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## Jackson Poised For N.C.

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Heading into Super Tuesday, the Jesse Jackson campaign is confident that it will do well on its home turf, North Carolina.

State Rep. Dan Blue (D-Raleigh), Jackson's N.C. campaign chairman, said in a Tuesday telephone interview that recent showings in nearly all-white states is proof positive that Jackson is widening his base of support and is being taken seriously by voters.

Sunday Jackson finished second behind Massachusetts Gov. Mike Dukakis in the Maine primary with 33 percent of the vote. That's an impressive showing, Blue maintains, because Maine is 1 percent black and next door to Dukakis's home state.

"You can't blame Maine or New Hampshire or Iowa to a captured black vote," he said. "And you can throw in Minnesota" where Jackson finished second with 22 percent of the vote in its caucus.

Jackson is "comfortably ahead" of his Democratic opponents going into the primary, according to the campaign's polls, Blue said. But that doesn't mean they are taking anything for granted.

"We're poised to do extremely well in at least half of North Carolina's congressional districts and we'll do pretty well in the rest," he said. "We're not conceding any districts to anyone."

North Carolina, the third largest state in the Southeast, behind Texas and Florida, will send 82 delegates to the Democratic convention this summer in Atlanta. Jackson, who was born in South Carolina and went to college at N.C. A&T in

Greensboro, considers the South home, Blue said, and has been campaigning hard here.

Jackson has made eight stops in North Carolina during the campaign, more than any other candidate, Blue said. The campaign has gone from rallies in Asheville to investigating the red tide that threatened the state's fishing industry.

The candidate will be in Charlotte Saturday for a community reception at the Athletic Club and a noon rally at the United House of Prayer for All People at 2321 Beatties Ford Road.

Clara Williams, a Charlotte campaign worker, said Charlotte area is important to Jackson, hence the trip.

"There are other areas that

needed him more than we do, but he wanted to come here," she said. "And what he wants, he gets."

Jackson's message of economic revival and social responsibility has played well prior to the primary and should yield big dividends Tuesday, Blue said.

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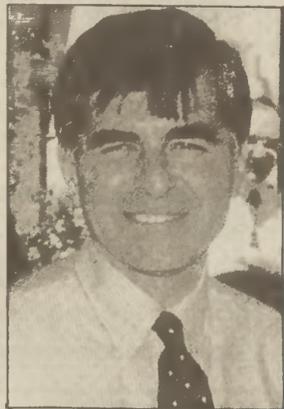
## Jackson Campaign Boosts Delegate Toll

Washington, D.C.--NNPA-- Despite negative predictions by media speculators and inaccurate pollsters, Rev. Jesse Jackson skillfully planned his campaign to become the first black candidate to capture the White House by winning over 600 delegates in 13 key southern states in the Super Tuesday primary elections, March 8.

Although Jackson constantly emphasizes he is not seeking racial victories, the ordained minister, civil rights activist and self-made world leader expects to get most of the 1,400 potential delegates in the 20 state elections next week based on margins (plurality) provided by black voters. Only 2,080 delegate votes are necessary to win the presidential nomination at the Democratic Party convention in Atlanta in July.

"We're going to slam dunk the (political) ball and go all the way to the nomination and win the election (in November)," declared national campaign chairman Ron Daniels. Speaking in the jargon of sports-minded supporters in this Olympic and basketball championship season, Daniels stated the new "All American" candidate's Rainbow Coalition strategy.

Referring to Jackson's growing new appeal to white voters, Daniels insisted "We're not taking the Black vote for granted. We know where our (power) base is."



Dukakis

A former advocate of an independent, black political third party, Daniels is southern regional director of Jackson's campaign in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia, all of which have over 500 black delegates.

However, five other Democratic challengers, including top leaders Gov. Michael Dukakis (Mass.) and Rep. Richard Gephardt (Mo.) are invading the

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## Black NCSU Students Demand Better Programs

RALEIGH (AP) --- Support programs and administrative practices must be revamped so that more than 8 percent of North Carolina State University's black students can graduate in four years, students called for at a Black Awareness Forum.

About 400 N.C. State University students attended the forum Thursday. Members of the predominantly black audience said only 41 percent of the school's black students were graduated in five years and 48 percent were graduated in six years. About 24 percent of the entire student body is graduated in four years.

"The reason they don't graduate is they leave. The reason they leave is they aren't happy with the programs here," said N.C. State Provost and Vice Chancellor Nash N. Winstead.

Winstead said admittance requirements had been relaxed so that more blacks could enroll at N.C. State.

In addition, he said, the university spends about \$750,000 a year for tutoring and remedial

courses. He said such help has increased the graduation rate but acknowledged there was room for improvement.

"They (programs) are not failing," he said. "They're not working as well as we'd like to have them work."

Students said white faculty members should be trained to recognize and appreciate black perspectives in classroom work and homework assignments.

They also said more black faculty should be hired to boost moral and academic support for black students.

