

# Debate addresses Referendum, Charter Schools

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State Superintendent for Public Instruction candidates, Republican Vernon Robinson and Democrat Mike Ward, battled it out Tuesday in the first statewide televised debate of this race.

While both candidates admitted there are problems with the current system, they approached solutions from different angles.

"I want to be an advocate for parents and taxpayers," said Robinson, an avid supporter of charter schools.

Ward, who supports the Bond Referen-

dum, feels that taxpayers' money should be used to support public school systems and not charter schools.

The Bond Referendum will be voted on statewide Tuesday at the poles.

The proposed referendum will help finance the state's construction of new schools and renovations, as well as fund new instructional equipment for the classroom.

Ward said the referendum will correct the problem of overcrowded schools and old schools that need repairs.

Robinson said the problem is in the classroom, not in the structure, that schools

need to give value to the taxpayers for their dollars.

Charter schools are usually created by a combination of the fundamental aspects of public schooling, with the freedom of the private sector. In most cases, a majority of teachers and parents must give their approval of a charter school before it can be approved.

Robinson said there is a lack of discipline, because the system responds to the outside world instead of supporting teachers. He said that charter schools will solve

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Republican Vernon Robinson



Democrat Mike Ward

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## 96 Election Key to Judicial Appointments

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In the days left before next week's election, we will spend a lot of time going back and forth over the election of the Clinton-Gore team or the Dole-Kemp camp. Certainly, whether or not Jesse Helms remains in office as one of our state's senators looms large. But, beneath all the hoopla, the banners and the stomach-acide of political advertising lie perhaps the most important by-products of political appointments: the federal judiciary.

### Political Analysis

Federal judges tend to last a lot longer than presidents and senators and congressmen, but voters tend to miss the link between who they vote into the presidency and congress and how these people nominate and confirm federal judges, who in turn, hold lifetime positions. In these "untouchable" jobs, federal judges hold

**"James Beatty of Winston-Salem has been held up as a nominee to the Federal Appeals Court by Jesse Helms and Faircloth. Helms supported Justice Clarence Thomas for an Appeals Court seat and the U.S. Supreme Court. Beatty's overall qualifications are far superior to Justice Thomas."**

—Leroy Warren,  
Chair, NAACP Criminal Justice Committee



Judge James A. Beatty

sway over the most fundamental issues of freedom and justice. Therefore, when we vote for the president and congress, we are also voting for those whose opinions and interpretations hold in balance the scales of justice.

Recently the Crimin. Justice Committee of the NAACP issued a report which analyzes the relationship between presidential elections and appointments to the judiciary.

In sum, the analysis notes that "racial minorities and women in pursuit of federal judiciary nominations face big problems if the occupants of the White House and U.S. Senate are enemies of equality and justice." According to Committee Chair Leroy W. Warren, "decent moderates, liberals and minorities need not apply for the federal judiciary."

During the 104th Congressional Session just

ended, Republican Senate leaders — such as Bob Dole and Sen. Trent Lott — have delayed or killed the nominations of 28 outstanding individuals by President Clinton for federal judgeships. The Senate has been especially hostile and almost totally unresponsive to African Americans whose names were submitted for positions on Federal Appeals Courts, according to the study.

Said NAACP's Warren, "not only were the four African Americans nominated to lifetime federal judgeships by President Clinton not confirmed, they were also savagely attacked as being liberals, and unjustly held as election-year hostages."

The report chronicled appointments to the federal judiciary going back to President Reagan. It found substantial evidence that Reagan and Bush — Republicans — practiced "racial and sex exclusion" in their federal judiciary appointments. By contrast, under Jimmy Carter, more than a third (36 percent) of the nominees for federal judgeships were women and minorities. President Clinton has the best track record

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Principal Hairston, Mütter Evans and Simon Johnson review the architectural plans for a new QEI facility, that will house the church's school.

## QEI students excel on achievement test

By FELECIA P. MCMILLAN  
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There was thunderous applause when Mütter Evans, owner of WAAA and member of the Governing Council for the Quality Education Institute (QEI), announced the results of the administration of the California Achievement Test at the Second Annual Parent Appreciation Banquet last Thursday at the school. The audience was roused once more when Bro. Cloys R. Cecil, the minister at Carver Road Church of Christ and visionary for the concept of QEI, announced plans to build a new stand-alone edifice to house the school.

The CAT test was administered for each grade individually in August, January and May of last year. For the 1995 school year, the average grade

level increase for the entire school was two years above the current grade level. Not a single student performed below his or her grade level. In fact, a number of the students performed as many as 4 and 5 grades above their current level.

"According to these impressive results, QEI is succeeding in maximizing the potential of our students," said Evans. "You should be proud of your children and proud of yourselves for having enrolled them at QEI."

Over 100 parents, faculty members, committee members, church members and supporters of QEI celebrated the success of the students at the gathering.

Simon Johnson, executive director of QEI, attributes the success of the program to its uniqueness as a private

institution that is able to act swiftly to make the necessary corrections to the curriculum when needed. "We have the flexibility, and the infrastructure to move QEI expeditiously," he said. However, he recognizes that without parents, there can be no QEI. He encouraged the parents to be involved in the school. Through regular parent surveys, the administration is able to assess what the parents want.

Johnson discussed the plans for the new facility which will contain a gymnasium and a cafeteria, as well as classrooms. Parents will play a key role in this expansion within the next two years. The current facility is suited for 90-100 students; however,

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## 70 families benefit from annual clothing giveaway

### AKAs sponsor 'Ivy Baby Boutique'

By FELECIA P. MCMILLAN  
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The Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. served more than 70 families at the annual "Ivy Baby Boutique," a community effort organized by their Community Outreach Committee. Although the boutique was held in Happy Hill Gardens, residents from Kimberly Park, the Reynolds Health Center, and Independence High School also participated. They were able to select from a wide assortment of winter coats, school clothes, dress wear, toys, books, shoes, maternity

fashions and baby furniture.

The "Ivy Baby Boutique" was held at the Happy Hill Gardens Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 26, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Lynette Hawkins, chairman of the Ivy Boutique, was pleased to bring the clothes giveaway closer to the community this year. "We wanted to bring this service directly into the community rather than remain on the outskirts," she said. This event is usually conducted at the Ivy Arms Clubhouse.

The project stretched beyond the immediate chapter, because the donations came from the sorors who went out into their communities, to their families, friends, and

co-workers to solicit various items that would help families with young children. Many of the clothes were for infants and toddlers, but some of the items were large enough for children in middle school.

One young woman rode the bus from Kimberly Park to Happy Hill Gardens to get items for her children. When she heard about the boutique, she came on behalf of her family, but she also found a winter coat for herself. The sorors get a great deal of personal satisfaction out of their work, but they often get thank-you notes from people they have helped.

Annette Wilson, president of the Phi Omega Chapter, said she realizes that there is a definite need in our community, and

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Maurice Jackson, left, and President Annette Wilson distributed toys and books to residents attending the clothes giveaway.

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