

Delegation Fights For Bennett

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said North Carolina's entire delegation has signed a letter asking for the exemption.

Because Congress won't be in session for the next three weeks, it is not clear what, if any, actions might be taken to remedy the situation.

"We are just hoping that Congressman Hawkins can come up with a solution," said Ed McDonald, Coble's administrative assistant and press secretary.

"When we first got involved in this process, no one was aware that the problem had been created," he told the Greensboro News & Record.

The problem for Bennett and the other schools had its beginnings in 1986 when Congress re-wrote Title III regulations. In doing so, Congress said only historically black colleges could receive money from Part B of Title III.

Furthermore, the intent was that Part A be limited to two-year, Hispanic and native American colleges and other developing institutions.

However, in what has been described as a regulatory oversight, Congress did not specif-



Albright

cally spell out that black institutions be prohibited from competing for both Part A and Part B funds.

Eventually, the U.S. Department of Education ruled that because the language was not specific as to black school participation, those schools should be allowed to compete for both Part A and Part B.

That's what Bennett and several other schools did.

"When Congress found out about it, they were furious," said Robert L. Albright, president of Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, who has been extensively involved in negotiations to work out Title III regulations during the past two years.

Albright said his school did not apply for Part A funds.

"When I saw that we were eligible, I thought we would be breaking faith with the colleagues that helped us get this passed," Albright said, referring to the funds set aside for black schools only.

"Many of our colleagues feel that ... by getting money out of Part A, (black schools) are double-dipping."

Scott said Bennett was not double-dipping because the Department of Education had ruled black colleges could apply for both parts and because the two parts are designed to meet different needs.

"The fairest thing to do is protect us at least for this year," she said.



PHOTO BY RON WILKINS

REV. JESSE JACKSON WAS DAZZLED by the wit and eloquence of Mrs. Isabelle R. Hammond, a 91-year-old great-grandmother, pursuing a bachelor's degree in music at Howard University, during the 17th Annual PUSH Convention Awards Banquet held in Chicago recently. "Education Enriches Everyone" was the convention theme. Mrs. Hammond, (foreground), Mrs. Helen Jackson, Rev. Jackson's

mother; and his mother-in-law, Mrs. Gertrude Brown, were among the honored guests at the PUSH Convention. The Burger King Corporation was a major sponsor. Standing (l-r) are Jackson, PUSH founder; Rev. Billy Kyles, Rev. Clay Evans and Mrs. Juanita Passmore, all PUSH Board members.

Election Board Turned From Findings

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he said. "I'm sure that both the lawyers for Mr. Alexander and Mrs. Gibson are disappointed in the findings. It's very clear that the board wanted to stick with the finding of facts and not make conclusions for Mr. Hurley."

Before the board voted on its staff findings, Alred motioned for a delay in the proceedings, citing insufficient preparation time and Gibson not receiving notice of the meeting. He also asked Ted Arrington, chairman of the board, to withdraw from the proceedings because of his relationship with Alexander. Alred alleged that Alexander sought employment in the political science department at UNC Charlotte, which Arrington heads.

Arrington denied the claim

and declined to remove himself from the hearing.

"If I'm not mistaken, Mr. Alexander is not eligible for employment because he does not have a master's degree in political science," he said. "He has a master's in public administration."

After an exchange of amendments to the findings, board members Ella Talley and Cathy Billmire voted to approve the document for submission to the state board. Arrington did not vote.

Alexander said the exclusion of some expected findings for his case won't seriously hinder his quest to end runoffs, which are outlawed in all but 10 southern states.

"I'm disappointed that some of the stronger language wasn't included," he said. "It's going to be difficult, but it's not where the

situation is too difficult."

Hurley said he and Alexander will keep their options open, which include legislative relief and lawsuits. Hurley admitted that going to court could take some time and the General Assembly traditionally defeats amendments and repeals of state election laws.

"This is going to wind up in federal court," Culp said.

Alexander maintained that runoffs will be a thing of the past a year from now, adding that he will do whatever is required to see that it happens.

"This is about two things, who would be nominated for the office of Register of Deeds but more important is the elimination of second primaries," he said. "We'll skate 'til Hell freezes over if we have to."

Company-Sponsored Care Center Opens

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The Center also offers a drop-in program. "A parent can drop-off their child for a few hours while they shop or go to a meeting. The only thing the parent needs to do is fill out an application," said Kennedy.

