

# In 67th District

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Logan's victory was expected in the primary," said Walter Marshall, president of the city's NAACP chapter. "He is a good bet to win (in November)."

Some say Ms. Williams-Henry's defeat last year by the Republican aldermanic primary dramatizes the hopelessness of her cause.

Ms. Williams-Henry lost to James Knox, who is white, 51 votes to 21. She called her defeat a "gift to the Democratic Party" and said it showed that the Republican Party is still racist and sexist."

Still, Vernon L. Robinson, a local black Republican, said Ms. Williams-Henry could surprise Burke if she plays the right cards.

"If she can identify those issues that will bring her the crossover vote, then she will have a chance," Robinson said of Ms. Williams-Henry. "If she is not able to do that, then she will lose badly."

The numbers seem to be in Burke's favor.

Democrats outnumber Republicans by more than a two-to-one margin in the district, while black Democrats outnumber their white counterparts two to one, according to registration figures from the Board of Elections.

The 67th and 66th districts, like the North Ward, are predominantly black, heavily Democratic single-member districts carved out of what used to be the five-member 39th district. C.B. Hauser, the incumbent Democrat in the 67th district, is not seeking reelection.

Since the 67th District is 55 percent black and 45 percent white, Ms. Williams-Henry said, she will need black and white support to win in November.

But she wouldn't reveal strategies she might use to attract racial and bipartisan support.

Ms. Williams-Henry's chances for victory are good in November, said Burt Breathette, campaign manager, after the May primary.

"She is a caring and qualified

candidate whose concern goes far beyond party or racial bounds," Breathette said.

As for the tenor of this election, both candidates say they will run clean campaigns this fall.

"We are going to run an effective campaign," Burke said. "There will be no mudslinging in our campaign. That is not my nature."

Ms. Williams-Henry said she is going to run an issue-oriented campaign. "I will not lower myself to bickering," she said.

Burke, who weathered personal criticism in the primary from Clark supporter Victor Johnson, appears confident that he won't be upset.

"I am a good candidate," Burke said. "I have good name recognition, and I have the experience and the background. These things will make me a good candidate."

A former principal of L.A. Cook Intermediate School, Burke served as special assistant of institutional services and as director of transitional services during the administration of former Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. He says he is "semi-retired."

His wife, Vivian H. Burke, is the Northeast Ward alderman.

Ms. Williams-Henry was student government president at predominantly white West Virginia State University, where she studied public administration and received her bachelor's degree in 1982. She is an administrative assistant for Charles A. McLean, a local businessman and former field director of the state's NAACP.

Ms. Williams-Henry is experienced in political campaigns. As a Democrat, she worked for Sen. Gary Hart during the 1984 Democratic primary election.

She also worked for Rufus Edmisten in his unsuccessful gubernatorial campaign and for Jim Hunt during his 1984 U.S. Senate campaign.

Ms. Williams-Henry, vice president of the North Carolina Women's Caucus, said she is concerned about improving the state's health care, education, housing and drug prevention. "It

is time for people to think of the quality of life of people who don't make a lot of money," she said. "All of their problems revolve around health care and housing."

Burke supports improving public education and the state's economy, decreasing the infant mortality rate and teen-age pregnancies and stopping frequent rate increases for utilities. He also advocates improving the state's mental-health system.

Party politics will become an issue in the November elections, both candidates said.

"Both parties are racist and sexist to a certain extent," said Ms. Williams-Henry, who switched from the Democratic to the Republican Party in 1985. Blacks are needed in both parties, she said, to increase their political leverage.

"When the Republicans are in power, our people are powerless," she said. "We have to change that. We need to have

role models for black kids in both parties."

Burke said the Democratic Party has done more for blacks than the Republican Party. "The Democratic Party has always been supportive of the needs of the blacks and women," Burke said. "The Democratic Party is still the best alternative for poor people."

Both candidates say they oppose second primaries and the 40-percent threshold proposed by the state Democratic Party leadership.

"I believe whoever has the most votes should be the winner," Burke said. "Second primaries are not fair to black candidates."

Ms. Williams-Henry agreed. "If a person wins by one vote, that should be it," she said. "The second primary was a concoction of the Democratic Party."

Whoever is elected from the 67th District should be held accountable to the public, both can-

didates said. "Many elected officials are not accountable for their actions," Ms. Williams-Henry said. "That has to cease."

Both candidates also said they have strong support in the black community.

Among Burke's supporters are 66th District state House Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy, North

Ward Alderman Patrick T. Hairston and Louise G. Wilson, former director of the Experiment in Self-Reliance.

Ms. Williams-Henry said her supporters include Charles A. McLean, former field director of the state's NAACP, and LaVerne Davidson, a former city coordinator for the Republican Party.

# A year later

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Officers have virtually grown up in the YMCA and have taken leadership roles as volunteers and leaders in the YMCA."

Joynner is enthusiastic about managing the Winston Lake YMCA, the members are just as enthusiastic about enjoying the facilities.

Willie R. Williams, who also is a member of the Patterson Avenue branch, said he comes to the YMCA about three or four times a week.

Williams, who is retired from J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., said he especially likes the steam room, sauna and exercise classes. "I had a stroke, so all these things come convenient to me,"

he said. "The different workouts strengthen my muscles."

Nathaniel Bowman, who works in the manufacturing department at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., said he comes to the facility three times a week.

Bowman, who also was a member of the Patterson Avenue branch, said he enjoys the aerobics classes and swimming.

He said that this YMCA offers a better selection of activities than the old one.

"I have seen more people coming in at this new Y," he said. "There are more children. Evidently, the children's programs are better. The parking facilities also are better."

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