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## Harvey Gantt Returns To City Council

Harvey Gantt, in a city election in which only 21 percent of the 145,511 registered voters voted, returned to the City Council Tuesday.

Gantt, a former Council member and an unsuccessful mayoral candidate in 1979, garnered 19,118 votes to become a strong candidate for mayor pro tem.

Enthusiastic about his win he believes his previous record was the reason people sought his services for the Council again.

Other At-Large winners for the Council were: incumbents Dave Berryhill and Herbert Spaugh Jr., all Democrats; former Mecklenburg County Commission Chairman Ed Peacock, a Republican, won the fourth At-Large seat.

Other winners were Pam Patterson in District 1, Charlie Dannelly in District 2, Ron Leeper, District 3, Laura Frech, District 4, Minette Troesch, District 5, George Selden, District 6 and Ralph-McMillan, District 7.

Gantt, an architect, was a Council member for five years previously and lost a close primary race for mayor against Eddie Knox in 1979.

Gantt won strong support in nearly all precincts, riding no lower than fourth on the At-Large ticket in many predominantly white precincts and was at the top in the black precincts.

If the City Council follows tradition, Gantt would be elected as the Mayor Pro Tem, to act in absence of the Knox.

## JCSU Parade

### Scheduled To

### Start At 11 A.M.

Uptown Charlotte is the place to be on Saturday, November 7, to view the Johnson C. Smith University Annual Homecoming Parade.

The parade starts at 11 a.m. on the corner of Trade and West Trade Streets, and will move east on Trade to Kings Drive, turn left on Kings Drive and proceed to Charlotte Memorial Stadium for the rivalry between the Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University and the Eagles of North Carolina Central University.

## Right-To-Live

The Charlotte Right-To-Life will meet Monday, November 9, at 8 p.m. in the Mutual Savings and Loan building, 4735 Sharon Rd. (near SouthPark).

Speaker that evening will be Rev. Stephen Stout, pastor of Prosperity Presbyterian Church in America.

The public is cordially invited.

## TURTLE-TALK



Don't let the good things of life rob you of the best things.



Sandra Bennett  
...JCSU sophomore

## Sandra Bennett Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns  
Post Staff Writer  
Sandra Bennett was raised in a family which instilled respect for elders, organization and sensitivity towards fellow men and women.

Now a sophomore at Johnson C. Smith University, Ms. Bennett has found that these qualities are assets in achieving success within an educational institute.

Ms. Bennett is a Business Administration major who plans to attend graduate school. Later her dream is to travel. "I've thought about traveling as an airline stewardess. I know that the salary would be sufficient also. I am also interested in becoming a reservations clerk," she remarked.

Being involved in JCSU's campus life has kept Ms. Bennett quite busy. Her favorite subject is Sociology—exploring people's reactions, various cultures and society. Her favorite instructor is Ms. Farrington, an English teacher.

In addition to her college activities, Ms. Bennett finds time to work with the Team Club of the Salvation Army. "On Halloween we created a Haunted House during the day for the children in Belvedere."

For relaxation, Ms. Bennett listens to music. One of the most delightful entertainers, according to our beauty's taste, is the Earth, Wind and Fire group.

Ms. Bennett also attends Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church, where Rev. Tommy Davis is pastor.

Sensitivity is one of our Libra beauty's attributes.

## Jobs With Peace Workshop Scheduled

Are you concerned about the budget cuts, unemployment, the draft, the threat of nuclear war? Come to the JOBS WITH PEACE workshop November 14-15, at 1534 W. Blvd., beginning at 9 a.m.

Registration is \$5 employed, \$2 unemployed, plus \$6 for the banquet.

She believes in the old adage: "It is better to give than to receive." She also thinks of the effects high prices are having on America. "If I could do anything I would lower prices...such as food and gas prices," she pointed out.

The daughter of Mynell Bennett of Charlotte, our beauty has one brother, 20-year-old Everett Bennett.

Ms. Bennett and her brother went through first through ninth grades without missing a day. Both attained many perfect attendance certificates.

Her favorite person in her immediate life is her aunt, Penny Avery. "She is the only aunt on my mother's side in Charlotte. Just about everything we need she gets it for us," Ms. Bennett explained.

