

# Understanding The Electoral Process

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## First in series

As you probably noticed from news reports, Rev. Jesse Jackson received more than enough publicity when in a "private conversation" he used the term Hymie to refer to Jews.

This year is a hot political year, and all candidates must walk and talk with continuous caution. Can Jackson's remark wipe out any support he was to receive? Yes, but not to the extent that it will determine whether he wins or loses the election.

Beginning this week, The

Charlotte Post will print a series that can help you understand the electoral process in a Presidential election. Popularity and saying just what people want to hear is an asset, but there's more required to become a President.

To begin with, a Presidential candidate who waits until just before election year, won't be too successful in the race. It usually takes three to four years prior to the election to build nationwide recognition.

Of course, the basic

qualifications outlined in the Constitution, state a Presidential candidate

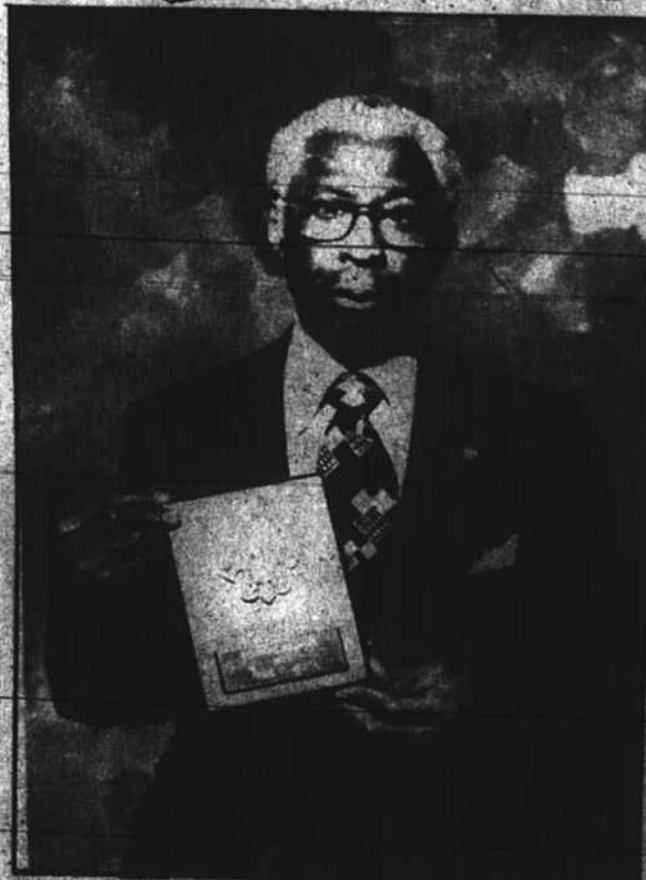
must be at least 35 years old; lived within the U.S. for 14 years; and be a natural-born citizen.

Once a candidate has consulted with several political experts and decided it's wise to run for President, the ball begins to roll by selecting a campaign organization. In states throughout the nation, the candidate identifies those key persons usually well-known and politically informed, who can convince voting people that they're representing the most qualified leader for the country.

At the same time, the Presidential candidate is not only seeking good spokespeople for the campaign, but exceptional fundraising people as well. Money, probably, is the determining factor when it comes to organizing the best campaign.

The next big topics are delegate elections and primary elections. The rules at this point become a little more diverse, depending on the process a particular state has adopted.

Part II of "Electing A President," will deal with the process and how it operates in North Carolina.



Carl J. Hunt  
.....Advancement chairman

## Hunt Gets Scouter Award

Carl J. Hunt received the District Scouter Award for 1983 at the Talahi 7th Annual Leaders District Banquet.

Mr. Hunt serves as Advancement Chairman on the District Level and also a member of the Eagle Service Project's Review Board.

As a member of Getsemane AME Zion Church, he serves as Secretary of the Trustee Board, Director of Christian Education and as teacher of the

Adult Excelsior Sunday School Class.

His community involvements include: a member of the Mecklenburg County Zoning Board of Adjustment, Hyde Park Community Association, Second Ward High School Alumni Class of 1932.

