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Jackson declares candidacy

by Arnold B. Sawlsak
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WASHINGTON—Pledging to "help the people in this country who are getting hurt," Sen. Henry M. Jackson formally declared Thursday he is running for president in 1976.

The Washington Democrat's long-expected announcement increased to four the number of candidates for the party's presidential nomination next year.

Jackson, 62, is regarded as the front-runner in the early field. He already has formed a strong campaign organization, collected more than \$1 million and has shown up well in national poll "trial heat" against President Ford.

Jackson's pre-recorded five-minute announcement at 10:55 p.m. EST on CBS was carefully aimed at television watchers waiting for the late evening news.

In the format of a campaign commercial rather than a speech, the purchased air time was used to play up Jackson's strong points as a 35-year veteran of Congress and to answer critics who picture him as more interested in building bombers than helping people.

"I would use the office of the presidency to help the people in this country who are getting hurt," Jackson said. "For the past six years, the Republican administration has been tilting in favor of big business, the large corporations, the people who can take care of themselves.

"And, the little people—little business, the elderly, the young, across the board—have been the ones who have been taking the beating."

Jackson made a special effort to dispel the image of "big bang" defense spender. "I want to see arms reduced. The Valdivostok agreement put a cap on the arms races, but they put the cap on Mount Everest . . . It's going to cost billions of dollars more for the defense budget."

The program narrative also emphasized that Jackson had been rated "by Ralph Nader poll as the most effective senator on Capitol Hill."

Jackson's declared opponents are Rep. Morris K. Udall, D-Ariz., former Gov. Jimmy Carter of Georgia and former Sen. Fred R. Harris of Oklahoma.

Sen. Lloyd M. Bentsen, D-Tex., is expected to join the field Feb. 17, and Gov. George C. Wallace of Alabama is edging toward formal announcement of his candidacy.

Of this group, only Wallace has ranked near Jackson in early public opinion polls.



Amid continued gloomy economic forecasts, unemployed auto workers staged a rally Thursday in Washington

James room shuffle set Condie hears residents' protests

by George Bacso
Staff Writer

Faced with the threat of losing their single-occupancy rooms, a group of 65 James residents are trying to halt the Housing Department's efforts to move them to different rooms within the dormitory.

The students admit they have no legal basis for their protests. They received notice last week that they would either have to find another roommate, pay a pro-rated fee for a single room or move in with each other.

The students admit they have no legal grounds on which to base their case, since the housing contract which every student signs is legally binding.

"Legally, they have us over a barrel, so we are asking them (housing) to sympathize with the inconvenience and unfairness of our situation," Delmar Williams, a spokesman for the group, said.

Williams, RHA President Betsy Jones and four other students met with James Condie, director of university housing, Thursday after holding dorm meetings Tuesday and Wednesday nights. After hearing their grievances, Condie said he would consider extending the deadline for the students' decision after he meets with his staff.

Williams and Jones have sought assistance from Dean of Student Affairs Donald Boulton, who said he would have to look into the situation further before commenting.

Jones has given the students her support. "I hope you hold to your grounds," she told the group, "as it's unfortunate you are in such an inconvenient situation."

At Wednesday night's meeting, the group decided to seek a compromise whereby they would be left in single rooms under conditionally-guaranteed status. Housing would then be able to temporarily house visitors in their rooms. Presently, a conditional single room carries an extra fee of \$100 with it, which would be pro-rated to \$70 to \$80.

No one at the meeting said they would oppose having the housing department assign them a new roommate, but no one was in favor of paying any additional money or moving in with someone else.

"There's no good reason to make 65 people move, especially since it is four weeks

into the semester and everyone is settled," James resident Bill Booker said at the meeting.

"It would be different if they contacted us at the beginning of the semester and prepared us for the idea of moving so we wouldn't settle down. But now half of us would have to re-adjust to new suite-mates as well as a new roommate," Booker said.

Another resident, Dave Robinson, who also attended the meeting with Condie, cited further problems in moving.

"Not only would half of us have to adjust to a new environment and go through all the hassles of moving, but telephone changes and consequent billing procedures would have to be dealt with, checks and accounts changed and change-of-address notices would have to be sent all over the country," Robinson said.

Chapel Hill Alderman Gerry Cohen was also present at Wednesday's meeting. Cohen said he went through the same consolidation problems when he was a freshman living in James, but because no one was aware of the extent of their problem, nothing was done

and he paid the additional money.

