

Hunt And Blacks

Jim Hunt: Does he stand on his own merits as a candidate or is he simply the lesser of two evils?
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Hayes' Connection

Winston-Salem State's Bill Hayes has landed another talented hometown product in Clifton Mack.
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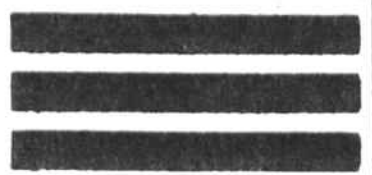


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Helms and Hunt: A race the entire nation will follow with a magnifying glass (photos by James Parker).

As the Helms-Hunt battle wages on, the black vote looms even larger. Still, even some blacks wonder: "Where do you stand, Jim?"

The war continues between Hunt, Helms

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RALEIGH -- The war began even before it was declared.

Though he hadn't officially announced he was running for the seat held by the senior senator from North Carolina -- as he was fully expected to -- Gov. Jim Hunt's range war with incumbent Jesse Helms featured heavy artillery on both sides early: Hunt attacked Helms' record on civil rights and social issues and Helms fired back at Hunt for not taking stands unless the polls deemed it popular for him to do so.

Helms apparently has already written off the black vote, with the exception, perhaps, of the ballot cast by his black press secretary, Claude Allen. But political observers agree that Hunt will heavily depend on the black electorate for what he hopes will be his margin of victory.

Where, as the Helms television ads have asked recently, does the governor stand?

For one thing, Hunt said in a recent interview with the *Chronicle*, behind jobs and education. "I hope very much that black voters will support me as I want all voters to," Hunt said. "I

think black voters ought to vote for me because of my record of bringing in new good jobs for people and my record on improving education and opening it up for more people."

Hunt said that he, more than any other governor, has appropriated money for black colleges, appointed black judges and involved black people in all areas of government. He did so, he said, simply because it was the right thing to do.

"I believe very strongly and I think have acted in such a way as to try to help make this a more humane and fairer state," Hunt said. "I believe that, by word and example, I have indicated my belief in equality, my belief that every human being is created equal and should have equal opportunity, and (I have used) my leadership in such a way as to bring people together to help each other, rather than drive them apart and ... polarize our society."

Still, his black critics maintain that the best thing about Jim Hunt is that he isn't Jesse Helms -- that the black community's expected alliance with him won't be so much to vote for Hunt as to vote against Helms.

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Successor to Patterson YMCA may not be all that was promised

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Two members of the Patterson Avenue YMCA board of directors say the new Winston Lake YMCA will not be the high-quality, fully-equipped facility unveiled as the centerpiece of last year's YMCA fund-raising campaign.

Instead, say Marie Roseboro, who also serves as a member of the national YMCA board of directors, and Dr. Harvey Allen, the Winston Lake building, which will replace the aging Patterson Y, will be smaller than originally planned and will lack many of the extras it was supposed to have.

And they are angry.

Missing from the facility, Roseboro and Allen said earlier this week, will be a raised indoor track, an observation deck for the handball court, a pool-cleaning system, bleachers, kitchen equipment, the amount of activity space initially prescribed and a payment-and-performance bond that would make the contractor or architect liable for whatever may go wrong with the

building rather than the YMCA.

But Brian Cormier, general director of the Metropolitan YMCA, which oversees all of the city's Y facilities, says the building is not being scaled down as much as it is being brought more into line with what was initially planned.

"We had originally planned for 48,000 square feet," Cormier said, "and, when the architect returned the design, it had 56,000 square feet. We now have the facility down to 50,000 square feet. The original plans call for bricks that had to be imported from three states away instead of locally, and we changed that. We are getting back into perspective with what was originally planned."

"Revisions are made at all the facilities," Cormier said. "When the Glade Street YWCA built their building, the women's health club and the landscaping were omitted. This is not unusual and is done all the time. We are not talking about scaling back from the original plans. We are just cutting out some of the things that were ex-

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Youngster fails to identify suspect

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The inability of an 11-year-old to identify the man who she said tried to kidnap her has prevented him from being tried in District Court.

