

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, founder of Operation PUSH and Alpha Sorority's national president Faye B. Bryant, fourth from left, as they march to the steps of the Capitol and to the voter registration rally. Also flanking the pair are Congressman

Ronald Dellums, D-Calif., Texas State Representative former Democratic presidential candidate, Johns Alpha Nappa Vermellinina Delco, attorney, civil rights activist and AKA member Margaret Bush Wilson, third from left, and Dr. Barbara K. Phillips, past AKA president, seventh from left.



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Jackson hails AKA voter registration effort

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's POWER Thrust was best exemplified when it was announced during its annual meeting that the sorority had added 242,000 people to the voter rolls through its voter registration initiative.

The announcement was made on the steps of Capitol Hill before an audience of thousands of pink- and green-clad sorority members.

The guest speaker at the voter registration rally was the Rev. Jesse Jackson, former presidential aspirant whose candidacy inspired thousands to register to

vote. It was partly an outgrowth of the Rev. Jackson's campaign to get blacks registered nationally that AKA's voter registration initiative was launched.

Faye B. Bryant, national president, assisted Caroline Lattimore, chairman of the AKA Connection, in making the roll call of the states. The AKA Connection is the program that promotes the voter registration initiative in almumnae chapters. The Connection's undergraduate counterpart is Project WE

hundreds of chapters on college campuses nationwide.

The Rev. Jackson hailed the thousands of AKA members who greeted the former presidential candidate with enthusiasm.

"Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is to be commended for successfully waging an assault against voter apathy by spearheading this nationwide voter registration drive," said Jackson.

The internationally known civil rights leader urged other groups CARE, a voter registration cam- to follow Alpha Kappa Alpha's paign that is spearheaded by the example by launching voter

registration drives, as "the power of the vote is black people's ultimate power." He also noted that blacks must continue to press forward in their quest to gain equity and parity politically, economically and socially.

The voter registration rally was only one of a series of activities sponsored in association with Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's 51st national meeting held July 22-27 in the nation's capital.

AKA boasts 75,000 members in 46 states, West Africa, the Bahamas, Germany and the Virgin Islands.



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"You can never get lost in a plane," Benbow jokes. "It always

knows it's way down."

At the day's end, Benbow finally sets the plane down at his starting point at Smith-Reynolds. Inside the terminal, he dashes for the big, black recliner the Chronicle found him in and sprawls his large frame into it. He's exhausted, even though it wasn't a seven-hour

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"Anybody who wants to get their feet wet," says Benbow, "and get in the cockpit -- call me. I'll be right here."

Church offers food program

The St. Phillips Child Development Corporation announces the sponsorship of the Child Care Food Program. Meals will be available at no separate charge for enrolling children at the center and will be provided without regard to race, color, national origin, sex or handicap.

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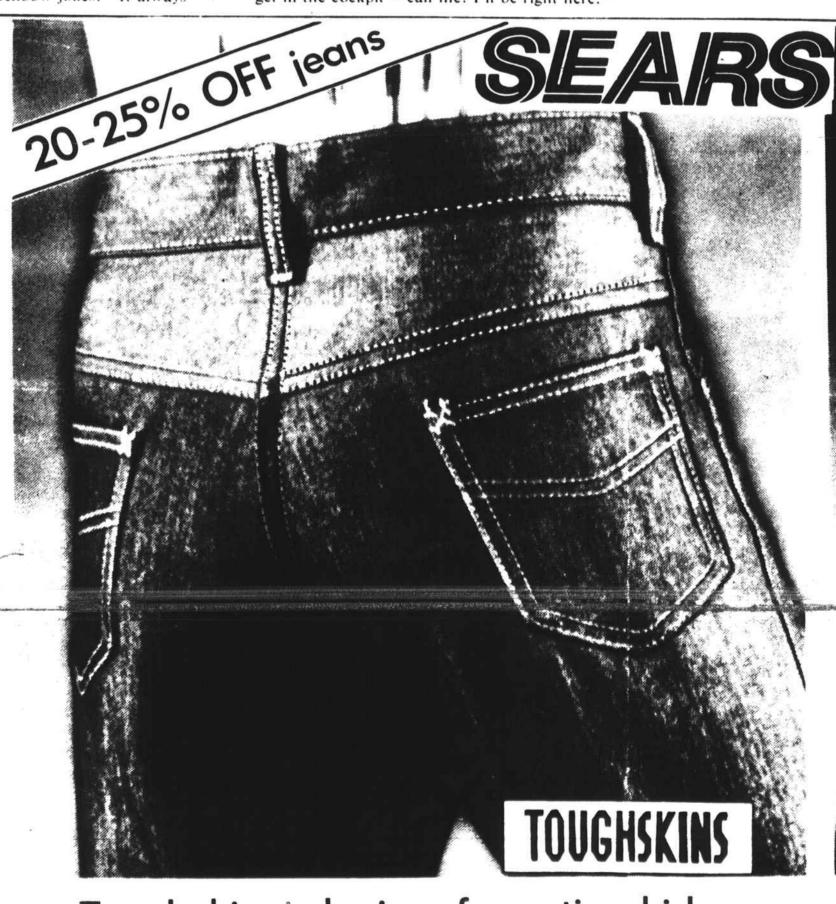
Hairstons set 53rd reunion

The 53rd annual Hairston family reunion will be held at the Rock Hill Baptist Church on Pine Hall Road in Stokes County, Aug. 18 and 19.

A gospel song service will kick off the reunion Saturday at 7 p.m. The opener will feature area singing groups and will benefit the Hairston Family Scholarship Fund.

Reunion services will continue on Sunday at 1 p.m., which will include a memorial service, special recognitions, awarding of scholarships and a fellowship lunch.





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