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Anti-Walton Efforts Must Form PAC

By Herb White
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People United for Justice is working as a political action committee and must be listed as such according to Mecklenburg County's Supervisor of Elections.

In a letter obtained by The Charlotte Post, elections supervisor Bill Culp urged James Barnett, president of PUJ, to file an organizational campaign report before receiving contributions or spending money.

State law defines a PAC as an organization whose purpose is to support or oppose political candidates and raises or spends money to do so.

Barnett and about 15 supporters oppose the reelection of incumbent Mecklenburg commissioner Bob Walton and have received "a few hundred dollars" to defeat him.

Walton's opposition for the Democratic nomination consists of Nasif Majeed and James Baldwin.

The complaint against Baldwin's group was filed by businessman Dyrrie Osborne, who alerted Culp to possible political activity by PUJ.

The Board of Elections met Friday to discuss Baldwin's initial response and unanimously voted to schedule a public hearing on the complaint at 4 p.m. Monday. The meeting will be held at the board of elections office on Kenilworth Avenue.

Barnett sees the hearing as a chance to clear the air about PUJ's political activity.

"We're going to educate the board of elections," he said. "We're going to take some of our people to the hearing and discuss the issues with the board. The more you talk to people, the better you can understand."

Although no official decision has been reached regarding Barnett's forming a PAC, there could be a fine of \$100 for filing late, Culp has said.

PUJ, Barnett said, plans to print and distribute handbills pointing out Walton's conviction for assault stemming from a homosexual encounter in 1986. According to Culp, that constitutes political activity.

The complaint against Barnett may result in PUJ filing as a political action committee, but that won't deter their mission.

"We still don't intend to change," he said. "They may have made a mistake in filing a See ANTI-WALTON on page 2A"

Fulani Will Speak At UNCC

Lenora Fulani, an independent presidential candidate for 1988, will speak at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte on Wednesday, March 2, 7 p.m. in the Cone Center.

Fulani, 38, a New York psychologist, is the first black woman to receive federal matching funds for her candidacy. Her campaign for the presidency is based on "fair elections and democracy."



Fulani

Fulani has said the major political parties are out of touch with America and don't make provisions for change at the polls.

The Presidential candidate has previously run for Governor of New York and Mayor of New York.



Photo By Calvin Ferguson

There's hope that Charlotte's new coliseum, now under construction, will welcome the CIAA tournament in 1991.

Can Charlotte Get CIAA?

By Herb White
Post Staff Writer

The CIAA basketball tournament, one of the biggest college sporting events in the United States, may find itself in Charlotte in 1991 if the right package can be put together.

Dr. Robert Albright, Johnson C. Smith University's president, is putting together support to bring the CIAA in. He will meet with presidents and chancellors of member schools at this week's tournament to push for the 1991 event.

Having the tournament would be another sports coup for the city, Albright believes.

"According to the NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association)," Albright said, "the CIAA tournament is the third most successful tournament in terms of attendance behind the Big East and the ACC (Atlantic Coast Conference)."

The 43-year-old tournament started in Washington, D.C.'s Turner Arena in 1945 and is being played this year in Norfolk, Virginia. But the CIAA has yet to set its extravaganza here. Greensboro was the last North Carolina city to host the tournament, in 1976.

There have been attempts to lure the tournament, but differences over money and accommodations for the schools and conference officials doomed past negotiations.

In 1986, Charlotte bid for this year's tournament. The conference, however, voted to return to Norfolk after a two-year run in Richmond.

Carroll Gray, president of the Charlotte Chamber of Commerce, said Charlotte's chances of landing future CIAA tournaments depend mostly on the efforts of a host school—in this case Johnson C. Smith.

Charlotte has made a bid for next year's Sun Belt Conference tournament behind the efforts of UNCC basketball coach and athletic director Jeff Mullins and members of the business community. The city hosted the first four Sun Belt tournaments, 1977-1980, but no CIAA events.

The Sun Belt is an NCAA Division I league. "That would all come from the basketball coach and the athletic director," Gray said. "That's what happened with the Sun Belt tournament—Jeff Mullins came to us."

Gray said he has not heard anything of late regarding the possibility of luring the CIAA to Charlotte, which will have a 23,500-seat arena ready for the NBA's Charlotte Hornets' 1988 season, but the chamber would back an effort.

"I haven't heard anything about it, but of course we'd like to see it come here," he said. "There are certain accommodations that have to be met to have

a tournament here."

Charlotte fell short in its last bid because the city couldn't meet the conference's criteria in scholarship money and perks such as free lodging for each team.

The CIAA set a minimum of \$60,000 in scholarships to be divided among the schools. Norfolk topped the offer with \$70,000 while Charlotte offered only \$20,000.

Albright said Charlotte is "a natural" site for the tournament and the city could put together an attractive package. Besides, it's about time the CIAA moved to a Southern Division city.

"I think that with all things being equal, the presidents and chancellors would vote to move the tournament to Charlotte in the 1990-91 basketball year," he said.

The CIAA, which draws fans from across America, has been a consistent sellout for years and even expanded to a four-day format to accommodate interest.

Unlike some tournaments where fans leave town once their team loses, the CIAA has a full house every day.

"I went to the Sun Belt tournament once," Albright said, "and once UAB (Alabama Birmingham, the host school) lost, their fans didn't show up. That doesn't happen in the CIAA."

N.C. AIDS Cases Triple, Blacks 44%

RALEIGH (AP)

---The number of new AIDS cases reported in North Carolina more than tripled in 1987, and the figures show that blacks have been hit harder than whites.

