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Dr. Adolph Dial Files for Seat in N.C. House of Representatives



Dr. Adolph L. Dial

Support is building from all sectors since Dr. Adolph Dial recently announced his candidacy for the May 8th N.C. House of Representatives race (16th District: Robeson, Scotland and Hoke Counties). Offers of assistance have begun arriving from friends, business

associates, churches, and others who share Dial's concerns. Dial will assemble a central campaign committee to help organize the workload and utilize all offers of help.

Dial is a Robeson County native, long-time professor, historian, farmer-owner, businessman, and humanitarian. Always deeply involved in community service, Dial knows that state office allows a greater capacity for meeting the needs of this district: "As a tree must have fertile soil to grow healthy and strong, our society must have a base of sensible public policy to flourish. Let's stop treating the symptoms, but grow a healthy society from the root of solid policy-making decisions," Dial said. In the next months Dial will spend much of his time and seemingly limitless energy making personal appearances to get his message across and hear voters' concerns.

Dial bases his platform on a solid balance of issues. This balance emphasizes responsible state spending, toughness on crime, and at the same time protection of human rights and our environment. Dial recognizes the negative effect of unemployment. He said, "The poverty and hopelessness caused when a man or woman can't find a job not only hurts that family, but brings us all down." As an educator, he knows a good education is more than ever essential to supporting a family. The Dial campaign slogan, more than just a motto, sums it up: "Adolph Dial—building a world for all of us."

The 1990 campaign will try to reach more voters than ever before. Dial's 1988 campaign came within 147 votes of taking a seat in the N.C. House of Representatives. In the 1990 election, three seats will be filled in the N.C. House, 16th District. Each voter is allowed three votes. This should be a very exciting race, indeed! Remember to cast your vote May 8th.

Submitted by the Dial for the House Campaign

Chancellor Oxendine NCAE Meeting A Different Attitude Needs to be Developed Toward Testing

Raleigh-The setting was the N.C. Association of Educators' (NCAE) Minority Affairs and Human Relations Commissions' 1990 Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Banquet with over 200 in attendance here Jan. 12, and Dr. Joseph B. Oxendine, in his seventh month as chancellor of Pembroke State University, used his opportunity as guest speaker to call for a different attitude toward testing.

In the audience were several state legislators and other state officials including the attorney general.

At the very outset, Dr. Oxendine told those assembled he was not present to deliver a Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial lecture because "I simply do not feel capable of doing that."

He said he did want to make a few comments regarding Dr. King, pointing out that both Dr. King and he attended the same alma mater (Boston University) where Dr. Oxendine earned both his Master's and Doctoral degrees in Education and Dr. King earned his doctorate.

"At the time I received my degree, several years after he had earned his, he was invited back to that commencement exercise to receive an honorary doctoral degree for his early work in the Civil Rights movement. This was in June of 1959, well before his name became a household word. This early recognition of the significance of his work during the 1950's made me even more proud of my graduate school alma mater," said Dr. Oxendine.

The PSU chancellor added: "The older, and perhaps wiser I become, the more I can appreciate the wisdom of non-violence and the power of education as a means for addressing human problems." Dr. Oxendine said the forces of education, non-violence and noble dreams offer the major hope for overcoming "the ills in our society."

He said, "those of us who grew up during the 30's, 40's and 50's recognize the liabilities of a segregated society and the rather permanent scars and distortions that are left with Indians, blacks and whites as a result of the culture of that period."

He added, "The earlier we can provide a climate of cultural diversity, the better chance we have of preventing the permanency of those scars."

Dr. Oxendine said that one of the sources of pride at PSU "is its prominent three-way racial diversity which is unparalleled in this state and perhaps in the nation."

In the field of education, Dr. Oxendine said, "We must search for a mechanism for overcoming the great inequities which now exist in the public schools throughout the state. One's opportunity for education should not be restricted by race nor the economic status of parents."

He noted the great disparity in scores among children in different parts of the state, saying, "I am convinced that these great variations in scores have nothing to do with basic intelligence, but are related to quality of education, both in school and the climate at home."

Dr. Oxendine said that "the use of tests, including standardized tests, need not be negative exercises" as some have made them out to be. His topic was: "Tests Can Be Fun."

"Having been a teacher of children's games in school and an observer of children generally, I have noted the universal desire of children to 'test themselves' in terms of how fast they can run, how far they can throw, how tall they have gotten, how well they can count, or read, or numerous other 'testing' items. In addition, the popularity of television's 'Jeopardy,' the Trivial Pursuit Game, crossword puzzles and other such testing programs convince me that adults, too, like to take tests."

The problem, said Dr. Oxendine, comes "when we inform them (children) that they can't do what we want them to do or can't do as well as someone else." In those cases, he said, children who demand that you "watch me watch what I can do" quickly cease that behavior.

Dr. Oxendine said children's "willingness to take a try at it, and get feedback is a great learning technique."

He expressed the belief that "test taking makes us better test takers and makes us more comfortable in showing off what we can do." Dr. Oxendine said he is convinced "that we will find a receptivity among school officials, parents and others if we virtually deluge them with information about what we are doing and what we are finding out."

In doing this, he said, "We should describe the ability and achievement

of our children at all levels and discuss the conditions or changes which are likely to improve student performances."

In conclusion, Dr. Oxendine pointed out: "Regular, on-going information from the early years, along with proper identification of that information, not only provides a satisfactory rationale for administrators and the community, but also offers the best opportunity for securing the resources necessary to improve those programs. So we are not going to 'stop the flood of required tests,' but we can give direction to those concerns. We can take control of the testing programs rather than having the test machinery control us."



Dr. Joseph B. Oxendine, Chancellor of Pembroke State University.

