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Governor Jim Hunt pledges To make North Carolina leader of New South

By Les Bowen

Governor-elect Jim Hunt pledged to "make North Carolina a leader again" in a speech at UNCC on October 28, 1976.

Hunt, speaking in connection with the Political Science Department's "Conversations with the Candidates" series, said, "There was a time, many of you don't remember it, when North Carolina was the unquestioned leader in the South in almost any area you could name. I was a lot prouder to be a North Carolinian then than I am today."

Hunt said North Carolina could be a leader in the "New South" through progressive leadership. "The South will be the real economic frontier of this nation, and it's important that we not make the same mistakes the North has made. I want North Carolina to take the lead in avoiding those mistakes."

The Governor-elect called UNCC "one of the great universities in this state." He said educational programs would be important to his administration, particularly basic reading programs at the elementary school level. "If quality education doesn't mean learning to read, what does it mean?" he asked.

Hunt said he favored tighter

regulation of utilities, and this was an example of something positive government could do without spending money. "We don't need more money to do that...we need people in charge who care about people."

On crime, Hunt said he would work toward "making sure that our courts work surely and swiftly." He said he was in favor of fixed sentences and equal application of the law.

"Although the poor people, the ones who don't have power, so to speak, in our society, aren't the only ones who commit crimes, they are the only ones who go to prison," he said.

Hunt said North Carolina would take positive steps under his leadership to attract industry. This would include the establishment of an "economic board" to establish policies. "We ought to do the research, then go to these plants and say 'here is proof that if you come to North Carolina you can make more money.' There is no reason why we should have to wait for industry to call us."

When Hunt came to UNCC last Thursday, his victory over Republican challenger David Flaherty was a foregone conclusion to most people.

Consequently, most of his remarks were directed toward electing Jimmy Carter.

Hunt called Carter "the most decent man who has run for president in a long, long time in America." He said Carter "makes mistakes because he cares about people...he tries to reach out to them."

Hunt said he realized that "my election or Jimmy Carter's election is not going to change everything overnight...John F. Kennedy once said, and I think he was quoting a Chinese philosopher, 'A journey of a thousand miles begins with a first step.'"

The focus on Carter was apparent in Hunt's opening remarks. After being introduced by UNCC Political Science department chairman Dr. Schley Lyons, Hunt opened with a seemingly innocuous remark about the weather. "It sure is cold this morning," he said, "I've been told that when you see a lot of hickory nuts and acorns you can look for a long, cold winter. There are a lot of hickory nuts and acorns this year. Now, I don't really know what this means, but if Jimmy Carter isn't elected next Tuesday, you'd better start hoarding acorns and hickory nuts, because you're going to need them."



Governor-elect Jim Hunt speaking at UNCC

New Governor outlines plans

By Les Bowen

In an exclusive interview with the Carolina Journal following his appearance at UNCC October 28, Governor-elect Jim Hunt outlined how he would spend his first few months in office.

"My first official act as Governor will be to order an Executive Ethics Code for state employees. I tried to get this through the Legislature last year and failed, so I'm going to order it immediately upon taking office."

Hunt said he would spend the time between the election and his inauguration "picking out the best people I can find to serve in my administration." He said he would organize a committee during the interim

period to investigate morale problems in the Highway Patrol "so that I can get their report the day after the election."

Hunt, dressed in a grey pinstriped suit, light blue shirt, blue and red tie, and black shoes, had much more silver in his hair than is apparent in his advertisements. The eastern North Carolina accent was less thick than it sounds on television.

Hunt said he plans to try to get the governor veto power, and would also like to change the law restricting the governor to one term.

Hunt said he favors the death penalty for first degree murder, and will be "the first governor to go before the Legislature with a special message in crime."

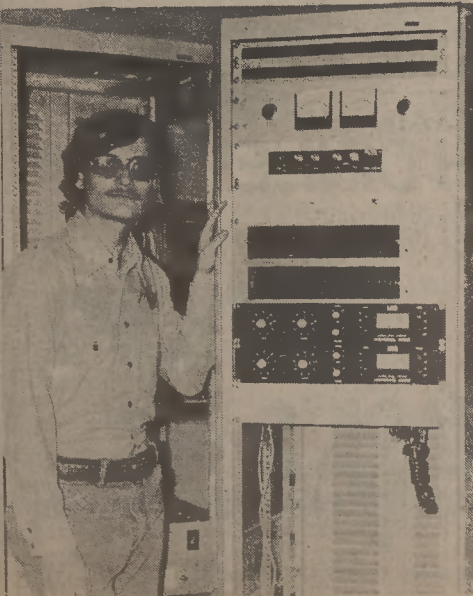
Carolina Journal photo by Jack Turbyfill



large crowd turned out to hear Jim Hunt

FM equipment comes; four-year wait may end soon

Carolina Journal photo by Pete Meuser



Scott Phillips in WFAE studio

By Brad Rich

WFAE-FM, the campus radio station, first applied for an FM license about four years ago. It was granted a construction permit by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) on July 1, 1976, and now has reason for a more optimistic view of the future.

According to Scott Phillips, station manager, "Most of the equipment we need to go on the air has arrived. Some small parts that we need, we don't have, but they are not absolutely essential to go on the air."

Phillips also said that some carpentry is needed in the station itself. "We feel that organization is a key to the station's success," he said, "and you don't have organization with people milling about all the time." He said the carpentry will include some enclosures, which will provide more office space.

WFAE will operate on a frequency of 90.9, and will be a ten-watt station. Phillips said the air tests he has

conducted "have reached as far as 21 miles out, with a solid, consistent coverage of about 15 miles." He also said "None of these reports have come from people with good antennas. I would imagine someone with a good antenna could probably pick us up in Columbia, South Carolina."

Phillips estimated the station will be on the air two to three hours a day, but the exact air time has not been decided. "It will probably be in the early evening though," he added.

The FM Programming Director, Pat Arrington, is in charge of deciding what goes on the airwaves. Phillips said she has told him that the music priorities, in order, will be classical, jazz and bluegrass. He stressed that the station "will be on the air every day."

At present, Mike Alger is the Music Director, Jeff Arrowood is in charge of Operations and AM Programming, Pat Arrington is the head of FM Programming, and John Edwards is in

charge of the News and Sports Department. Edwards faces a unique problem, in that there is absolutely no money available for his department, and he, like the other staff members, draws no salary.

Phillips concluded by apologizing to the students "for taking so long" in putting the station together. He said, however, "I'd like also to remind the students that the difference in studio needs for a ten-watt and a 100,000-watt station is minimal. There is virtually no difference except for two pieces of equipment, which would cost about \$1200. Then we would be back into the legal procedures, but I can foresee no difficulties with that."

He said the fund raising plans are now in the hands of the Administration. "They told us that if we checked to see if we can raise the power, they would go to the community for money, so we could have a 'real voice of UNCC.' We made the check-so far they haven't done it."