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During the recent ground-breaking for a three-story residence hall on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University, Dr. Robert L. Albright (l) and Dr. Mathew J. Whitehead are shown with members of JCSU's Board of Trustees.

## Costs \$3 Million J.C. Smith Breaks Ground For New Residence Hall

Dr. Matthew J. Whitehead, Chairman of the Johnson C. Smith University Board of Trustees, and Dr. Robert L. Albright, president, held a ground breaking ceremony Wednesday for a new \$3 million residence hall for the university.

The three-story brick structure, designed by Odell Associates of Charlotte, is scheduled for completion August 15, 1984. Cost includes \$2.2 million for construction and approximately \$700,000 for furniture and contingencies.

Construction of the 47,500 square foot residence hall, which will house 220 students (two to a room) and a director, has been contracted by F. N. Thompson Company of Charlotte. The residence hall will be erected at the current location of the campus tennis courts and parts of the Sanders-McCroy football field. Half of the cement stands and part of the cynder track will be removed to make room. The rest of the stands and track will become part of an instrumental activities field. The original date for breaking ground was moved up from early March.

shaped outlay, featuring a center courtyard for recreational activities. Laundry facilities, study rooms, typing computer terminal rooms, a library, a small community kitchen and lounge areas on each floor are included in the layout.

"The building reflects the environment of brick and sloped roofs found on campus," remarked Odell designer Mike Tye. "The three-story structure is also on a comparable scale to the height of other campus buildings."

"The magnificent gift of \$2 million from the Duke Endowment is making it possible for us to move toward realization of our master plan by way of construction of this new residence hall," cited Dr. Albright. "This new facility will mean many things to us, the most important of which is the opportunity to provide an enriching educational experience for some 220 additional students. The new building will serve as the hub for our new effort at integrating the living and learning experience on campus."

### Professional Women To Hear

### Vivian Nivens

Vivian Nivens, public affairs director for WCCB-TV, will speak about "Making Your Volunteer Skills Work on the Job" in a December 13 professional development luncheon for women at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

The luncheon is one in a series presented monthly through June by the Women's Career Center of Central Piedmont Community College and the Mecklenburg County Women's Commission.

The luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Radisson Plaza Hotel.

To register, send a check of \$8.25 payable to CPCC, to the Women's Career Center of CPCC, P. O. Box 35009, Charlotte, NC 28235. Reservations must be received two days before the luncheon.

### TURTLE-TALK



When life kicks you...let it kick you forward.

# NAACP Hopes To Register Two Million New Voters

## Fundraiser Set For Eddie Knox

Dale Evans, the queen of the West, will be among the featured guests at Charlotte's Civic Center December 10 for the annual holiday party hosted by gubernatorial candidate Eddie Knox.

Bus loads of supporters from across the state from Currituck to Caldwell Counties will be joining hundreds of people who are paying \$100 each to attend the fund raiser for Eddie Knox's Democratic primary campaign.

The event will also be a night of appreciation by hometown folk for the four years of outstanding service Knox has given his city as mayor.

"We are very excited about this year's event," Knox said. "I am especially appreciative of the generous support my friends are giving me. I can campaign for governor full-time now. But I don't have people on the state payroll or state vehicles to use in my campaign, so the unselfish contributions of thousands of people are extremely important to our effort."

The Civic Center will be decorated in the spirit of the season with lighted trees and a decorated country store scene as well as Christmas carolers.

Tickets for the event may be purchased from the Eddie Knox campaign headquarters in Charlotte or Raleigh. For more information about tickets, call 704-333-3126.



BERNADETTE "BUNNIE" NICHOLAS  
...12th grade Capricorn

## Bernadette Nicholas Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Lori Grier  
Post Staff Writer

The lovely, lemon shaped mole on the left side of Bernadette's face is only one aspect of her beauty. Listening to what she has to say brings forth her beauty within.

"At age 15, Bunnie told me that the world was in so much turmoil that it needed to go back to prayer in the schools, homes, etc.," commented her father, Bynum Nicholas Jr.

Our 17-year-old beauty is interested in four categories of history which have an impact on us one way or another - Beirut, Reagan, the newly elected mayor of Charlotte and the 1984 presidential election.

"I don't like the fact that our Marines are over there. A lot of my male friends are over there, and some haven't made it back."

"I'm tired of Reagan," Bunnie continued, "it's

time for him to get out of the White House. I don't think he'll win next year, because people now know that he can only make a situation worse."

