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Dawn Shropshire
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Shropshire Getting Head

Start In Business World

By Jalyne Strong
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Dawn Shropshire wants her own business. She aspires to one day be a business tycoon. Dawn states, "After I graduate from college, I plan to enter the field of apartment management." Then she forecasts, "I'll expand this enterprise across the country."

A junior at Myers Park High School, Dawn's concerned with getting a head start into the business world through her involvement in Junior Achievement. This program is an introduction for young people into the realm of business management. "At this point we're learning how to affect a business person's attitude," explains Dawn. Soon the members of J.A. will be given products which they will have to sell, she elaborates.

At her high school, Dawn is a member of the NAACP and the Computer Club. A member of Salem Baptist Church, she participates as an usher. Dawn's other interests are wide and varied.

She likes drama and has been involved in two drama groups including FOCUS and Drama with Direction, a program of PTL. She enjoys reading science-fiction and mystery novels and Jacques Cousteau is one of her favorite tele-

Local Entrepreneurs Agree:

According To Small Business Administration Minority-Owned Businesses Have Record Year

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer

According to Miller Widemire, the SBA Small Business Administra-

tion's Regional Administrator for the Southeast, the 1984 fiscal year was a record year for the region's minority-owned small businesses.

The Southeast region surpassed for the first time the \$300 million level in contracts and contract modifications. This was an increase of 33 percent over the previous year, and far exceeded the goal of \$250 million. "This accomplishment can be attributed to a tremendous effort on the part of the Minority Small Business Team throughout the Region, great cooperation and support from fellow Federal agencies in providing contracts, and effective self-marketing by 8(a) companies," the SBA spokesman stated.

Rose Marie Cotton, Assistant Director for Minority Small Business in the Charlotte SBA office, explained that 8(a) refers to a program "especially designed to help



Artis Webb
.....Kirby distributor
firms get government contracts. The purpose is to help them become



Bobby Lowery
.....Heads janitorial service
more competitive and to develop more." She noted that there are 31

firms in North Carolina that are certified for 8(a).

The 1,642 contracts awarded in the Southeast region in FYs 1981-1984 represent a 40 percent increase over the preceding four fiscal years. The amount of the contracts, \$849.1 million, is a 142 percent increase.

In addition, one of the national priorities for 1984 was to increase the 8(a) portfolio by approving 500 new companies nationwide. The Agency exceeded its goal by approving 588 new firms. Of this total, 91 were in the Southeast region. This was the largest number of approvals in any of the 10 regions.

During President Reagan's Second Minority Enterprise Development Week, awards were presented to minority businesses and to major corporations for their efforts in supporting minority small businesses. Among the corporations were See MINORITIES On Page 10A

3 Blacks Gain State Seats

Walton Wins; Bynum Loses In County Commissioners Race

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer

With a healthy margin of votes, Democratic incumbent Bob Walton won reelection to the Board of County Commissioners. The only other black running for a seat on the Commission, Charlotte optometrist Raleigh Bynum, finished ninth in a field of 10 candidates.

Also reelected was Commission chairman, T.L. (Fountain) Odom. The two incumbents were the only Democrats to win in the County election.

Several other blacks were on the ballot. Unopposed for State Senate District 33, Democrat Melvin Watt was selected by Party officials to replace the late Phil Berry, whose name appeared on the ballot. District 33 was recently redrawn as a predominantly black Senate district.

Also unopposed were Democrats Jim Richardson in District 59 and Howard Barnhill in District 60.

In the only contested race for 26th District Court Judge, as of press time, Judge T. Michael Todd trailed challenger Marilyn Bissell. If elected, Bissell will be the only Republican among the County's 11 District Court judges. Judge Todd had been criticized by his opponent for being too liberal. He characterized himself as "conscientious." If Todd is defeated, that will leave only one black out of 11 District Court judges.

In the hotly contested Ninth Congressional race, results were still not in at press time. A spokeswoman for the D.G. Martin campaign said she had heard



Poll volunteer Tanya Dean, left, shows unidentified voter a list of candidates endorsed by the Black Political Caucus. Ms. Dean, a sophomore at West Mecklenburg High School, was one of several students distributing literature and explaining the ballot to voters outside Metropolitan United Presbyterian

Church at West Blvd. and Old Steele Creek Rd., the polling place for Precinct 39. Ms. Dean's mother, Marcia Dean, stated the students were there "to get them used to the process. We're trying to get them primed. This should be as natural as washing their faces." (Photo By Audrey Lodato)

rumors that there were some disputed tabulations in Iredell and Lincoln Counties. "But that's very unofficial," she hastened to add.

Overall, Republicans appeared to be the big winners in Election '84. In what's got to be one of the worst campaigns on record, incumbent

Jesse Helms glided past challenger Jim Hunt for the U.S. Senate seat, giving the arch-conservative another six years.

The State can look forward to a Republican governor for the second time in this century. Jim Martin's Council of State, though, may turn

out to be heavily Democratic, if early trends continue.

Charlotte bond issues and the Constitutional amendment requiring a law license for district attorneys and the State's Attorney General were all approved by voters.

"For Tremendous Job"

Local Black Leaders Commend Republican Party

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer

With Republicans garnering a lot of important positions in this week's elections, it may be tempting for some on the far right to claim a moral victory. It may perhaps be more accurate to explain the election results as a swing of the pendulum from left to right. No doubt, the political pendulum will swing in the other direction again. Perhaps one day it will stabilize in a more central position.

On the election results as a whole, Mayor Harvey Gantt commented, "Obviously, I'm not very pleased. The people who won swept out a lot of very progressive people who were serving the country, the state, and this area very well." Describing himself as "troubled" over Hunt's defeat in the Senate race, the mayor



Mayor Gantt went on to say that he is pleased with the substantial voter turnout, es-



pecially among blacks. "They should keep the faith," he de-



clared. "Their vote does count"

Former Democratic Party chairman, Bob Davis, when asked his opinion on the election results, remarked, "I must commend the Republican Party for the tremendous job they did." He explained that the Republicans had apparently planned well and achieved their goals. "I am greatly disappointed in the behavior of the Democrats," Davis lamented, "white Democrats in particular, because there are not enough white Republicans to elect a dog catcher. White Democrats became 'Republicanrats' and voted straight Republican tickets." He also commended black registered voters for "standing by their principles" and exhorted black leadership to "regroup and reevaluate how best to overcome the malaise we find ourselves in"

Republican Hubert Jefferson, who ran for the County Commission in 1974, a year that "very few Republicans won," reflected on the voting results this way: "I think we told the people what was happening. Blacks should look into the Republican Party. We need to become an integral part of the Party because it may become the majority Party we need to be an integral part of the American society, and that's politics."



great deal of what we see
is on what we are looking for.