

Burke named 3rd vice chair of Democrats

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Assistant District Attorney Burke said he intends to represent the Afro-American community interests as the newly elected vice-chairman of the Forsyth Democratic Party's executive committee.

Burke was unanimously voted to succeed Charles Washington as the county convention at the High School last Saturday.

Like Wells, chairman of the said that Burke was an excellent choice and that he is pleased minority won the position. "We need someone who is part of the black community's leadership," he said. "We know Todd is the job and we're glad that a man has the job."

Wells also said that he would like to see more Afro-American participation in the party. "It's good that we have blacks



Burke

involved," he said. "But it would be great if more would participate and become more actively involved."

Burke's new office places him in a decision-making role with the county party. The third vice-chair-

man also acts as the secretary and treasurer and must be an adult under the age of 35.

Burke agreed with Wells and said that he has an opportunity to help the committee better understand the Afro-American point of view.

"The black perspective needs to be presented accurately," said Burke. "I'm going to try to help in that area and also maybe bring some new ideas."

Burke is a member of the Young Democrats, a group of 40 members which assist with fund-raisers, rallies, and forums.

Burke was nominated by Wells and Stanley Gunner, president of the Young Democrats.

Gunner said that the committee needed someone who would put in the time it takes to do a good job.

"The position requires the person to put a lot of his time into it," Gunner said. "Todd is the type of person who will put his all into

whatever he is given to do."

Gunner also said that Burke's involvement and concern for the Afro-American community makes him right for the job.

"Todd will look out after the black community and will speak whatever is on his mind," he said. "The Democratic Party needs someone who will bring in the concerns of the black community and Todd is the man for the job."

After Burke was publicly nominated, the party voted him to the office unanimously.

Burke is also the coordinator of the "Say Yes to a Brighter Future Program," at the Piedmont Recreation Center. The program encourages Afro-American children to set goals and achieve them and also provides guest speakers as role models.

Burke, 26, graduated from Morehouse College in 1983 and North Carolina Central School of Law in 1986.

Martin bans sale

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"...we don't have them the way it doesn't really affect us." Although the agencies would no longer carry the plates, some would still be available through outlets.

"Although they won't be able to get them from the agencies, they will still be accessible," Rhodes said. "There are a number of people who could pick up the plates at convenience stores, markets, and retail stores. We will carry them."

Kay, an Afro-American who works in the cafeteria of Reynolds High Center, said that he noticed

the vanity plate in the License Plate Agency in Parkway Plaza when he went to pick up his tags. He said that he believed it shouldn't have been there.

"The South lost the war," he said. "I don't understand why they want to hold on to it. It should only be seen in a museum somewhere."

Kay also said that he was offended by seeing it in an office under the authority of the state.

"I know the history behind that flag," he said. "To see it in an office under state authority seems to me as if the state supported that kind of thinking."



Gov. James G. Martin greets Mrs. Carl Russell during a recent visit to the Carl Russell Recreation Center (photo by Santana).

Simmons gets key endorsements

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...druff.

Both Burke and Womble said their endorsement of Simmons was not a reflection on the druff candidacy.

Anna Simmons is the only person who has directly asked me for support," said Burke. "I see her as a person with some ideas, and she has a certain type of style and she communicates in a very calm

Womble said that he also supported Woodruff, but that she had not asked him for a formal endorsement.

In addressing her supporters, Simmons noted the recent controversy over the proposal for a new site for a county health center. It was generally understood during last year's bond referendum that the new health center would be built near the existing Reynolds

Health Center.

Last week the Forsyth County Board of Health recommended a site near Knollwood Hall, about six miles from the current site in East Winston.

"The Board of County Commissioners will have a lot to say about that decision," said Simmons. She called upon those present to "let the board know that the power is in the people."

"There are too many decisions made in the dark which affect you," she said. She told the crowd that they should make an attempt to attend the board meetings every second and fourth Monday.

"You should be there," she said. "I've been there and that's why I'm standing before you asking for your vote."

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