Today marks a new challenge for our beauty. She is one who is reaching out for knowledge and growth. Ms. Bennett's caring nature will enhance her sensitivity, thus rewarding her with fulfilled dreams.

## Is Reaganomics A Curse Or Cure For Black Americans?

By Pat Bryant  
Special To The Post  
Capable and honest leadership is a key ingredient necessary to struggle against oppression. The majority of the ten Afro-Americans interviewed in this column in our last series said they were not satisfied with today's black leadership. In the first part of the series, asked what were the most pressing concerns of blacks the majority said racism and economics. This week we publish their responses to "Is Reaganomics a curse or a cure upon black Americans?" You can obtain previous segments of this series from this newspaper.

Jennifer Henderson, director of the North Carolina Hunger Coalition in Fayetteville.

"I think Reaganomics is a challenge for black folks to redefine some priorities and not specifically to spend a lot of time dealing with Reagan. We need to spend more time dealing with conservatism in the state and counties. There's

## For Senate In 1984

# Poll Finds Jim Hunt Favored Over Helms

## Revision To Hurt Social Security?

State Democratic Party Chairman Russell Walker today criticized the Reagan administration's proposal to review the Consumer Price Index as "Yet another raid on the pocket books of Social Security recipients to subsidize David Stockman's economic experimentation."

The Reagan administration proposal, to be announced this week, would de-emphasize high interest rates and housing costs as a part of the Consumer Price Index.

"Reagan administration officials admitted to the press that this proposed revision would lead to smaller increases in the index," Walker said, "and that means smaller Social Security checks and smaller paychecks to those workers whose wages are tied to the CPI."

An experimental index similar to the one being considered would save the government \$1 billion by taking \$3.02 from the average Social Security recipient's monthly check.

"This is voodoo economics if I've ever seen it," said Walker. "The Reagan administration can't bring inflation under control, so it's juggling the figures on which the inflation rate is based. It's not fair to ask the nation's working people and elderly to sacrifice in order to bring the economic numbers in line with David Stockman's dreams."



Carrie Graves

Community leader been so much time spent on the national level that the county commissioners, the city councilmen and people that are on these local boards have been given a free track to do as they wish. With this new wave of conservatism and state's rights, the states will have much more power. I would encourage black folks to spend more time re-acquainting themselves with state and local government.

Dr. Earl Thorpe, professor of history at North Carolina Central University and national president



Mayor Eddie Knox officiates the opening ceremony for Charlotte's newest science museum, Discovery Place, Saturday, October 31. Key city officials seated are

Bob Walton, Laura Frech and congressman Jim Baker. (Photo by Jim Black Photographers)

## Jim Hunt Strongest

### With Blacks

By Mike McLaughlin and  
Mary W. Willoughby  
Special To The Post

CHAPEL HILL - North Carolinians willing to make a choice would prefer Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. by a slight margin over incumbent Jesse A. Helms as U.S. Senator, according to a statewide survey conducted by the School of Journalism of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

With the senatorial race still three years away, speculation concerning Hunt's political future has been crackling like an electric current through North Carolina, apparently with good reasons.

The Carolina Poll showed Democrat Hunt leading Republican Helms by a margin of 46 percent to 38 percent. But 17 percent of the respondents said they could not choose between the two possible candidates.

Of respondents who made a choice, Hunt was strongest among blacks, women, people with low levels of income and education and young people.

Hunt's strength among blacks, in particular, pushed him ahead of Helms in the poll, with 71 percent of black respondents saying they would vote for Hunt, compared to only 11 percent for Helms.

Helms, in fact, put polled Hunt among white respondents by a 41 percent to 40 percent margin.

The black vote has been a traditional Democratic stronghold, and a black professional in Durham said her choice was based at least partly on party affiliation.

"I'm a Democrat and I don't like some of the things Jesse Helms stands for," she said. "First of all, I feel like he's a racist and we don't need anybody like that in office. We all have to live together."

Women, too, constitute a significant portion of Hunt's support, according to the survey. Among women respondents, 52 percent backed Hunt, 27 percent chose Helms and 21 percent were undecided.

