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Reagan Urged To Remove Pendleton

Clarence Pendleton Jr., Chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, recently complained to President Reagan because the President met privately with Blacks in his administration, according to Robert L. Gordon, Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

Mr. Pendleton has also complained about the government setting aside a certain percentage of government contracts for minority vendors, noted Grand Polemarch Gordon.

The President's meeting with Blacks in his administration is not only beneficial for the President, but necessary for the President to better understand Black Americans despite Mr. Pendleton's assertion that he will never knowingly attend any meeting the President or his administration convenes exclusively for Blacks, said Grand Polemarch Gordon.

Government set aside programs are absolutely necessary to remedy the many years of refusal of government contracts for minority vendors.

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. urges President Reagan to remove Mr. Pendleton, as a member of the United States Civil Rights Commission and replace him with a person who at least believes in the fundamental purpose of the Commission, said Grand Polemarch Gordon.

The fraternity has adopted a resolution in response to Mr. Pendleton's actions which will be forwarded to President Reagan, the Congressional Black Caucus, Clarence Pendleton and other national organizations.

Internal Revenue Services Need Volunteers

Greensboro - Community volunteers prepared more than 14,000 Federal income tax returns free this year for North Carolina citizens who were either unable to afford to pay for the service or were unable to prepare their returns themselves. It is called Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and is sponsored by the Internal Revenue Service.

The 84 groups of volunteers in 55 counties also prepared almost 7,400 North Carolina state tax returns and answered about 2,500 questions about taxes in general.

Volunteers are sought from communities throughout the state and are trained by the IRS. This year, retired accountants, teachers, homemakers, retired businesspersons, professional groups and college students were involved in VITA. A special need is for persons who will accept a leadership role in recruiting other volunteers in their communities and establishing VITA sites to open next January. Areas where little or no VITA organization was established last year were the North Central and West Central regions.

Those interested in working in the VITA program in 1985 are encouraged to call Liberty toll-free at 800-424-1040 any weekday on extension 5620.



Anna McCoy
"Beauty of the Week"

Anna McCoy Wants To Travel And See The World

By Jalyne Strong Post Staff Writer
Since completing studies at the Associated Schools and Travel Company based in North Miami Beach, Fla., Anna McCoy has been seeking employment in the airline field. "I want to be a stewardess or work with a travel agency," she states.

This 23-year-old beauty is certainly prepared for these positions. She began the course in Airline Travel Training through home study then proceeded down to North Miami Beach to finish four weeks of intensive training. McCoy explains, "We worked with computers and on the telephone learning how to book flights and write out reservations. We also studied all aspects of travel agency procedures."

McCoy did not get a chance to venture down to the exciting city of Miami, after all she tells, "I was much too busy studying. The courses were hard."

"I want to travel and see a lot of the world," cites McCoy as her reasons for pursuing this profession. Though she hasn't of yet been able to secure a job in her dream career she is still actively looking.

For now, McCoy is employed with Cannon Mills. A native of Sharon, S.C., she still maintains residence in this small town near York. "I like small town living," assures McCoy. "It's quiet and it's home."

"My grandmother and sister live in Charlotte," she continues. "I like to visit the city, there are a lot of things to do and it keeps you busy."

In fact, McCoy was kept quite busy during her last visit to Charlotte when she attended her sister's wedding. Not only did she attend the wedding, but McCoy, who is a hobby seamstress, also made her sister's wedding gown and all of the bridesmaids' gowns except for the matron of honor's. "There were eight bridesmaids," McCoy explains. See ANNA On Page 3A

Civil Rights Attorney Julius Chambers Encourages Blacks "To Get Out And Vote"

Audrey C. Lodato Post Staff Writer
Prominent civil rights attorney Julius L. Chambers was in Charlotte this past weekend to address the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League's Second Annual Equal Opportunity Day Dinner. While in town, he stopped by The Post to share some thoughts on voting in the November election with our readers.

"I think this election is extremely important because it comes at a time when achievements of the past few years are being seriously tested on both national and local levels," Chambers remarked. "Whatever progress we've made or want to make will be affected by this election's outcome."

Attorney Chambers commended the Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity's work in encouraging blacks to get out and vote. "I think it's important to note the effort being made by the boule to encourage minorities in the community to vote in this election," he said. The boule is calling on people in the community to emphasize the urgency and importance of the election, Chambers explained.

