



Mrs. Liz Hair
...Lost her seat

Mecklenburg County Commissioners Move Was Hard Core Politics

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Much (or little) has been said of the recent change of guard among our county commissioners. Yet, to date, no analytical perspective has been spouted.

What transpired on Monday, December 5, in the County

Commission Chambers was a case of hard core politics. Nothing illegal, just amoral.

Of the five commissioners participating in the scenario, only one walked away a winner.

Mrs. Hair lost her seat as the commission chairperson. Ed Peacock supported a loser

and thus gained no immediate favor. Pete Foley became chairperson by adverse possession, thus alienating segments of the voting populus. Bob Walton became vice chairman under a stigmatized cloud of dubious vote bargaining. And, who, but Booe, is left?

Let's theorize about what

happened. Dissension began surfacing on every front. The need to maintain stricter control became an issue. The yearly election date approaches to elect a chairperson. Sides began to take shape.

Suppose amid this body there existed persons of high personal ambitions who saw

this moment as a chance for advancement (however hackneyed).

This charade, though perhaps not planned in every detail, could conceivably be orchestrated by an astute yet shrewd mind. Unaware of possible manipulation, the wheels began its motion.

Further suppose the determining vote in this election decides to seek a return for his nod. The issue then would become who can deliver the necessary return votes. The evidence indicates that Mrs. Hair could not.

If suppositions one and two will withstand scrutiny the

hypothetical theorem could read: Liz Hair's most vocal opponent helps get her ousted and simultaneously helps elevate his most ardent adversary to a very precarious position.

Who, but commissioner Booe walked away unscathed?

St. Patrick's To Serve Dinner To The Needy

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For the second year in a row the Vincent de Paul Society of St. Patrick's Cathedral will serve dinner to the needy of the city on Christmas Day. Equally as important, they will seek to nurture the spirit of the lonely and friendless by offering fellowship and an atmosphere of love, according to Al Kopka, president of the 16-member society.

The meal, consisting of turkey, corn, green beans, rice and scores of homemade desserts, will be 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the church's school cafeteria, 1125 Buchanan St.

There will be free gifts, entertainment by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council and a lot of good conversation.

Some of the year round projects coordinated by the Vincent de Paul Society of St. Patrick's and sponsored and carried out by the church's members, include working with the prison-release program, helping needy families, working in hospitals, prisons and coordinating project with other public service organizations.

Describing St. Patrick's as "an inner-city parish, Kopka said the church feels a responsibility to the whole community, regardless to religious boundaries.

Hoping to draw twice the number of guests that attended last year (300), the society is extending an invitation through the media to all who care to come. There will be limited bus service.

Reservations for the free dinner may be made by calling Sister Bessie McCarthy at 334-1958 Monday through Friday until December 23. For more information about the dinner or the Vincent de Paul Society, call Al Kopka, 527-1204, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays.

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