



"Watermelons!" The sights and sounds of summer can be seen and heard at the farmers market, where Troy Davis of Booker Avenue draws attention to his melons. Actually, Troy, who will be going into the seventh grade at Albemarle Road Junior High, works for a fellow he knows only as "Ed." There are worse ways to earn some summer cash! (Photo by Audrey Lodato)

UNCC Schedules SAT Preparation Courses

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte has scheduled three SAT preparation courses during the coming year to help relieve the anxiety and pressures of taking the test.

The review classes for high school students will be held on three consecutive Saturdays. The first session is September 7, 14 and 21. The second is October 5, 19, and 26, and the last one is February 15, 22 and March 1.

The objective is to cover as much of the test material as possible in a clear and organized manner, along with students completing a number

of timed practice exercises.

Instructors are Dr. Evelyn Davis and Dr. Thom Clark of UNCC's College of Education and Allied Professions.

High school seniors or juniors wishing to take the SAT during 1985-86 are urged to register. The exam dates are October 12, November 2, March 15, May 3, and June 7.

The cost of the review is \$80.

For registration and other information, contact UNCC's Office of Continuing Education and Extension at 704-597-4448.

Democrats To Testify Before Fairness Commission

North Carolina Democrats will have a chance to influence the future of the national party when the Democratic National Committee's Fairness Commission meets in New Orleans on Saturday, August 24. The Commission will be holding hearings for all Southern Democrats concerning the rules for conducting primaries and selecting delegates to the 1988 Democratic National Convention.

The selection of delegates is an important step in nominating a presidential candidate. At issue are the questions of guaranteed representation for elected officials, and the method of assigning delegates based on the results of each state's Presidential primary.

North Carolina Democratic Party Chairman Wade Smith said the purpose of the Fairness Commission is to ensure that the nominating process is fair to every Democrat who seeks the nomination.

"We want to make sure that all the candidates have a fair opportunity to lead the Democratic ticket in 1988," he said. "We want a candidate who will win, so we have to make sure the nominating game is played on a level field. The rules shouldn't be biased towards one candidate and against another."

Smith, who will testify before the Commission, said that he will urge that the rules be simplified and stabilized.

"We want so many rules, and we have changed the rules so often, that many Democrats are confused and frustrated," he revealed. "I will ask the Commission to lay down a few, simple rules and lay them down early. Let's get this behind us and get on with winning the election."

Angie Elkins of Durham is the North Carolina delegate to the Fairness Commission. She sees the Commission as an important step in bringing the national party more in line with the state and local Democrats.

"A lot of us have not been happy

with the way the last five presidential candidates have been chosen," said Elkins. "I would say almost everyone is in favor of adopting clearer, simpler rules this year. This could help us bring the national party back under grass-roots control. We need to hear the views of Democrats all over the South."

The New Orleans hearing is one of four regional hearings being held across the nation. National Chairman Paul Kirk asked the Commission to present a report by the end of this year. Kirk said, "We need to get the rules behind us quickly and go into the issues."

The hearings will be held from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the New

Sheraton New Orleans. Democrats wishing to testify before the Fairness Commission should notify them in writing no later than August 14. The address is: Fairness Commission, Democratic National Committee, 430 South Capitol Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003. Attention: Yolanda Caraway, staff director. Each request should contain a brief description of the main questions the

testimony will address. The North Carolina Democratic Party would also appreciate comments in writing, which may be used to prepare oral testimony. Address your comments to: Everett Ward, Director of Political Operations, Democratic Party Headquarters, P.O. Box 12196, Raleigh, N.C. 27605. The party should receive your letter by August 20.

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