



District 2 councilman Charlie Dannelly (left) and former council representative Pam Patterson watch in anticipation as election returns come in Tuesday.

Cross Burned In Iredell Yard

STATESVILLE, N.C. (AP) — A white Iredell County teenager who danced with a black girl at a school dance has been harassed by schoolmates and awoke Tuesday to a burned cross in his front yard.

The boy and girl, both 14, are friends and danced with other friends and classmates from West Iredell Middle School and neighboring West Iredell High at a booster club-sponsored dance Saturday night.

Monday morning, older students on the school bus called him "nigger lover." Tuesday morning, his mother, Sharon Lynn Kistler, found a burned cross in their front yard.

School officials said the girl hasn't complained of any harassment.

Mrs. Kistler said she thinks students who harassed her son on the bus may have burned the cross in her yard.

"Nothing was said about it at the dance," she said. "They didn't even go to the dance. They were teasing him Monday, just

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wanted to win. Half of the electorate thought the way we do," Gantt said. "I've lost close races before and we've won some big ones."

Gantt didn't reveal his future political plans, adding that he served his constituents to the best of his ability.

"I've had the chance to represent Charlotte for 11 years," he said. "I'm going to rest and say thank you to my great friends."

aggravating him. They didn't say anything to him (Tuesday)."

Mrs. Kistler called the school Tuesday about boys on her son's school bus. The middle school's assistant principal, Billy Watts, called West High Princip-

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3 while Gardner, a 34-year-old insurance salesman, tried to point out his ability to aggressively seek change.

Scarborough is no political newcomer, although she will be a new face on the council. She ran unsuccessfully in 1980 and 1982 for a seat on the Mecklenburg County school board. Gardner was making his first run at political office.

pal Jay Raymer Wednesday morning.

Then Raymer called three boys into his office.

"There's been some name calling on both sides; they didn't deny that," Raymer said.



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GOP Can Gain Black Support

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come the 1988 Democratic presidential nominee.

Discussing the GOP image problem, Williams said only 17 percent of the blacks believed Republican leaders cared about the problems of blacks. When the same question was posed just to black Republicans, only 55 percent answered affirmatively, he said. On the other hand, 80 percent of black Democrats said their party cares about their prob-

lems.

In addition, black GOP leaders do not impress the black community, he said. "Black Republicans are often viewed as lacking influence in their party and as being more interested in their own personal economic welfare than in the welfare of the black community," he said. "These and other perceptions have intensified during the Reagan era."

"I believe black Republicans must take off the kid gloves in

dealing with their party," even though it may be uncomfortable to "rock the boat," he said. "That is often what a minority has to do if it wants to be heard, to be listened to, to be considered as serious players."

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