

Hopefuls focus primary season on minority vote

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Democratic presidential candidates are stepping up their pitch to minorities for the 2004 primaries, but experts say this enthusiasm likely will diminish once general elections come around.

In recent months, the candidates have made more stops in areas that have large minority populations, such as historically black colleges and universities in South Carolina.

The 2004 pool of Democrats comprises Sens. John Kerry of Massachusetts, Joe Lieberman of Connecticut and John Edwards of North Carolina; Reps. Dick Gephardt of Missouri and Dennis Kucinich of Ohio; retired Gen. Wesley Clark; former Vermont Gov. Howard Dean; former Illinois Sen. Carol Moseley Braun; and the Rev. Al Sharpton.

Candidates are targeting South Carolina because the state will host the third national primary Feb. 3, which is also the first primary in the South.

The minority vote in South Carolina makes up more than half of the voting Democrats in the

state, said Dan Carter, professor of history at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

"Any candidate in the South Carolina primary has to do well in the African-American community," he said. "Every candidate is coming up with a twist on how they're going to help minorities."

Because Southern states have a large minority population, candidates are taking a stance on minority issues. "They are proposing issues that will mobilize voters," said Michael Binford, professor of political science at Georgia State University. "They're taking strong stands on affirmative action and social legislation."

The candidates also are attempting to use their experience to gain minorities' support.

"Clark served in the Army for 34 years, which is one of the most diverse services in the country," said Andrea Evans, Clark's campaign associate communications director.

Experts say candidates also are attempting to get more minorities to the polls. "Black voters form a larger share in the primaries than in the general electorate," said

Ferrel Guillory, director of UNC's Program on Southern Politics, Media and Public Life.

Jay Carson, spokesman for Dean's campaign, said diverse voter support is crucial to a White House victory, forcing Democratic presidential candidates to concentrate on minorities.

"To win the White House back and take back the country, we have to be supported by all races, ethnicities and walks of life," he said.

Nevertheless, experts predict that after the first round of primaries, Democrats will shift their focus from minority populations.

"Barring a major catastrophe in Iraq or in the economy, almost any Democrat will have trouble carrying a Southern state," Carter said. "The candidates will be writing off the South after the primaries."

He added that the political process is driven by electoral votes. "You have to match your resources to what's winnable," Carter said.

But Carlos Monje, spokesman for Edwards' campaign, said the senator has made it a priority to reach the minority population.

"Edwards has one of the most detailed plans to face disparities in minority populations," he said. "The minority population will continue to be a major focus."

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ASG still seeks tuition tales

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Facing a Nov. 31 deadline, the UNC-system Association of Student Governments is waiting on more than 1,300 submissions for a book that seeks to convey the personal aspect of university budget cuts handed down by the N.C. General Assembly.

Jonathan Ducote, ASG president, said the project, which asks each of the 16 system schools for 100 personal stories, is behind schedule. Appalachian State University and N.C. State University have provided about one-third of the stories needed from each.

As of Friday, UNC-Chapel Hill's student government had submitted no stories to the ASG.

But Matt Tepper, student body president for UNC-CH, said his administration has collected about 15-20 stories.

"Most of Carolina's stories deal with budget cuts, such as classes being canceled or limited and computer labs being closed," Tepper said. "Students cannot get the classes they want."

UNC-CH's student government has been encouraging students to submit stories through promotional fliers and a mass e-mail. Tepper's executive assistants are working with professors to encourage further participation.

At other UNC-system schools, submitted stories tell of students being forced to work three or four jobs to pay for school.

In some cases, students have dropped out of college completely, said Amanda Devore, ASG vice president of legislative affairs.

Ducote said some legislators do not comprehend the effects of the decisions they make.

"The stories are the faces behind the numbers, and if people

respond in mass, legislators will have to pay attention and address the issues," he said.

The book, titled "Personal Stories," will be distributed to state legislators and UNC-system policymakers.

Those who have stories can submit them at personalstories.org, a Web site developed by ASG to promote the project. Students also are asked to e-mail stories to battle4betterschool@hotmail.com.

According to the Web site, during the past decade, tuition and fees have increased 165 percent at UNC-CH.

State appropriations to public higher education have declined steadily, constituting 17.4 percent of North Carolina's budget in the mid-1980s but only 12 percent now.

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Carrboro wins Winmore lawsuits

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Two lawsuits contesting the Carrboro Board of Aldermen's approval of the Winmore development were resolved by the Orange County Superior Court in favor of the town in both cases.

Brian Voyce, a patent lawyer and Orange County resident, filed the two suits. The first contested the special use permit that the town awarded the developers, while the other challenged the process of annexing the property.

Voyce said the Orange County Board of Commissioners should have been consulted because of the Joint Planning Agreement between the town and county.

The ruling stated that in challenging the conditional use permit, Voyce did not establish damages, which is a requirement in filing suits of this type. In regards to the annexation dispute, Judge Wade Barber ruled that the language of the JPA did not justify the inclusion of the BOCC in the annexation process.

T.C. Morthis, associate of the town's attorney Mike Brough, expressed satisfaction with the ruling. "We certainly think that he made the right decision," he said.

When asked about the ruling, Alderman Jacquelyn Gist said, "This is the ruling I expected. It made us more aware that we are within our rights."

Voyce was disappointed with the outcome of his two suits. "I am amazed and offended that we have a system in this area where if you live in a certain area you are treated as second-tier citizens," he said. "Decisions affecting where I live are decided by people I can't vote for."

Aside from being concerned about the development's effect on his home, Voyce is worried that the final outcome of this dispute could have a negative effect on how developers seek approval in the future.

In considering the bigger picture, Voyce noted that the property for the Winmore Development was a part of the Horace Williams tract that was sold to the developers in 2002 by UNC.

He feels that the omission of the BOCC in this decision could result in further disregard of the opinions of Orange County residents in the planning of the Carolina North development.

These larger implications, as well as his belief that the logic

guiding Barber's interpretation of the JPA contract is not supportable, have led Voyce to consider appealing the decision.

If Voyce does appeal, Morthis said the town certainly will defend itself. "The town is required to defend the Board of Aldermen's decisions," he said. "We think that (the Aldermen) made a correct legal decision."

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CORRECTIONS

- A front-page article in Monday's paper about UNC's plans for Carolina North should have said that Horace Williams Advisory Committee member Joe Capowski wrote to other members that they should request that the number of parking spaces outlined by UNC be cut in half. It should not have said that he asked them to demand such a change.
- A headline in SportsMonday misidentified Georgia Tech's P.J. Daniels.

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November 17-21, 2003

Schedule of Events for
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"Performing Young Latina Identity: Media Images and Cultural Citizenship"
a research presentation by Dr. Lucila Vargas
UCIS Conference Room, 223 E. Franklin Street, 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM

Film Presentation: These Girls are Missing: Gender Gap in Africa's Schools
Room 205, Undergraduate Library, 5:30 PM

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