With a passion for Public and Religious service, Mr. Hunt believes that it is one our American privileges to support and work with the Boy Scout Movement.

## Brown Is NCFBS Speaker

Wednesday, February 29, marked the first day of the National Council for Black Studies hosted by the University of North Carolina at Charlotte's Department of Afro-American and African Studies. This conference, being held at the Sheraton Center Hotel in Charlotte, will last until March 4.

Various workshops, lectures, seminars, special panels on issues facing black studies in the United States will be held during the four days.

"The conference is important," Dr. Bertha Maxwell, Conference Chairperson, stated, "because it takes scholars from sitting on university campuses and brings what I call the academic 'gown to town.' It puts them in the community, for the community's benefit. These scholars will discuss their research and findings and the community will be able to participate and benefit from those findings. Not only will the community learn from the scholars, but the scholars will learn from the community as well. The essence of black studies revolves around the black community, not just the classroom."

The theme for this year's conference is "Academic Excellence and Social Re-

...Television commentator responsibility: Black Leadership in Politics and Education." Also the "homecoming" of all alumni of the UNCC Afro-American and African Studies program will be emphasized. A student institute has been planned for youth also.

Speakers during the conference will include Eddie James Carthan (Saturday, March 3); Tony Brown (Friday, March 2); Dr. Carlene Young (Friday, March 2). Other speakers will include Ben Chavis, Dr. Ivan Van Sertima, John Henry Clark, Dr. A. Helizi and Dr. Beverly

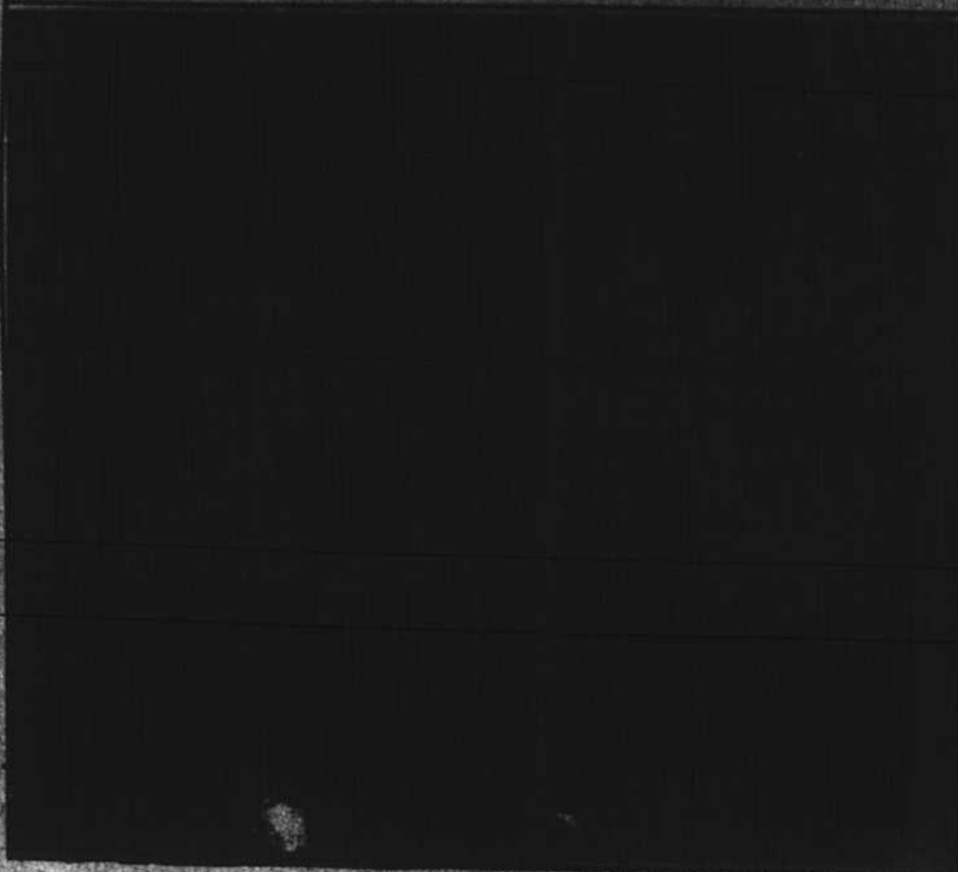
Workshops, seminars or special panels will include such topics as "Blacks in the Mass Media," "Black Urban Politics," "The Black Family Problems and Perspectives," "The Principles of Debate," "The Role of the Black Church in Public Education" (with local ministers including Reverends Jones, Battle and Riddick).

