

Faircloth Wins More Support With New Strategical Move

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer

George Wimble is new to the political arena, and he certainly has a struggle ahead as he works to defeat Sen. Jesse Helms in the Republican primary.

A difference in attitude is certainly apparent among the candidates. Wimble appears compassionate, sometimes excessively dramatic. Helms is more hard-nosed, with no issue other than school prayer that can affect North Carolinians as a whole.

Since Helms has years of experience as a Senator, Wimble at this point is the "dark horse" candidate, meaning he has little chance of winning the nomination. However, because this is a tense political year, and people want to be reassured times are getting better, Wimble's composure might win him the GOP nomination; at least it worked for Jimmy Carter in 1976.

Gubernatorial candidate Lauch Faircloth made a strategical move recently that probably won him more support.

When the present state administration announced "North Carolina teachers will get a 10-13 percent pay raise without increasing taxes," Faircloth just shrugged and replied: "This just goes to show that what we (Faircloth campaign staff members) have been saying since day one of this



Rev. J. B. Humphrey
.....Convention director



George Wimble
.....Senate candidate

Along The Campaign Trail

campaign was right, and other candidates were wrong. We can meet our needs in this state without a tax increase."

He added, "Other candidates were wringing their hands about the economy and reaching for the higher taxes lever. I was keeping my eye on the economy based on a lifetime of business experience and over 10 years of running two state government departments."

What did a state elections official mean when he stated, "Redistricting in Charlotte would not make blacks any more influential?" The power of the black vote already has more influence than most people are willing to admit.

When Jim Long, candidate for insurance com-

missioner, received an endorsement from the General Baptist State Convention, he knew and admitted he had received one of the most sought after endorsements in the state. He also acknowledged, "Recent voter registration drives have made the black vote even more important than in years past."

So redistricting in Charlotte isn't to show how influential blacks can be; that's well understood. The redistricting will mean one more step in political progression for blacks; it will mean more black representation in government.

Mayor Harvey Gantt, a partner in Gantt-Huberman Associates architectural firm, participated in a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the dedication of North Carolina Central's Criminal Justice Building yesterday.

N.C. Attorney General Rufus Edmisten, now running for governor, was there also to deliver the dedication speech. Reports indicated Edmisten wasn't at the school to garner votes. Don't be fooled; his mere appearance inevitably struck some political awareness.

Founder's Day Observance Held At First Baptist-West

By Lori Grier
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The following information was provided by Mrs. Dorothy Bratton and Mrs. Virginia Wood, sorors of the Alpha Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

The recent annual Founders Day Observance held at First Baptist Church-West, 1601 Oaklawn Avenue, embraced as its theme one of the established goals of the Alpha Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.: "Service to one's Fellowman."

Distinguished sorors, at this time, received meritorious awards on this the sorority's grand occasion. Soror Cecelia Wilson received an award for her outstanding contributions to "Black Heritage;" Soror Eddyce Hobson was awarded "Soror of the Year," and Soror Mildred Abridge received the

Bridge Winners

The Metrolina Duplicate Bridge Club recently announced the winning pairs for last week's match. They were for North-South, Harry Boat and Emery Rann; Joseph Scott and Edward High; Rose and Julian Pyles; William Haygood and Tennyson Johnson. In the East-West games, winners were Gerson Stroud and Charles Boat; Vieta Neal and John Culliff; Felicia and Johnny Williams; Cora Lewis and Walter Byers.

The Metrolina Duplicate Bridge Club holds games each Tuesday at 7:15 p.m. in the Greenville Community Center.

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Mrs. Virginia Wood
.....New Basileus

"Special Citation" Award for service to the chapter.

Mrs. Virginia Wood of 1427 Orvis Street has been elected to serve as Basileus of the Alpha Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., one of the largest sororities in the United States and abroad. Mrs. Wood has many roles in the Charlotte community in addition to being a wife and mother.

Of her role in the sorority, the educator remarked, "Great leaders are people-oriented and are

effective because of this attribute. Leaders who are sensitive to the needs of others are strong, and they foster togetherness. Alpha Kappa Alpha women are leaders and have incorporated good leadership qualities and skills into their lives and into the lives of others. Inherent in the nature of our sorority are the interests of other people—their motivations, their moods and their fears. We care, and we are strong through mutual respect and sensitivity to others. The Alpha Lambda Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has captured a vision fair."

Joining Mrs. Wood in the executive capacity are Anti-Basileus, Marian Yates; Grammateus, Lolita Turner; Anti-Grammateus, Verlis Armstrong; Epistoleus, Anita Barber; Tamiouchos, Shirley Smalls; Membership Chairperson, Doris Asbury; Ivy Leaf Reporter, Dorothy Bratton; Parliamentarian, Elsie Woodard; Historian, Elizabeth Dargan; Graduate Advisors,

Deborah Blakeney and Barbara Heath; Assistant Graduate Advisors, Brenda Foster and Barbara Stephens; Graduate Members-at-Large, Frances Bullock and Felicia Williams; Chairpersons of

Standing Committees for Service, Joyce Woodard; Connection, Anna Hood; Pan-Hellenic, Brenda Foster and Marilyn McClain; Social, Jessie Richmond; Special Projects, Annie Timmons and Elizabeth Dixon.

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Both of these books are located in the school's Duke Library, where Mrs. Shirley Wilkins is employed. "I knew Inez for more than 20 years," Mrs. Wilkins said. "She was a delightful person. People always called on her when they were doing research and needed to know something about the college or the black community."

Mrs. Wilkins is especially proud of Mrs. Parker's creation of an archives department. The archives department is named in Inez's honor: Inez Moore Parker Archival Center, the librarian stated proudly.

Phil Busher works in the university's public relations department, and is well aware of Mrs. Parker's invaluableness. "She was an extremely popular figure, and will be a tremendous loss," he stated. "I can't think of anyone more loyal and dedicated to the school," he added.

Mrs. Parker also devoted her energy to the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority. Dorothy Bratton remembered her soror, as a "leader in education." Mrs. Bratton pointed out that Mrs. Parker "touched the lives of many of her students. It's exemplified through their professions today," Mrs. Bratton assured.

Some of those students whom Mrs. Bratton probably spoke of were Elizabeth Randolph, who recently retired from the Mecklenburg County School System as an associate supervisor and Pettis Norman, a former professional football player, and now owner of Burger King franchises in Texas.

"Mrs. Parker did not teach me," Gerson Stroud, JCSU alumnus commented, "but I had an occasion to speak with her through contacts as a staff member, alumnus and neighbor."

"During this period," he continued, "I perceived her to be highly professional, quite dedicated and keenly interested in Johnson C. Smith University's progress, development and growth. She had a keen interest and influence in all students - the ones she taught as well as the ones she came in contact with."

Laura Malone's friendship with Mrs. Parker began in the 1940's. They met when Mrs. Malone worked as the head of the bookstore at Johnson C. Smith University. "She had quite an interest in the books that I ordered," Mrs. Malone stated.

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Sometimes we would take our lunch hours and talk about politics or any interesting subject. Even when I left Smith I would go to her home and I could

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