Child Care Scholarships Available

Low-income working families with children needing child care can apply to the Robeson County Church and Community Center for a Child Care Scholarship which can assist with up to 3/4 of the cost. Make application with Nancy Ford, Robeson County Church and Community Center, 788-5204.

Felicia Wilkins Turner Receives Doctorate From Penn State

Felicia Wilkins Turner became the 27th candidate to graduate from the American Indian Leadership Program at the Pennsylvania State University, completing a Doctorate in Education. Her minor was in Public Administration.

In 1984-85 Dr. Turner received a fellowship for the American Indian Leadership Program at Pennsylvania State University to pursue a Master's Degree. Once the degree was completed she was encouraged to continue her studies in order to obtain a Doctorate Degree. "I felt very honored to have received this very competitive award," she stated. "The year I was selected only three candidates from across the nation were awarded. I was extremely honored when the Penn State Education Faculty offered me the doctorate opportunity," she continued. The very rigorous program required participants to enroll in Indian Education courses in addition to regular departmental curricula.

Dr Turner spent most of her former years in Baltimore, MD. In 1977 she received a B.S. Degree in Mathematics from Pembroke State University. She taught both junior and senior high school mathematics for the Robeson County School System. Later, she was employed with Pembroke State University as assistant director of the Givens Performing Arts Center. She began her graduate studies in August, 1984.

Dr. Turner conducted a quantitative research analysis using the Harvard Statgraf Computer Statistics Program. Her dissertation, "An Analysis of the Effectiveness of Bureau of Indian Affairs and Tribally Controlled Schools in the Teaching of Reading and Mathematics" was a very timely and needed study. She spent several weeks with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, Washington, D.C. conducting research. While there she served as a member of the Effective School Movement Committee. This Committee, known B.E.S.T. (Bureau Effective School Team) was in the midst of designing and implementing Effective School Principles and Practices within both Bureau and tribally controlled school in the U.S., Hawaii and Alaska.

While a student at Penn State, Dr. Turper was involved with several university activities. Through the student activities office she coordinated the one-time visit of Miss Indian USA as part of the University celebration activities for the football National Championship. She also played an instrumental part in organizing the newly-formed Penn State Chapter of the National Organization of Women of Color. She served on the executive committee of the American Indian Leadership Program Organization. Additionally she served on the Committee for Minority Affairs and was selected to a 12-member executive search committee appointed by the University President, Bryce Jordan, to select a candidate for vice president of Minority Affairs at Penn State. "I felt very comfortable in the role due to my involvement with Pembroke State," she stated.



Dr. Felicia W. Turner is shown delivering the key note speech for the graduating banquet. Approximately 200 attended.

Dr. Felicia Turner's research was dedicated to her parents—the late Roscoe Wilkins and Gretchen Oxendine Wilkins of Route 10, Lumberton. She resides with her husband, Charles, and children, Randall, Teresa, Ginger and granddaughter Amberly Felicia at Route 10, Lumberton.

Dr. Turner received several gifts and notes of congratulations and was honored recently at the home of friends, Olivia and Gervais Oxendine of Southern Pines.

Fifteen members of Dr. Turner's family traveled to Penn State University in Pennsylvania for her graduation exercise. They included her husband, Charles; daughters, Teresa and Ginger; mother, Gretchen Wilkins; sister Judith Locklear and daughter Shmora; aunts, Alice O. Blue and Mrs. Telma Oxendine and cousin, Elaine Hawks and daughter Amanda. Those traveling from Virginia and Maryland included a brother, Sawyer Wilkins and uncle, Ronnie Oxendine and wife Barb; and cousins, Connie and Dennis Bush.

Currently Dr. Turner is doing consultant work with the U.S. Department of Education in Washington, D.C.

Robeson County Talent Show Planned

A Robeson County Talent Show is being planned for January 19, 1990 at Pembroke Elementary School beginning at 7:30 p.m. The event is sponsored

by the Concerned Citizens for Better Government.

Local talent is being recruited to participate. Anyone interested in competing for various prizes

should call 521-0349 or 521-4298. The winner of the talent show will have their video sent to Talent Search and may be eligible to perform on that national television show.

Pembroke Kiwanis Meets by Ken Johnson

Judge Dexter Brooks was the principle speaker at the Tuesday night meeting at the Town and Country Restaurant.

"We are living in a world of change," said Judge Brooks. People of reason sit down and try to redraw the boundaries of countries. Napoleon played a great part in redrawing the boundaries and the balance of power changed due to the military power of the stronger nations.

military change. However, Judge Brooks pointed out, military warfare is changing to Global Economic warfare with Japan as an economic leader and Russia is far behind with

no one interested in acquiring the rubles. The United States must also compete economically and cannot afford the huge military outlays. Japan is handicapped by land area and very little natural resources and their farming suffers. Nuclear power

would destroy the planet thus economic power is replacing military power. Russian economy is failing under communism is inferior to the free enterprise system. Our government regulates the economy as does Japan. Russia must go with the rest of the world. Central control will not

work. And now our problem is how will we fit into the new global economy? A truly remarkable discussion by his honor Judge Brooks. This writer can't possibly do justice to a brilliant historical discourse.

New member is Henry Ward Oxendine who has filed for county commissioner. He is Henry II since we have another Henry Ward Oxendine.

Pembroke High School Class of '65 Plans Reunion

Members of the 1965 graduating class of Pembroke High School are encouraged to attend a meeting on Monday night, Jan. 22 at 8 p.m. The meeting will be held at the home of Attie Lowry Locklear, Corinth Road, Pembroke. Members of the class will be meeting to discuss plans for a class reunion. For more information call Ms. Locklear at 521-9814 or 521-3033 or call Charity Revels at 521-3826 or 521-3754 for more information.

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