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Richardson Gears Up Campaign

By Mac Thrower
Post Staff Writer
Jim Richardson is getting his campaign into gear in a drive to capture one of Mecklenburg's eight Democratic nominations for the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Thus far, Richardson has sent mailings to persons throughout the community, visited churches, meetings, organizations, and individuals, ordered yard signs and stakes and prepared brochures.

Richardson reports that he has had "a very good response so far" to his effort to become one of Mecklenburg's first elected black legislators. (The late Fred Alexander served in the state Senate—Jim Polk and Phil Berry are running for Senate and House seats this year.) He is now seeking volunteers to handle necessary campaign functions such as looking up phone numbers, putting up signs, passing out literature, working the polls and driving people to the polls on election day, June 29.

Of course, Richardson is also in search of that absolutely vital campaign ingredient—money. Financial contributions are now being solicited to pay for campaign expenses.

Richardson advises that he is open to advice and input from the community...and that anyone who would like to help his cause should call either 399-1555 or 334-1293.

NAACP To Hold Youth Of Year Program

The North Carolina Conference of the NAACP will hold its sixth Annual Youth of the Year Program Saturday, May 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The theme of the program, which will be held at First Baptist Church, 101 S. Wilmington St., Raleigh, is "Youth: The Hope of Tomorrow." Workshops dealing with political actions, employment and future projections will be held. There is no fee.

Any NAACP youth or adult wanting to attend the Youth of the Year should contact your local youth unit or adult branch or call 919-855-1847.

Breakfast Meeting

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission will host a breakfast meeting to provide information on the Transportation Action Plan to the Board of County Commissioners and the City Council at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 18, in Salons 2 and 3 of the Sheraton Center on McDowell Street.

The breakfast meeting will feature the premiere showing of a 12-minute slide-sound presentation on the Transportation Action Plan. A brief question and answer session will follow the presentation, and additional information will be available at the meeting.



COURTNEY SPEARS
...CPCC senior

Courtney Spears Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Managing Editor
Central Piedmont Community College has a beautiful campus and an exciting curriculum. But when some of Charlotte's seniors, including our beauty Courtney Spears had to leave their high schools, and head to CPCC, campus life became a demand.

Ms. Spears, along with about 250 other seniors, had to enroll at CPCC. "Or we would have lost the veteran or railroad social security checks for college," she explained.

"We found out ahead of time but I really didn't like it. We even have to pay for our books," she noted.

Each year of college Ms. Spears' check will shrink. "After each year the check will be cut 25 percent," she explained.

Before enrolling at CPCC Ms. Spears attended West Mecklenburg Senior High School. She served as senior class representative in the ROTC.

She also was a member of the Pep Club and was driving a bus.

essence her attendance may help prepare her for her college career.

"I plan to attend Western Carolina in Cullowhee, N.C. My ambition is to become a radio and television news reporter. I don't think that I will ever get bored or tired in this line of work," she stated.

Today Ms. Spears finds many activities to keep her from being bored. She is known for her cooking abilities and she also enjoys planting in the garden. "I feel that both cooking and gardening are challenges I enjoy." She worships at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church where Rev. J. A. Cuthbertson is pastor and works diligently as secretary for her Community Watch Program to prevent crime.

Ms. Spears has learned that life itself is challenge and the individual that has helped her to realize this is her mother, Helen Spears. "She has tried her best to give all six of her children the best of things she didn't have when she was growing up. She tries to encourage me to keep going and keep playing the piano for instance," Ms. Spears remarked.

Over the years our beauty has taken her mother's encouraging advice to heart and has immersed with the philosophy of "Living each day as if it were your last. Take one day at a time." And those thoughts make Ms. Spears more than just an average individual.

Ms. Spears also enjoys the music of Barry Manilow. "He relates to everyone through his songs."

There are a few good aspects about Ms. Spears' enrollment into CPCC. One, she will be able to return to her alma mater, West Mecklenburg and graduate with her class in June.

And second she will have already experienced campus life and will have met various people from different walks of life. In

Ben Hooks Hails Voting Rights Compromise

A&T State Under Probe By SBI

For the second time this academic year, A&T State University is under probe by the State Bureau of Investigation for alleged embezzlement of funds.

The action of the Bureau early last fall led to the resignation of the former A&T Budget Officer who later was found guilty of obtaining refunds for airline tickets paid for by A&T. It is not sure whether the present investigation is related to the previous one.

A&T Chancellor Edward B. Fort has no idea how long the investigation will take, neither does he have any knowledge of the individual involved. "The only sure thing," he told the Peacemaker, "is that the investigation covers the period from September 1980 to January 1981, well before I became the university's chancellor."

When asked to characterize his personal feelings about the situation, he answered: "Let us wait and see. At any rate I do not think it is my responsibility to defend what might have happened before I joined the university."

An A&T student, who did not wish to be identified, said he regretted that the institution seems to have a rather long history of similar allegations. "It is very sad it's happening again. This might convey a negative impression to the community because allegations, myths or half-truths tend to have a life of their own." The student expressed the wish that the investigation will clear up matters once and for all.

North Davidson Street Closes

Beginning Monday, May 10, North Davidson Street near Cordella Park will be closed for replacement of the bridge over Sugar Creek. The bridge is between 22nd and 24th Streets in north Charlotte.

The \$162,000 project will take about five months and is designed to replace the existing bridge which no longer meets safety standards.