"I don't think it's really costing them more than five or ten dollars for these singles — the University doesn't save a dime when they shut off a room's heat because the heat just gets blown off as steam somewhere else," Cohen said.

Condie said Thursday that the main reason for consolidation is financial since the vacated rooms could be used to house temporary students and thus bring in more income.

"My biggest desire and goal is to keep room rents down as much as possible . . . and this additional income would help offset rising costs, such as utility rates," Condie said.

Condie said the School of Public Health wants to house 30 students in university dormitories for eight weeks this semester, at a rate of \$200 per person.

Jones, however, questioned the ethics of "pushing out people who are full-time residents and students to make room for someone who is only a temporary student."

Some Villages tenants withhold rent

by Helen Ross
Staff Writer

Disputes over a rent discount and incomplete facilities at the Villages Apartments in Chapel Hill have led about half the tenants to withhold their February rent payments.

Roger Bernholz, attorney for the tenants' group, said Thursday an escrow account has been established to administer the payments withheld, until an agreement can be reached between management and tenants.

Bernholz declined to comment specifically about the negotiations citing the "delicate conditions" and "good feelings" under which the negotiations have been conducted.

Tenants had been receiving a 20 per cent rent discount because the Villages' developers, Lee-Hall Properties, have not provided all facilities the complex advertised.

A reduction in the rent discount was proposed recently.

"The tenants association does want the Villages Apartments to have any bad press," Bernholz said. "They don't deserve it."

"I cannot overemphasize how smoothly and cordially things have been happening concerning the negotiations."

He said that in money disputes involving escrow proceedings, the money in question is handed over to a third agent who is directed to administer the money according to pre-established rules.

Villages attorney Gordon Battle could not be reached for comment Thursday.

The manager for the Villages, who declined to be identified, said Thursday the bus service, utilities, kitchen appliances, sauna baths, clubhouse, storage areas, landscaping, 24-hour security and laundry rooms promised in their advertisements have been provided.

The social activities mentioned in the ads will probably begin later this month, she said.

The lighted tennis courts and three swimming pools advertised are not yet open. The manager said two of the pools will be in operation this spring and the third will not be built until another section of the apartment complex is completed.

Unemployment rise is termed depression-like

by Richard Hughes
UPI Business Writer

The Labor Department Thursday prepared a January unemployment report all but certain to show the highest jobless rate in 25 years.

In related developments, the department said 2.5 million more persons applied for jobless benefits for the first time during a three-week period of January, and two senators proposed \$7.8 billion to give public jobs to 1 million recession victims.

"The nation is moving at alarming speed toward depression-like levels of unemployment in terms of absolute number — the truly human measure," said Sens. Harrison A. Williams, D-N.J., and Jacob K. Javits, R-N.Y. Both are key members of the Senate Labor Committee, and they promised speedy action.

In related developments, the North Carolina Employment Security Commission (ESC) reported Thursday that insured unemployment in North Carolina for the week ended Jan. 24 reached 10.6 per cent, a slight increase from the previous week.

The 10.6 per cent rate means 183,700 workers were receiving unemployment compensation.

The ESC also reported Thursday that a record \$31.3 million in unemployment insurance benefits were paid out in North Carolina in January, the highest ever paid in a single month and more than the entire amount paid in 1973.

The ESC said the number of layoffs declined in the week ended Jan. 24, with 25 companies laying off 6,855 workers, most of them textile employees.

In Washington, the Labor Department said 2.5 million persons claimed unemployment compensation for the first time in the first three weeks of January.

The January unemployment figures,

to be released today, are expected to show the nationwide unemployment rate soaring to nearly 8 per cent, or about 7.5 million persons out of a work force of 91 million.

Should the January rate exceed 7.5 — and it was expected to do so — it would be the worst jobless rate since October, 1949, when the rate was 7.9 per cent.

The Labor Department said 4,773,000 persons received unemployment insurance payments during the week ending Jan. 18. Not all unemployed persons receive benefits.

On the New York Stock Exchange, prices rose higher in another day of heavy trading.

The gain in stock prices came chiefly in reaction to the lowering of the prime interest rate to eight and three-quarters per cent from nine per cent by Morgan Guaranty & Trust, the nation's fifth largest bank. Other major banks were expected to announce similar cuts today.

The prime rate that banks charge their most creditworthy corporate customers has not been below nine per cent in nearly a year.

