

Tuskegee Mayor Johnny Ford visits campus

The mayor of Tuskegee, Ala., the Honorable Johnny Ford, Sr., the first Black in the city's history to be elected to the office in 1972, was at NCCU Thursday, Sept. 27 to discuss the need for student voting and leadership.

In April 1982, Ford was also elected president of the National Conference of Black Mayors, an organization representing 249 Black mayors across the country.

Mayor Ford's political career started in 1968, when he became a campaign strategist for the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. Following Sen. Kennedy's assassination, he returned to Tuskegee to become Executive Coordinator for the Tuskegee Model Cities Program from 1969-1970. From 1971-1972, he served as state supervisor for Community Relations, United States Department of Justice, Montgomery, Alabama.

Deeply committed to and involved in the community, Mayor Ford serves on numerous boards of local organizations and agencies. He organized the Macon County Council of Government, a member of the Tuskegee Community Relations Committee, on the Board of the John Andrew Community Hospital, organized, and a member of, the Mayors' Commission for the Department of Cultural Affairs along with many others. Mayor Ford is also concerned about the development and well being of our youths. He is a member of the Carver District of Boy Scouts and the Tuskegee Chapter, Jack and Jill of America, Inc., and participates and spends a considerable time organizing and promoting the various activities of these organizations.

On the national and state level, he was organizer of Alabama Coordinating Council of Minority Economic Development, a member and secretary to Executive Committee of the South Central Economic District, a member of the Governor's Manpower Ancillary Committee and the Governor's Tourism Council, board member of the Alambal League of Municipalities and the National League of Cities, a board member of the Southeast Alabama Sickle Cell Association. He was appointed by the President to

serve on the Presidential Advisory Committee on Federalism. Mayor Ford is chairman of the Alabama Southern Leadership Conference, and serves on the National Board of SCLC. He is also co-chairman of the National Committee for a Two Party System.

The recipient of the Freedom Humanitarian Award, Mayor Ford has been chosen for many honors, in-

cluding mentions in "Personalities of the South", "Outstanding Young Men of America", "Who's Who in America", and "International Biographies" (London, England). He was also named "Honorary Citizen" of Banjul, the Gambia, West Africa, ancestral home of Alex Haley, and Sister City to Tuskegee, Alabama, along with being awarded the key to the city.



Johnny Ford, Mayor of Tuskegee, Ala.

Can you vote in N.C.?

New laws enhance student eligibility

The N.C. Association Of Black Lawyers

How can students qualify to vote in North Carolina?

It's a fairly routine procedure, but you better watch out that your eligibility is not denied through the use of unconstitutional questionnaires.

If you haven't registered, you need to by Oct. 10 at the Board of Elections in the Durham City Hall.

If you are registered in another state, you need to send for an absentee ballot before Oct. 10.

Students who attempt to register in North Carolina will be questioned closely to determine if they are in fact residents of North Carolina and the county they are in. As long as these questions are answered in good faith, the registrar will probably approve them. Students should be honest and forthright, and they need to understand the importance and impact of their answers.

The key question is whether it is the student's intent "to make North Carolina his or her home." The Board of Elections operates under the presumption that "a student who leaves his parents' home to go to college is not domiciled in the place where the college is located." Hall v. Board of Elections, 280 N.C. 600, 187 S. E. 2d 52 (1972): The burden is placed on the student to establish his or her domicile in North Carolina and in the particular county that they reside in. "Residence" signifies living in a particular locality while "domicile" means living in that locality with intent to make it a fixed and permanent home. Any student may acquire domicile where his college is situated if he or she stays there indefinitely, Lloyd v. Babb, 296 N.C. 416, S.E. 2d (1979). If the student's intention is to merely attend college in North Carolina and then return home or go to some other place, then he or she is not domiciled in North Carolina.

The fact that the student has a present intention to make

North Carolina his or her home is all that is needed to become a bona fide resident of this state. The student need not intend to stay in North Carolina after graduation from school. The student must, however, abandon his or her domicile in the former homeplace.

If domicile is established, the Board of Elections must allow the student to register. In addition to verbal assurance of present intention to be domiciled in North Carolina, the Board of Elections may look at the following types of evidence:

1. location of bank account(s),
2. registration of automobile,
3. possession of a North Carolina driver's license,
4. where the student is living and with whom,
5. where the person is presently registered to vote,
6. whether the student has contracted for utilities (gas, electric, telephone),
7. status of church membership,
8. where taxes are paid,
9. age, and
10. any other relevant information.

3) Any other method or procedure used to determine residency of any applicant shall be applied in a non-discriminatory manner to all.

All county boards shall inform all registrars, judges and registration commissioners that students may not be denied permission to register where they attend school solely on the grounds that they are living in a dormitory or are students, provided they are otherwise qualified.

If there is any disagreement about domicile, and you feel you have been unfairly denied eligibility, contact the president of your local Student Government Association with the name of the registrar and the date of the incident.

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