The students also were concerned about practices in the athletic department. Several said they were concerned that Athletic Director Jim Valvano's plan to educate, graduate, train and hire former black athletes for coaching and administrative positions would merely create token positions.

Valvano, a member of the forum, said it wouldn't be a token job.

## Voter Turnout Key In Primary

By Herb White  
Post Staff Writer

Super Tuesday appears to be a wide-open race for Democrats and Republicans alike, with voter turnout the key factor, a local political analyst says.

Dr. Schley Lyons, a political scientist at UNC-Charlotte, said Democrat Jesse Jackson could continue his streak of strong showings with a good effort in Tuesday primaries, held primarily in 14 southern states.

Jackson will run reasonably well in North Carolina, depending on the number of voters who turn out," Lyons said. "If he turns out (voters), he'll probably get 25 to 30 percent of the vote. He'll probably run at the top or near the top of the list."

Jackson's top opposition, Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore, Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis and Missouri Rep. Richard Gephardt, are tightly packed, Lyons believes.

"I don't see any of those people dominating and breaking out of the pack," he said. "There isn't going to be a clear winner. The end result will be that Jackson will remain a viable candidate."

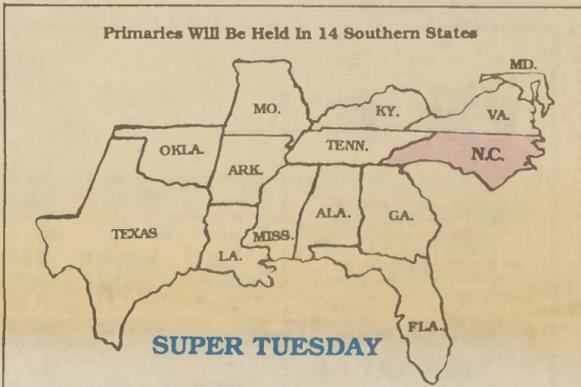
To win North Carolina, Democrats will likely focus on the "Interstate 85 Corridor" which includes the states urban centers, Charlotte, Greensboro, Raleigh and Durham.

A traditional Democratic

stronghold is the eastern part of the state, which votes heavily for the party in bigger numbers than any other area.

"If I were a Democrat, I'd con-

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## Group Warned Not To Spend Money On Race

By Herb White  
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A Charlotte group opposing Mecklenburg County Commissioner Bob Walton's reelection bid hasn't done anything to be considered a political action committee.

Yet, the county board of elections Monday found that members of People United for Justice have not violated N.C. laws governing the establishment of political action committees, or PACs.

But the board did warn James Barnett and others opposed to Walton that spending money to affect the District 2 race constitutes political action and requires filing as a PAC.

State law requires PACs to list contributors, the amount given and spent during a campaign.

Failure to file as a committee after raising money carries a \$100 fine.

Businessman Dyrrie Osborne, a Walton supporter, filed a letter of complaint with the board in January regarding statements made to work against the incumbent.

Walton faces political newcomer Nasif Majeed and former mayoral candidate James Baldwin in the May Democratic pri-



Walton

mary. Barnett told the Charlotte Observer that a group of people opposed to Walton would raise "a few hundred dollars" and campaign against Walton door-to-door.

Barnett met the board at the elections office Monday afternoon to offer his version of PUJ's role in the election. He said Walton, who is his third cousin, is unfit for public office

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## FCC Requires Southern TV Stations To Report On Minority Hiring

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WASHINGTON (AP) --- The Federal Communications Commission signaled a tougher stance Thursday on minority hiring, putting conditions on license renewals of 11 Southern television stations with affirmative action efforts it found defective.

The action, the first since the FCC revised its equal employment opportunity guidelines last year, shows that "we mean business," said Commissioner Patricia Diaz Dennis.



Marshall

"The FCC renewed the stations' licenses but said they must report periodically to the agency on efforts to recruit, hire and promote qualified women and minorities.

The commission will monitor the stations' efforts and if unsatisfied, could conduct an investigation. If the FCC still is unsatisfied with a station's equal employment opportunity efforts, it could take steps to revoke the station's license.

The National Black Media Coalition had asked the FCC to deny license renewals to 19 TV stations because of what the group called deficient affirmative action efforts.

Pluria Marshall, coalition chairman, said that while he was disappointed the commission did not take stronger action, it was "a step in the right

direction."

The FCC requires all TV and radio stations to have plans describing their efforts to find, hire and promote qualified women, blacks and other minorities. The plans are reviewed at the time of license renewal, every five years for TV stations and every seven for radio stations.

In revising its equal employment opportunity guidelines last year, the FCC required more detailed reporting by stations and put stronger emphasis on evaluation of a station's overall employment efforts, rather than focusing on the number of minorities and women employed.

With the revision, the FCC also decided to scrutinize all plans. Previously, the agency looked closely at plans of stations

where minority employment was less than 50 percent of the minority population of the work force in the station's area.

One of the stations cited, WTWC-TV in Tallahassee, Fla.,

had more minority employees than required by the FCC parity guidelines, but the commission said "merely meeting or exceeding

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