She supported Mayor Harvey Gantt 100 percent during his campaign. Gantt and Bunnie attend Friendship Baptist Church. "I love it. He's the best choice Charlotte could have made. Gantt is a very warm, open hearted person - not a phony."

Bunnie encourages Rev. Jesse Jackson to campaign for President. "He deserves the chance, and threats on his life won't stop him."

## Organization To Focus On Young Adults

The NAACP has set a new goal to register two million new voters. They will concentrate their resources and efforts on key congressional districts throughout the South. There is no magic formula - only hard work. Therefore, they encourage every citizen who is eligible, to become a registered voter. Broad community support is needed to reach the unregistered. They call upon churches, clubs, organizations and citizens to help bury voter apathy. Slogans and speeches alone will not do the job. They need committed volunteers to knock on doors, make phone calls, talk to people in the streets, beauty salons, barber shops, grocery stores and any other location where unregistered voters may be found.

Voting is not only a right. It's a responsibility. Everybody can play a part.

The NAACP will launch a concerted effort to reach 18- to 24-year-olds who are unregistered. Their youth and college divisions will work through their college chapters, young adult councils and youth councils to accomplish their objectives. Each college chapter is urged to organize a voter registration voter education campaign on their campuses.

The year 1984 is a crucial political year in this nation and this local community. The presidential election in November, 1984 looms as one of the most important elections in this century. While the NAACP is a non-partisan organization that does not endorse candidates for political office, their National Board of Directors meeting in Jackson, Miss., in April of this year passed a resolution specifically stating that the number one political objectives of the NAACP will be the defeat of Ronald W. Reagan as President of the United States in 1984.

Voter Registration and voting is of prime concern to the National Association For The Advancement of Colored People. They understand the reality of political life in a Democratic Republic. "If you don't vote, you don't count." Since the enactment of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, many legal barriers to voter participation have been removed. Gone are the days when a person had to pay poll taxes, interpret the Constitution to the satisfaction of an "illiterate" registrar, be quizzed on how far a dog can run in the woods or how many bubbles are in a bar of soap?

### Along The Campaign Trail

## Eddie Knox: Charlotte Is In Good Hands!

By Karen Parker  
Post Staff Writer

"The ship is in good hands," stated former Mayor Eddie Knox when Mayor-Elect Harvey Gantt was sworn into office Monday night.

Harvey Gantt and the City Council-elect took the oath of office before a full house at Ovens Auditorium. Mayor Gantt promised to take a critical look at the issues of solid waste, transportation, police and fire protection. "I love Charlotte," the Mayor insisted. "I know you've probably heard me say that a thousand times since my announcement for mayor, but I say it deeply from the heart," he assured.

Mayor Gantt also made it quite clear that his national popularity since his election will not interfere with what he has to do for the Charlotte community. During responses from the elected city council, Laura



Eddie Knox  
...Leaves office



Harvey Gantt  
...New mayor



Bob Walton  
...Seeks reelection

Frech the representative for District Four mentioned that when Charlotte City Council would attend political conventions, representatives from other states would remark, "Charlotte is that in Virginia or South Carolina."

But with Charlotte's fast growth Frech pointed out nearly everyone knows where Charlotte is and can even claim a relative or friend who lives in the city.

Mayor Gantt added to Frech's indication that Charlotte's growth is good as long as it is controlled. Gantt stressed he and City Council will keep Charlotte growing; but they will also preserve the unity and togetherness of the community.

After acknowledging that he had not accounted for emotion when he prepared a time-limited speech, Mayor Gantt thanked his

wife, Cindy, for being patient because he has a "love affair with Charlotte."

Announcing last week that he will run for the Ninth Congressional District of North Carolina, Bob Walton emphasized again this week he will seek reelection to the Board of County Commissioners instead. Walton, also the minister of St. Paul United

Presbyterian Church, mentioned three factors which he based his recent decision obligations, and some unfinished business on the Board of County Commissioners," he outlined.

However, some of that business will be reviewed and voted on by the City and County residents in the May 8, 1984 primary. In Monday's County Commissioners meeting, the Board approved Walton's proposal to have placed on the ballot the issue of whether the voter will continue to elect five Commissioners at-large or to change the format and elect three Commissioners at-large and four district representatives. If the new format is adopted the County Commission Board will increase from a total of five members to seven members.

"I support the change because it will mean people in each district will have

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