Income and education levels also made a difference. Hunt came away with a significant lead among respondents who earned less than \$10,000 and respondents who had completed no more than 11 years of formal schooling.

Among low-income respondents, 57 percent favored Hunt, 25 percent favored Helms and 18 percent were undecided.

But despite Hunt's strong showing in the poll, his press secretary, Brent Hackney, said the governor wasn't looking toward a 1984 race for the seat currently held by Helms—at least not yet.

## Ordeals Of A Rape Victim

Special To The Post

He kissed her with pride that morning before he left for work. His wife and children lay in the bed sleeping, his newborn nursing at her side. He was proud that he had provided this warm and secure home for them. The thought of them peacefully together would make his long, hard day at work easier to get through.

This serene picture contrasted sharply with the cold touching she felt now. She was only partly conscious when his sudden jerk lifted her out of bed and made her realize that this was not her husband. The sharp point of the intruder's weapon shocked her into reality, he controlled her every movement—with a paralyzing grasp of her neck. She

### A True Special

could not move or scream, her strength had left her. She trembled the way she did when she had been in labor.

The intruder said she must do what he wanted or watch her children die. One hundred thoughts flashed through her mind, she pleaded for her babies' lives, hoping to find some sanity within this violent man. Her pleas were met with burning blows, his hands choked her neck. As she slipped into unconsciousness, she prayed that her babies would sleep and not find her like this.

Before he left he took the few things they had of value as if to let her know that she was no more than another possession of the house that he could rip off.

The police arrived in no big hurry. Their questions were cold, their concern noticeably absent. This was an every day affair for them. Why should she think she was special? Their glares were almost accusing, they made her think that she had done something wrong.

Her husband arrived with anger and hate in his eyes. He found her with the children huddled by her side. He knelt beside them and for the first time she saw him cry. The same thoughts kept running through his mind. "If only I had locked the window. If only I had bought a gun. If only I hadn't left that morning."

He looked at the cop standing in the doorway and thought about the ticket he had received the week before for going 6 miles over the speed limit. Where had they been when she needed them? It was as if he also had been raped, raped of the confidence that he could provide security for his family.

Their life would never be the same again. The windows would always stay locked, he would look behind every corner before being able to sleep at night. Her life became broken into two parts—before the rape and after.

She had always been a neat housekeeper, everything had its place, her floors scrubbed weekly, her checkbook always balanced. These things had represented order and control in her life.

They didn't matter anymore. She realized just how superficial they were. She had been raped of her control—an intruder could enter her life and disrupt it at his will. The welts on her neck had healed, but the scars of her memory cut deeper every day.

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She is not alone. In recent years, rape has risen at unprecedented rates. In a country where unemployment, poverty, the threat of war increase daily, rape is just one characteristic of a decaying society.

### Second in a series

of the Association for the Study of Afro-American life and History.

"For the black educated elite, what DuBois called the talented tenth, there is some blessing in Reaganomics. But for the black masses it's just CURSE in capital letters. They are

being taken from the programs that were put there to alleviate their plight. I think that it's going to lead to desperation and the social acts that lead to desperation. For the talented tenth or black elite, the highly educated and so forth, it's a curse to them in the sense that there can be no solution to the problems of the black elite ultimately that is not a solution of the black masses. Some of the black leaders are sounding like the KKK used to sound. They say 'If you don't have a decent job, decent housing, decent income, and so forth, it's your own fault. You're lazy, you don't have any get up and go, you're immoral, you don't have

the intellect." Some of the so-called black leaders are beginning to sound like that which is, of course, is more of the deliberate divide and conquer tactic that is being encouraged.

Virginia Newell, Winston-Salem Alderwoman and chairwoman of the Mathematics and Computer Department at Winston-Salem State University.

"It's a little too early to tell. Blacks do perform better when they have a need. Reaganomics may be a blessing in disguise. It's going to make black people look at themselves, look at what they've got, and take what they've got maybe and try to reinvest it in the community and try to do something for their own people rather than to look to somebody else. Certainly it is going to harm some of our young people who are in school and who have no means to go further. It's going to harm our senior citizens whose funds are taken away. But for the middle group it may be a blessing in disguise. It may

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