This year's political races on all levels are of importance, Mr. Chambers believes. With regard to the presidential race: "We already have seen the policies of this



Julius L. Chambers

administration, designed to limit the opportunities that minorities have been afforded over the past few years.... The Department of Justice

Human Services Issue Concerns Candidates

By Audrey C. Lodato Post Staff Writer

With 10 candidates running for five seats on the Board of County Commissioners, there are bound to be some differences of opinion regarding the issues facing the Board and what to do about them. Here, several of the candidates air their views in answer to the question, "What do you see as the main issues facing the County Commissioners in the next six months, and what would you like to see down about them?"

BYNUM
Charlotte optometrist Raleigh Bynum cites four major areas of concern for the Board to address.

One, he believes, is the problem of solid waste disposal. "I think serious consideration should be given to incineration," he asserts, adding that the by-products could be sold to offset the high initial cost of incinerators. This would also eliminate the need for landfills. "I do see citizens getting involved by separating recyclables from other waste, which would help decrease the cost of disposal," he explains.

Bynum thinks continued study should be given to the possibility of city-county consolidation and its ramifications. Then, he believes, citizens should vote on it. "I do not think the elected officials should make that decision," Bynum insists.

Monitoring the activities of the Human Services Board is also a big item in the optometrist's opinion. The boards and administrative structure of seven human service agencies - Mental Health, Social Services, Health, Veteran Services, Youth Services, Older Adults, and the Department of Human Services Planning - have recently been consolidated in an effort to save time and money and to develop a system more responsive to citizens' needs. Bynum's concerns are that the quality of services is maintained or improved, that the consolidation result in no loss of jobs, and that costs are kept down.

On what he calls "the continued question of growth for the county," candidate Bynum remarks, "I think the county, and even the city, should do what we can to get developers interested in neglected areas, to provide comprehensive growth throughout the county." He maintains there are other parts of the



Raleigh Bynum



Carla DuPuy



Carol B. Mullis

system that takes a person two hours to go from Solomon St. (in the Biddleville area) to SouthPark is deficient in some way," he declared.

Mullis also thinks some improvements can be made at the county level with regard to job opportunities. One way he sees of doing this is through education in job skills to qualify job-seekers for better paying jobs; another way is through some type of subsidy. Mullis, who was born into a poor family, believes education is the key to escaping "the grips of poverty."

He emphasizes that none of these problems will be solved in the next six months, but solutions can be begun.

DUPUY

Candidate Carla DuPuy presently chairs the public library board of trustees. She sees the primary issues to be faced in the areas of waste disposal, growth, human services, and the schools.

"The major issue," claims DuPuy, "is the landfill and waste disposal. People are nervous about where these sites are going to be located. We can't eliminate landfills, but what I'd like to see is a plan for incineration. There's one in the works, but I'd like to see three or four so no one area has the burden." DuPuy was vice-chairperson of the campaign that promoted the incinerator at UNCC, which will provide the energy for the hospital there.

A second important issue, says DuPuy, is growth, "particularly what's happening in southeast Charlotte." She wants the County to be cautious about rezoning land. "You've got to protect surrounding areas and be sure things such as roads, sewers, etc. are provided for," she explains.

The only female candidate for the County Commission is particularly interested in the human services issue. "Hopefully, the Human Services Council will be able to streamline services," she begins. "I don't advocate eliminating anything, but they can cut costs." DuPuy strongly supports prevention and early intervention programs. "If you can cure a problem before it starts, you save a lot of tax dollars," she points out.

Another issue of importance to DuPuy is the relationship with the school board. "My goal there would be to work closely and develop a good relationship with the school board, so that we could understand their priorities at budget time," she reveals.

AUTREY

Commissioner candidate Rod Autrey answers the issues question by saying, "The one that definitely fits the 6-months category is the one of planning, so growth doesn't overwhelm just one area." He believes it is important to understand how the elements of the community interrelate. "We cannot get so wrapped up in our own little segment of the community that we push for something that will be detrimental to the community as a whole," he asserts.

As with the other candidates, Autrey views the landfill question as one that must be dealt with in the next six months. "Landfills are not going to go away," he notes. "We'll See COUNTY On Page 2A

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