The Center is spacious and colorful. Each age group has their own room.

There is also a large, uniquely designed playground area.

The owners, Ray and Cynthia Kennedy should be commended for building such a high quality facility.

Ray is currently executive vice president of Southern National Bank and he holds an MBA degree.

Cynthia is presently administrator/director of University Child Development center. She has taught on the pre-school, junior high and college levels. She has an early childhood educational certificate, a Red Cross First Aid Certificate and an MBA degree.

They are the parents of three children; Calvin, 13, Kimberly, 9, and Mia, 4.

The Center is open from 7 a. m. until 6 p.m. Interested persons are encouraged to take a tour of the facility. For more information call 549-4029.

Current enrollment is 32 and they have a staff of seven. The majority of the staff have four year degrees. When the center

becomes fully occupied there will be 17 staff members.

On August 29 they will begin accepting infants from 6 week of age and up.

Democrats To Hold Rally

CHARLOTTE, NC -- Democratic candidates, elected officials and supporters will celebrate the party's local and national ticket at the 1988 9th Congressional District Democratic Unity Rally from 7-9 p.m., September 23 at the Metro Center, 700 E. 2nd St., across from the Adam's Mark Hotel.

Bob Jordan, candidate for North Carolina Governor; Tony Rand, candidate for Lieutenant Governor; and Mark Scholander, 9th Congressional candidate, will be among the rally's speakers.

As a district-wide show of support for the party ticket in November, the night's festivities will include Greek music, a Gospel choir and a Texas Two-Step band. Traditional hot dogs and lemonade will be served and door prizes will be awarded.

Advance tickets are \$10 each or \$35 for two, which includes special recognition, and may be purchased by contacting Carol Hardison at 366-7059. Tickets are \$12 at the door.

The Democratic Unity Rally has been a part of Charlotte's election tradition for the past 10 congressional races. The event is sponsored by the Young Democrats of Mecklenburg County.

Fair Share

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tive director of the National Congressional Club, a group linked with Sen. Jesse Helms (R-N.C.).

"You gotta be kidding," Wrenn told The News and Observer of Raleigh. "It looks like a mighty liberal, pro-Democratic Party group for the Republican state party chairman to be joining."

Hawke, interviewed at the Republican National Convention last week, said he didn't know if the \$10 he gave Schatzman constituted membership in the NAACP or support a fair share agreement. But Schatzman said Hawke knew what he was doing.

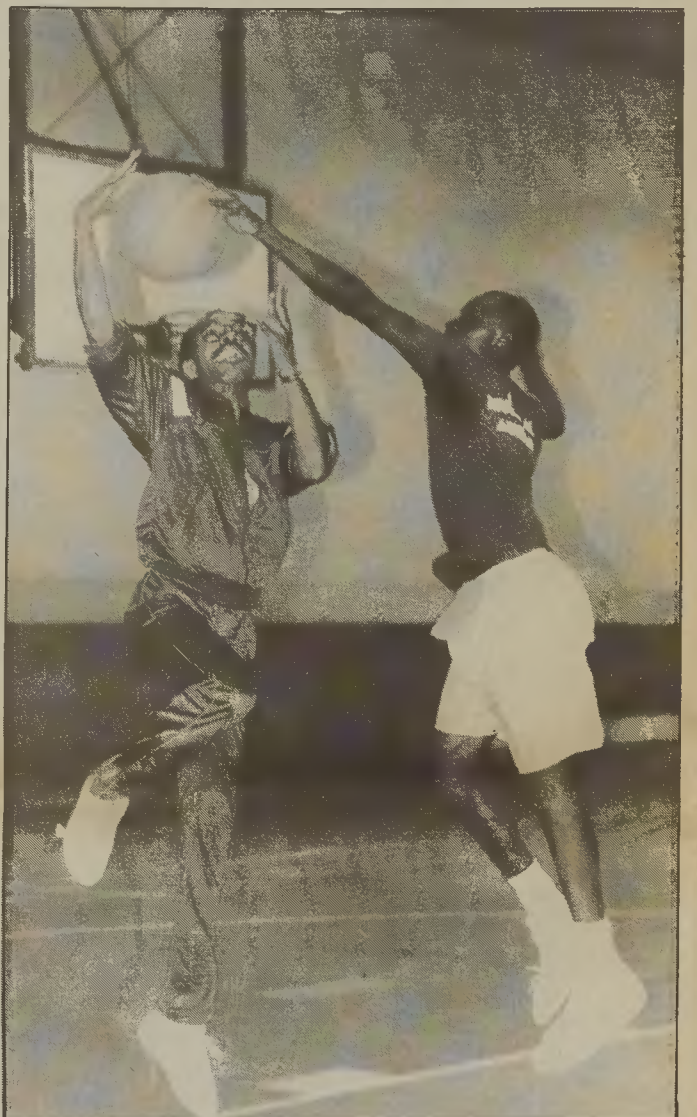
"When I asked him to join, I didn't ask him any differently than I do for anyone else," he said. "I'm a person who will solicit memberships from anybody."