The lower rate reflects a moderation in the Federal Reserve Bank's tight money policy designed to curb inflation and the slowing demand for commercial loans.

Henry Bloch, president of H&R Block Inc., said a random survey of the firm's 7,000 income tax filing offices showed Americans this year are trying to squeeze every possible refundable dollar out of a government they consider fiscally inept.

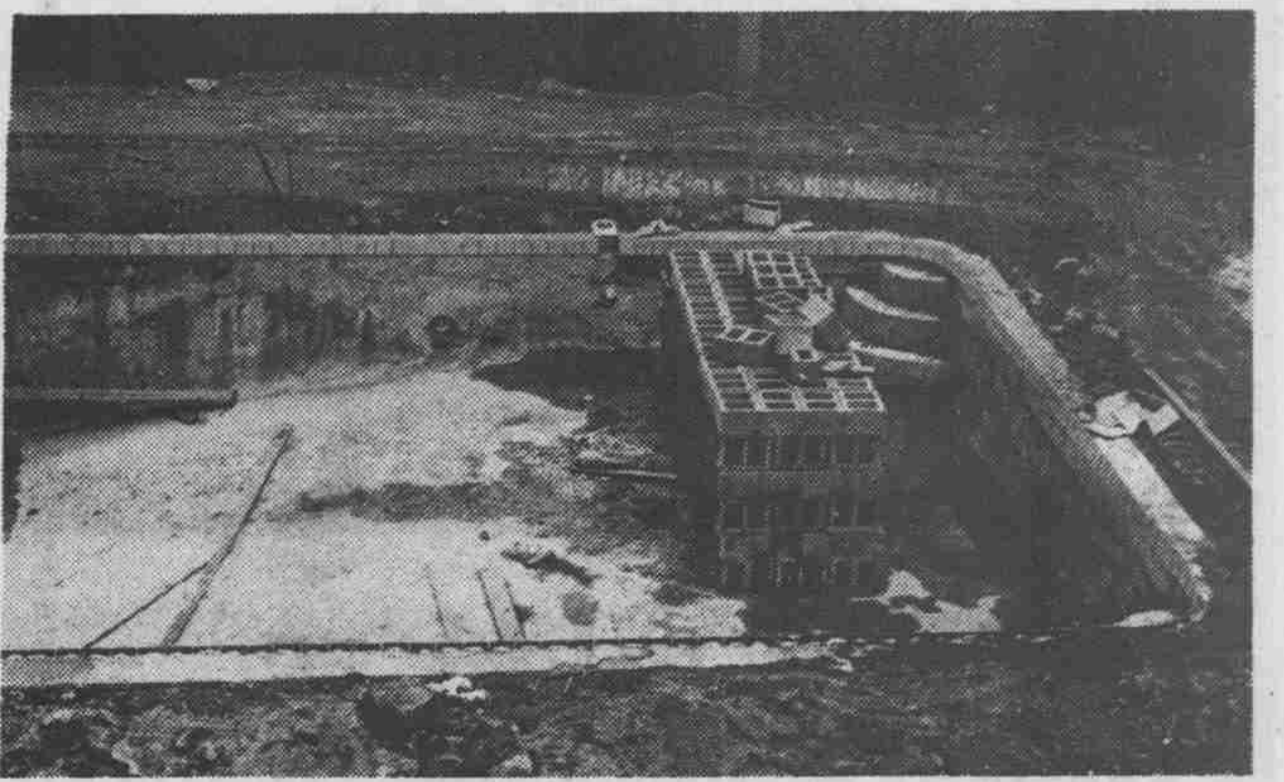
"Some people used to say that if a deduction could cause an audit, we should leave it off," Bloch said. "This year they're taking their chances."

Bloch also said people are filing for refunds earlier than ever because "with the tight economy and high unemployment people need the cash."

black history week

Black History Week begins on Sunday, Feb. 9 with a lecture on Politics and Power by Bambose Shango, a member of Stokely Carmichael's All African People Revolutionary Party. Sponsored by the Black Student Movement, the lecture will begin at 8 p.m. in the Upendo Lounge at Chase Cafeteria.

Shango's party supports the concept of Pan Africanism, which calls for all African people to unite, recognize their heritage and pool their resources to solve problems.