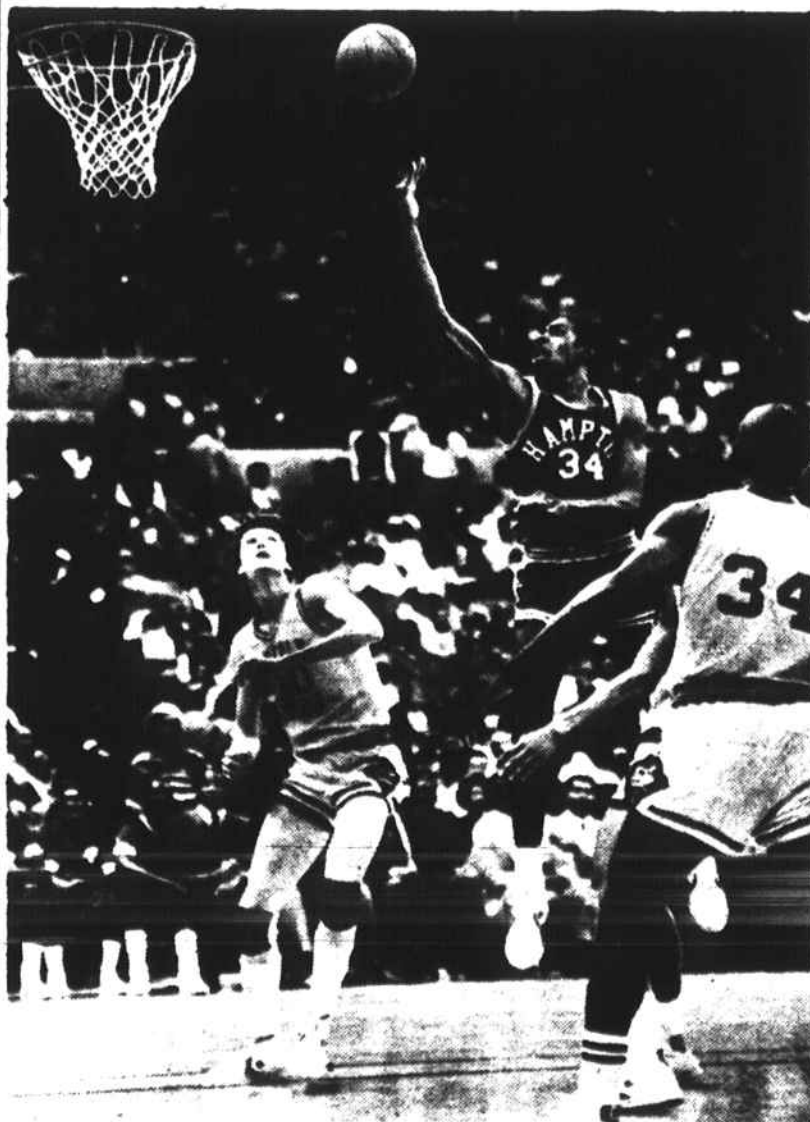
Lewis Carlton, 25, was arrested and charged several weeks ago with attempting to kidnap an 11-year-old Brown Elementary School student. However, because the

witness could not identify Carlton as the man who approached her during a probable-cause hearing Monday morning, Judge James A. Harrill decided that the case lacked sufficient evidence to be tried in court.

When asked to point out the man who attempted to kidnap her, the girl, after looking around the courtroom several times, was unable to do so, said Assistant District

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BLACK COLLEGE SPORTS REVIEW



The Black College Sports Review recounts action from the CIAA, MEAC and SWAC basketball tournaments March 22. Watch for it in the *Chronicle*.

Aldermen table blue law action

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At the suggestion of Alderman Martha Wood, the Board of Aldermen voted unanimously Tuesday night to postpone acting on the city's hotly-debated blue laws for another two weeks.

"This particular ordinance is deserving of good study," Wood said, "and I just don't think that's been done."

The board's General Committee recommended last September to abolish the blue laws, which restrict the operating hours of certain businesses on Sundays. But a number of clergymen have opposed the move, saying it will infringe on the right of some employees to worship on Sundays.

In other business, the board voted 6-2 to allow the construction of townhouses just behind Fleet Street. The vote came over the objections of aldermen Larry Womble and Ernestine Wilson.

The board granted Charles D. Mecimora's request to rezone 9.5 acres of land in order to construct the 66 townhouses. The land had been originally zoned for single-family dwellings.

Despite opposition from Womble, Wilson, about 25 residents from the area and a neighborhood petition of more than 200 names, the board decided that the construction of the townhouses would not cause major traffic problems, as the residents had argued.

Wood suggested that measures be taken to alleviate the present parking problems in the neighborhood, which is surrounded by Parkland High School, several recreational facilities and shopping centers.

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Campaign Notes

Governor's race: Locals aligning primarily with Knox, Edmisten

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Political tidbits we've gathered while following the campaign trail:

As the crowded slate of Democratic gubernatorial candidates canvasses the state for support, black supporters are doing likewise locally.

For instance, Southeast Ward Alderman Larry

Womble is Rufus Edmisten's Forsyth County campaign co-chairman. County commissioner hopeful Pat Hairston has been seen wearing a Rufus button but insists he has not decided yet whom he will support.

Though they also have not indicated officially which candidate they will support, Dr. J. Ray Butler, the Rev. John Mendez, NAACP Youth Branch

Director Ann Simmons, attorney Billy Friende and Winston Mutual President George Hill attended an Edmisten reception after the Human Relations Commission Awards Banquet last week.

Vernon Robinson, a black Republican who has been seen lately at a number of Democratic functions, was there as well.

North Forsyth Senior High School Assistant Prin-

icipal Victor Johnson supports the campaign of former Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox. Joining Johnson at the Eddie Knox table during the Human Relations banquet were Rickye Wilson and Dr. Arnold Lockett.

But Johnson says the list hardly stops there. Locally, he said, a number of blacks are involved in the

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