The GOP is an exclusionary party made up primarily of whites, said Rodney Sumler of Winston-Salem, the NAACP's public relations director and a Republican. The Democrats, however, take blacks for granted.

"The Republican Party has ignored the black vote," he said. "On the other hand, the Democrats take us for granted. It's almost like we're in a catch-22."

Wrenn's remarks, Sumler said, are indicative of the type of mind-set the NAACP is working against for more black participation in politics. He said the best way for blacks to become a greater political force is to put away ideological labels and work for a common cause.

"I realize that the Democrats encompass many special interest groups and so does the Republicans," he said. "That's why my membership card to the NAACP is more important to me than my membership card to any political party."



Photo/CALVIN FERGUSON

AT THE ERWIN CENTER in Gastonia, Charlotte Post Publisher Gerald Johnson took to the basketball court with a Gastonia youth. The Charlotte Post is expanding its coverage into the Gaston County area with the Alliance. Hopefully the newspaper will cover the news a lot better than Johnson is handling this game of basketball.

VD Rate Rises In Blacks

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The rate for Hispanic males rose 7 percent, from 66 to 71 cases per 100,000, while the rate for Hispanic women rose 24 percent, from 18 to 22.

In contrast, the rate for white males dropped from 6.4 to 5.7 cases per 100,000, apparently due to a drop in syphilis among homosexual men. The rate for white females rose, but still at small levels, from 2.2 to 2.6, the CDC said.

The increase in syphilis appears to be concentrated in a few urban areas; 57 percent of all U.S. cases last year were report-

ed in Florida, California and New York.

In its report, the CDC suggested several steps to curb the increase in syphilis, including a move to "re-emphasize the traditional methods of syphilis control --- interviews and sex partner notification."

The agency also suggested screening for sexually transmitted diseases in high-risk populations, assuring better access to medical care with speedy service and evening hours, and further surveillance efforts to monitor the problem.

Allen Appointment Won't Change Reagan Policies

By Chester A. Higgins, Sr., NNPA News Editor

Washington, DC - President Ronald Reagan's appointment of William Barclay Allen chair the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, filling the vacancy left by the death of Clarence M. Pendleton, Jr., earlier this year, will not change the conservative direction of that federal watchdog body, observers agree.

Barclay declares that he's "not a civil rights leader--nor a black leader. I am rather an accomplished professional, whose professional and civic lives demonstrate a commitment to the ideal of equal rights for all..."

Dr. Barclay, 44, who is black, married and the father of two teenagers, is a professor of government at Harvey Mudd College. He resides in Claremont, California and, according to Rights Commission spokesman John Eastman, like Pendleton he "objects to use of race conscious remedies for civil rights problems."

In a statement after learning of the President's decision to name him chairman, Allen said:

"The commission on Civil Rights was never intended to become an arm of advocacy groups in the civil rights movement. Nor has its chairman characteristically been such an advocate. Indeed, Chairman Pendleton was the first bona fide civil rights leader to hold the post. (Pendleton was once a National Urban League official). The prominent chairs prior to his tenure were Arthur Fleming and Father Theodore Hesburgh. They were chosen not to represent the specific interest of advocacy groups, but rather the interest of all Americans."

The Commission's next meeting is September 8-9, in Los Angeles. Top agenda item will be the impact demographics will have on civil rights laws and major reform, according to Eastman. Theme of the meeting: "Changing perspective on Civil Rights."

Members in addition to Allen, Berry, Chan and Cardenas are Murry Friedman, vice chairman; Robert Destro, Esther Buckley and Francis Guess, a total of eight.

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