Dr. Edward B. Fort, right, is sworn in as the new Chancellor of North Carolina A&T State University by U.S. District Judge Richard Irwin in an impressive ceremony in Corbett Center. Fort became the seventh chief administrator of A&T.

Seventh A&T President Dr. Edward Fort Inaugurated

Special To The Post
GREENSBORO—With the important elements of favorable weather and long preparation cooperating, Dr. Edward B. Fort, a nationally recognized educator, was inaugurated last Saturday as the seventh chief administrator of North Carolina A&T State University.

In the impressive rites held in Corbett Sports Center, Fort pledged as A&T's new chancellor to implement a 14-point program which includes a pursuit of excellence, a major campus beautification program, the building of an effective management team and the maintenance of A&T as a strong force within the University of North Carolina System.

"We do not intend to compromise our position," said Fort, a former chancellor of the University of Wisconsin Center System. "We intend to keep the pressure on as we market this university before this community, this region of the Piedmont, and the State of North Carolina. We intend to make use of all the political, economic, structural, and personnel oriented forces necessary to push our program through."

Fort also said he intends to push for major capital improvements on the campus including a new engineering science building, for which A&T has already received \$152,000 in planning money. He added that he will use the findings of a

Library Task Force which he appointed earlier to chart a direction for a major overhauling of the university's library resources.

"The Library Task Force report will form the basis for the development of a plan, which when completed, will result—before we celebrate our 100th birthday—in the construction of a new library center of this great university."

Fort also told the audience of 4,000 faculty, students, alumni and supporters, that he will insist on compliance with the Consent Decree, the agreement between the federal court and the University of North Carolina on the integration of its system of higher education.

Conducting the inauguration program was President William C. Friday of the University of North Carolina. Fort was sworn in by U.S. District Judge Richard Erwin of the Middle District of North Carolina.

Among greetings to the new chancellor were those by Dr. Lacy Caple, chairman of A&T trustee board, John R. Jordan, chairman of the North Carolina Board of Governors, Greensboro Mayor John Forbis, and Dr. Velma Speight, president of the A&T National Alumni Association.

Other program participants included Dr. Samuel Myers, executive director of the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education; Stephen Kirk, president of the A&T Student Government Association and Dr. Arthur P. Bell, president of the A&T Faculty Senate.

Cancer Prevention Study Two Research Scheduled

CANCER PREVENTION STUDY II (CPS-II) is a new research program of the American Cancer Society designed to identify those factors in our lifestyle and environment that can influence our chances of getting cancer and other diseases. It is also hoped that the study will point to those factors that work to prevent the onset of cancer.

The first Cancer Prevention Study was conducted from 1959-72. Over 68,000 American Cancer Society volunteers enrolled one million participants and kept tabs on 98 percent of them over a 12 year period. The study's findings led to an indictment of cigarette smoking as a leading cause of cancer and heart disease. It is also noted for identifying a connection between obesity and certain cancers, and for describing risk factors for heart disease and stroke.

Hooks Feels "Justice Has Prevalled"

SPECIAL TO THE POST
NEW YORK—Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), today hailed a compromise version of the Voting Rights Act written by a bipartisan group of Senators and approved by President Ronald Reagan on Monday.

"We feel that the compromise agreement worked out by the bipartisan coalition led by Senators Bob Dole of Kansas, Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts and Charles Mathias provides the best, the fairest and most effective measure possible," Hooks said.

Sen. Mathias is a Maryland Republican.

Hooks praised Senators Dennis DeConcini of Arizona and Charles Grassley of Iowa, as well as House members Peter W. Rodino of New Jersey, Don Edwards of California and John Conyers of Michigan as being "particularly helpful" in working with the 18-member Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

"We applaud their efforts as well as those of all our friends and allies who worked with us in achieving this historic measure," said Hooks.

Hooks said the staff of the NAACP and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights worked hard to "preserve the principle and sense of the 1965 Voting Rights extension measure that was earlier passed by the House."

"We also devoted considerable effort to allaying the fears of people who were concerned about incorporating language on proportional representation in the measure," he said.

Hooks said he hopes the full Senate will approve the compromise without any weakening changes.

"There were forces of nullification and negativism across the nation, persons who had sought to cripple the historic concepts of freedom and justice for which so many people, black and white, gave their lives."

"Now, however, we are satisfied that justice has prevailed," he declared.

Governor Hunt Names Walton To Community Development Council

Governor Jim Hunt this week appointed Rev. Robert L. Walton, Mecklenburg County Commissioner to the Community Development Council.

The council advises the Department of Natural Resources and Community Development on the promotion and assistance of orderly development in the state, the type and effectiveness of planning and management services provided to local government and any other matters referred to it by the Secretary.



Bob Walton
...County Commissioner of the department.

In announcing the appointment, Governor Hunt stated, "Rev. Walton and other members of the advisory council are well versed in the problems and potentials of our state's communities. I will be looking to this council to provide real leadership advice and counsel to Secretary Joe Grimsley and his department."

Governor Hunt said that the council will also be of great help as the department begins to administer for the first time the federally funded Commu-

nity Development Block Grants to local communities.

Rev. Walton is pastor of Saint Paul United Presbyterian Church in Charlotte.

Reappointed to the council are Aurora Mayor Grace H. Bonner, Ronald Aycock, S. Leigh Wilson and Iris T. Davis.

New council members include: Sampson Buie Jr. Asheville Mayor Roy Trantham, E. A. Britt and G. Ray Cantrell.

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