This swimming pool at the Villages Apartments is yet to be completed

Fine arts festival



Schedule for Friday, Feb. 7:

Robert Brunk — wood sculpture and informal discussion (a Union presentation)	10-4 p.m.	Union South Gallery
Robert Scull: America's Pop Collector — a film by Jeff Vaughn	7:30 p.m.	106 Carroll Hall
Film discussion with Jeff Vaughn and John Schott	9:00 p.m.	106 Carroll Hall
Early Music Ensemble	8:00 p.m.	Hill Hall
Psychology of Color: a multi-media presentation	7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 p.m.	08 Peabody

Schedule for Saturday, Feb. 8:

Robert Brunk — wood sculpture	10-4 p.m.	Union South Gallery
The Artist as Filmmaker Series — John Chamberlain, Keith Sonnen, Vito Acconci, John Baldessari and Linda Benglis	6, 8, 10 p.m.	Greenlaw
Cat on a Hot Tin Roof! (Playmakers)	8:00 p.m.	Playmaker's Theatre

Schedule for Sunday, Feb. 9:

Robert Brunk — wood sculpture	10-4 p.m.	Union South Gallery
North Carolina Piano Trio	4:00 p.m.	Hill Hall
Film and Video Exhibition — shorts from Atlanta Film Festival and area filmmakers	2-5 p.m.	1-A Swain Hall
	8 & 11 p.m.	

Candidates heard by Coalition, BSM

by Art Eisenstadt and Jim Roberts
Staff Writers

Student campaigning moved into full swing Wednesday night as candidates for student body president and *Daily Tar Heel* editor addressed the Black Student Movement (BSM) and the Carolina Coalition.

Candidates for the office of student body president speaking at the BSM meeting were Tim Dugan, Joe Knight, and Jerry Askew. Don Baer and Tom Wright campaigned for the *DTH* editorship.

Dugan said one of the limited aspects of the BSM is its ability to educate white students.

He proposed an increased amount of printing by the BSM newspaper *Black Ink*, and more BSM meetings and social functions open to white students.

Askew said he would get more input from blacks in his administration by giving staff appointments to blacks. He said he thinks the money now appropriated for the BSM is sufficient, but "if you (BSM) can show the need for more you should be able to get it."

"The BSM is a prime example of an organization whites don't understand," Askew said.

Knight proposed a student caucus composed of the heads of various student groups such as the BSM and the Residence Hall Association.

Knight's platform centers on unity and fulfillment, he said.

"We've seen the lack of unity in the BSM. I don't see even half of the black undergraduates (at Carolina) here tonight."

Wright, candidate for *DTH* editorship, called the present *Tar Heel* "about the sorriest excuse for a newspaper." He said he would write editorials only when students get so apathetic that they cannot fill up the editorial page.

"The *Daily Tar Heel* budget is \$163,000 . . . do you think you're getting your money's worth?" Wright asked.

(Although the 1974-1975 *Tar Heel* budget is \$163,825, only \$29,925 is appropriated from the Student Activities Fee. The remainder of the *Tar Heel* budget receipts comes from advertising revenue.)

Baer, running as co-editor with Harriet Sugar, said the *DTH* should provide more coverage of activities of the BSM. "It's a damned shame that the BSM gets coverage only in the *Black Ink*."

One of the major problems on campus is racial segregation, Baer said. "A lot of segregation is the result of ignorance. The best way to educate is through the newspaper."

The Carolina Coalition, which also heard some of the same candidates at a later meeting, will endorse a candidate for president and possibly editor at its February 16 convention.

Presidential candidates Dugan and Bill Bates were asked how they planned to work with the administration concerning student cost increases, such as tuition and rent

hikes.

Dugan said Student Government would have to work directly with the Administration, while Bates proposed establishing a special student committee to look into the matter.

Regarding the Housing Department's recently announced plans to place foreign and handicapped students in two men's North Campus dorms, Bates urged increasing pressure from the Residence Hall Association (RHA).

Dugan also recommended using RHA, and said, "Certainly, this is where students should be looking out for other students' rights."

DTH editor candidates Elliott Warnock and Cole Campbell both reviewed their platforms and were asked by a Coalition member how they felt they individually differed for the job.

Warnock said, "I am willing to take up the banner of reorganization of the staff. I've had experience with the staff. You have to observe and watch and learn."

Campbell said, "I offer a pretty good grasp in getting to the editorial issues," citing his experience as a debater. "My strength really comes in my research and my writing ability."

Warnock challenged Wright's platform by saying he had offered many opinions about the paper but no specific plans. Wright responded with some of his ideas to hire a professional to supervise the business and advertising offices and encouraging non-staff members to submit articles.