Although the state's population is about 22 percent black, blacks are the victims in about 44 percent of the reported AIDS cases in the state.

Scott Husted, health educator with the state AIDS control program, said the black community may not have enough health education on AIDS. "Certainly not as much as there needs to be," he said.

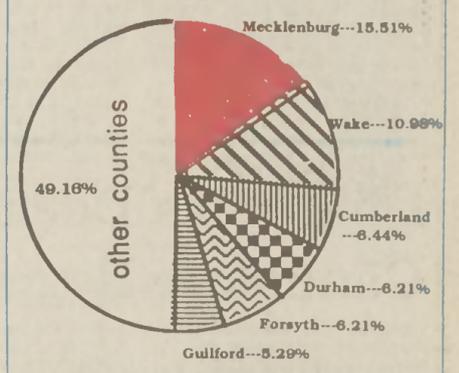
"There used to be a perception that AIDS is a white-gay-male disease. People thought, 'If you're not a white gay male, you don't need to take precautions,'" he said.

The state is stepping up its AIDS education program in the minority community. Starting Monday, Husted said, a new health educator will be working full time to get the AIDS education message out to minority groups.

The state also has been awarded \$90,000 from the federal Centers for Disease Control to distribute to community organizations for minority education. State health officials have asked organizations to submit applications for the funds by March 1.

The number of AIDS cases

N.C. AIDS Cases For 1987: Total 419



jumped to 247 from 81 the previous year, officials said Friday. About 70 of the 419 cumulative North Carolina cases reported by the end of December were due to a new, broader definition of the fatal acquired immune deficiency syndrome, health officials said.

The impact of the new definition was especially apparent in December. As of Nov. 24, only 166 new cases had been reported for the year.

"I think there were a lot of physicians who went through their files," Husted said. "Under the new definition, it became clear more cases were AIDS."

The figures show North Carolina is keeping pace with the rest of the nation in its rate of increase, although it still has far fewer cases than states like New York and California.

The state's "doubling time," the time it takes for the number of reported cases to double, is

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Koontz Wins FCC Permit To Operate Rock Hill TV

By Herb White
Post Staff Writer

Television veteran Ken Koontz is a step closer to returning to the industry after winning a permit from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to own and operate a television station in Rock Hill.

Koontz Communications Limited, includes Jim Berry and Alan Eustis of Washington television station WJLA and Washington attorney Bob Siefried as partners. Koontz, a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, was a reporter at WBTV (channel 3). He now owns a public relations firm, Ken Koontz and Associates.

To give Koontz the permit, the FCC overturned a decision made last May to award the permit to Janice Neisler, a Kings Mountain homemaker.

Koontz Communications Ltd. filed an appeal to FCC Administrative Law Judge John Frysiak's decision to give the Neislers the permit, along with five other applicants.

Neisler owns 51 percent of Neisler Limited Partnership while her husband, Scott, owns the remainder.

Koontz has a 20 percent ownership interest in the proposed station but would have "100 percent" control of its operation.



Koontz

Siefried would have a 40 percent interest in the station, with Berry and Eustis controlling 20 percent each.

The reversal wasn't a surprise, Koontz said, maintaining that his group's proposal was the best all along.

"I hoped for it," he said. "If there's any justice in America, we would get it."

Seven applicants tried to win the permit to build channel 55, which would be the seventh television station in the Charlotte

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Minority Student Assistance At CPCC

Special To The Post
By T. Malik Tillman

Too often minority students at Central Piedmont Community College drop classes and in many cases quit school unnecessarily.

According to reports from the U. S. Department of Education, 194 children in the Carolinas leave public schools each day and never return. A recent congressional study indicates that the dropout rates among minorities in some urban cities exceed 50 percent compared to the 30 percent rate for all races nationally. This clearly suggests the need for local and county citizens including black parents, educators, and students to take a more serious look at how this nationwide crisis directly affects everybody.

The N. C. Department of Community Colleges recently received a grant from the State legislature to help facilitate the educational needs of limited resource citizens. These funds made it possible for the Minority Achievement Center to be established on the campus of CPCC.

A reception for the new program was held on February 18 at the Terrell Administration Building. Students, faculty and staff people were invited to drop by and become acquainted with the services the MAC has to offer. The Center is a pilot project and the first one of its kind in the State of North Carolina Community College System.

Lewis C. Dowdy, Jr., the Center's coordinator states, "Our primary objective is first to



Photo by Frank Williams

CPCCs recently opened Minority Achievement Center will operate as a vehicle to help minority students make the most of their experience at the college. Dr. Ruth Shaw (r) welcomes the efforts of Lewis C. Dowdy Jr., the center's coordinator.

identify problem areas and render our structured resources to students to reduce dropout rates".

Recent surveys on CPCC campus reveal that most students quit school because of the lack of jobs, funds, transportation, and childcare. Mr. Dowdy said, "Yet, the tuition at CPCC is only \$77.00 per quarter for a full-time student. The institution ranked fifth among community colleges in terms of quality education. Minorities tend still not to take full advantage of such valuable opportunities". "An individual can attend CPCC for two years while working and save enough

money to afford to go to a good four year institution".

The Minority Achievement Center provides a number of services in the areas of self-improvement and self-help. The program conducts workshops on stress management, time-management and self-actualization, etc. It also facilitates orientation, mentorship programs, tutorial services, referrals to other college services, and community social service agencies, monitoring academic progress, assistance in transferring students to senior institutions, social activities and job recruitment efforts.

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