Republicans, seven Democrats and myself, the one Independent," Fulani said. "Everywhere I've gone during this campaign so far I've been told that what makes you a serious candidate is qualifying for federal matching funds."

Fulani said the major political parties are out of touch with America and don't make provisions for change at the polls. Independent candidates are hampered because the Republicans and Democrats control the process that makes it difficult for independents to get on the ballot in most states.

Fulani has said she plans to collect enough signatures in each state to have her name on ballots for the November presidential election.

"We've got to build independent politics in this country because the Democrats and Republicans no longer express the viewpoint of the majority of Americans who want such things as decent housing and jobs, a National Health Service and peace," she

said. "The two party political monopoly is unhealthy for the American people."

Fulani said she wants to debate all the announced candidates during the political season. She admits there isn't much of a chance she can become president, but her candidacy is an attempt to open the political process to people who feel the major party candidates aren't addressing the issues.

"Now that I have (received matching funds), I want to be included in each and every aspect of the process-every debate and every forum in which presidential candidates express their views. And in the interest of fairness and democracy, I call on all of the candidates to urge my inclusion. The independent voice needs to be heard."



Fulani

Jackson: "No Axe To Grind" With Sanford

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RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) -- The Rev. Jesse Jackson, campaigning for a "New South" of economic opportunity, asked environmentalists, farmers, blacks and the working man to fashion a political patchwork quilt on the road to the presidency.

"If we pull these patches and pieces together, we form a quilt. We become the new majority, and we can win jobs and peace and justice," Jackson told more than 150 supporters at a breakfast meeting where he announced the opening of his North Carolina headquarters.

Jackson called his presidential campaign the most diverse of any candidate, saying, "We will win by making room for the people." He urged people not to turn their backs on tobacco growers.

"You may be against smoking, but don't be against tobacco farmers," he said. "We cannot just abandon them. There must be some process of transition and there must be some mercy in our management."

While Jackson credited his registration drives for helping Democrats including Sen. Terry Sanford take office in 1986 and regain control of the U.S. Senate, he refused to be drawn into debate over Sanford's endorsement of Al Gore for president.

"To be sure, there is no relationship between his victory and Al Gore, but there is a relationship between our campaign and his vic-



Jackson proposes political patchwork quilt.

tory. That is a legitimate concern, that as we grow, we must have reciprocal voting patterns, reciprocal support patterns ... as we pursue our future."

But he added, "You guys are searching for a Sanford-Jackson fight," he told questioners. "He's not running in this race and I am. I have no axe to grind with the senator."

Jackson showed his usual com-

mand of his audience, drawing applause when he said, "Even lions and lambs find common ground at the point of environment. If the forest is on fire, even lions and lambs will run together."

He drew laughter when he pitted common sense against bureaucracy. "If a mother has five children and two pork chops, she will not go to a computer and

conclude she had three excess children."

In a news conference after the breakfast with supporters, Jackson issued a statement calling for raising the standard of living for all working people.

"The challenges of making a New South can be met if we stabilize our families by stopping the flow of drugs into the country, stopping the flow of jobs out of the country, securing our farms and building up our rural areas," he said.

Jackson also called for cleaning up the environment, raising the minimum wage and enforcing worker safety rules.

"The New South has found common ground in social justice after prolonged struggle," he said. "We must now seek common ground in economic justice."

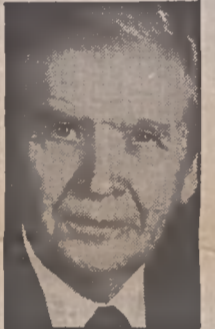
... The fight for economic common ground is the real fight for including all people in a world of full economic participation. We cannot throw away the homeless, the tobacco farmers, the textile workers or the unemployed in rural America."

Majeed Camp Opens Office

Nasif Majeed, west side businessman and candidate for the Democratic nomination for District 2 County Commissioner, has opened his campaign headquarters at 916 W. Fifth St., Suite 102.

Majeed Supporters will hold a grand opening of the headquarters on Saturday, February 13.

Call 333-6922 or 6920 for more information.



Sen. Sanford

Reed Says Flag Represents Racism

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with his two grandsons, said he drove 100 miles to see Reed's attempt to remove the flag.

"I feel strong about it, but it's not racism," said Shaner, 50, a pulpwood hauler. He said the Confederate flag over the Capitol is "all that we have left. It's all been taken away. Next he (Reed) is going to want the name of the South changed."

Reed said he already has won a victory of sorts.

"On a zero-to-100 scale we've already scored a 100, in that people are aware of the preferences of a percentage of the population of the state," Reed said Monday.

Terry Abbott, the governor's press secretary, said security at Reed's request would be beefed up to protect the black leader.

Reed said blacks were disgruntled "with being forced to salute a Confederate battle flag as we salute the most prestigious flag in the free world. That's the United States flag. And the Alabama flag which all of us love and respect."

The battle flag flies beneath the U.S. and Alabama flags over the Capitol, located across the street from the First White House of the Confederacy, the one-time home of Confederate President Jefferson Davis.

Reed has repeatedly promised

Voting Change

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Justice.

Representatives of black groups including the Pitt County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People had charged in a federal lawsuit that the county's method of electing commissioners with countywide voting discriminated against blacks.

Although blacks make up 30 percent of the county population, blacks have failed to win any seats on the board of commissioners.

"We have set out to get a plan whereby black people would have some chance of getting elected as county commissioners," said D.D. Garrett, president of the NAACP. "I think this plan will do it."

to physically remove the flag. The job would require a climb up internal stairwells in the dome and then up an outside ladder to a cupola at the base of the flagpole.

Hunt, who in 1986 became the first Republican elected governor of Alabama since Reconstruction, contends the battle flag is viewed by many as a historic emblem without racial connotation. He said he would remove it only following legislative action.

Reed previously tried to negotiate with Hunt over the issue and had said he would not take any action that might result in his arrest. But on Monday, he said he had withdrawn his final compromise offer and "it is time for me to make good on my promises."

His last proposal would have allowed the state to fly the first official Confederate national flag, known as the "Stars and Bars," in place of the battle flag, which has been flying regularly atop the Capitol since 1961.

BSC Homecoming Feb. 6

The blue and gray colors of Barber-Scotia College will be out in full force on Saturday, February 6th. That's Homecoming '88. And alumni, students, and friends of Barber-Scotia College are "coming back for the good times."

In addition to the basketball game that matches the Sabers against Knoxville College, there will be an exciting schedule of events.

The Homecoming Alumni Banquet, sponsored by the National

Alumni Association, is scheduled for Friday, February 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the College Union Dining Hall. Keynote speaker for the event will be Dr. Tyrone Louis Burkette, the newly named president of Barber-Scotia College. Tickets for the banquet are \$12.00 and can be obtained through the Office of Alumni Affairs.

That was a one-time-only offer and the governor rejected it. That offer no longer stands," said Reed, a Democrat from Tuskegee.

The original Confederate national flag has three broad stripes, with a blue field in the corner with a circle of stars. The battle flag is the more familiar banner, with stars contained within stripes that extend from corner to corner in an X shape.

State Rep. Alvin Holmes, a black Democrat from Montgomery, said he will introduce a resolution in the Legislature to move the flag to a flagpole at the Confederate White House.

Holmes said the battle flag, also known as the naval jack, was raised "in defiance of the federal government" at a time of bitter segregationist resistance in Alabama, coinciding with the Civil War centennial of 1961. Two years later, George C. Wallace became governor with the pledge of "segregation forever."

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