Dr. Carlene Young is NCFBS chairperson; Dr. Bertha Maxwell is conference coordinator.

## UNCC Alumni

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte Alumni Association was recently formed. Members elected Bernard Reeves president.

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CARL BUFORD  
...To attempt 400-mile trip

## Buford To "Jet Ski" Around Lake Norman

By Lori Grier  
Post Staff Writer

How would you like to "Jet Ski" the shore line of Lake Norman which includes three counties and 400 miles of fresh water shore front? Carl Buford, owner of Quick Carl's Jet Ski Rental, Inc., will attempt to make his dream come true on March 9 and 10 as he "Jet Skis" around Lake Norman.

The Lake Norman trip is only the beginning; the ultimate goal will be to "Jet Ski" from the Florida Keys to New York Harbor at the World Trade Center. This will be recorded in the "Guinness Book of World Records."

"I look forward to being able to excel to no end. I always put God in front of me and never forget how I got where I am today," announced Buford.

Buford of 5400 Beatties Ford Road has given his whole life to God, including his business which he says was given to him by God. He is a member of Eastway Church of God, 1131 Eastway Drive (across from Garinger High School). Services are held on Sundays at 8:45 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

Pastor Bobby G. Ross has served Eastway Church of God and the Charlotte Metrolina area for the past 15 1/2 years and is presently involved in the first planning stages of a new Christian Education facility.

He wants to encourage all the friends and members of Eastway Church of God and businesses in the Charlotte Metrolina area to join in the enthusiasm of Buford's dream.

You may sponsor him on a one-time donation to the Eastway Church of God or sponsor a charitable amount for each mile that he will "Jet Ski" around Lake Norman. To be a part of this incredible history in the making or to get more information about an exciting church and its pastor, call 536-3708.

All donations pledged towards Buford's incredible "Jet Ski" trip around Lake Norman will help build to the Glory of God a New Christian Education facility that the people of Charlotte will be proud of.

"I would like to break the barriers (blacks being naturally afraid of water) between blacks and whites in water sports, and I would like more blacks to get involved in water

sports. I would also like to prove that if I can accomplish water sports, other blacks can also. If I can help someone as I pass along, then my living won't be in vain," affirmed Carl Buford.

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## UNCC Plans New Building

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The building would be paid for through revenues from users of campus printing services which would be moved to the building from present cramped quarters in the bookstore building.

Site of the proposed building is north of the McEntire Building.

Mullins-Wash Architects, PA, of Charlotte was the firm selected to design the project. Thomas E. Mullins, Jr. and

Richard L. Wash are UNCC alumni, and this project represents the first time a graduate of UNCC's College of Architecture has been selected for a campus project. All except one of the other members of the firm's staff are also UNCC alumni.

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Mildred Dwiggins Swift

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Without IRA		With IRA -
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	Other taxable income, etc.	\$900
\$15300	Gross income	\$15300
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\$14300	Taxable Income	\$14300
\$NONE	IRA deductions to maximum	\$2000
\$14300	Taxable Income	\$12300
\$1850	Federal tax	\$1542
\$781	State tax	\$ 641
\$2731	Total taxes	\$ 2183
	+Investment	\$2000
	+Taxes saved	\$648
	+Your actual out-of-pocket costs	\$1452

You owe it to yourself to explore IRA alternatives other than bank accounts, certificates of deposit, annuities and money market accounts. These choices only allow you to make money one way - through interest.

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