

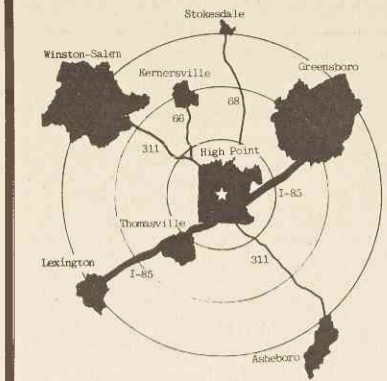
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BLACK SESSIONS CALLED FAILURE

LITTLE ROCK—A spokesman for a black organization in Arkansas said Monday the National

Black Political Convention held in Little Rock during last weekend was a failure.

Rev. Roy L. Laird of Cotton Plant, head of a political organization called Combat, said convention leaders were more interested in making speeches before television cameras than dealing with the problems of "suffering and oppressed blacks."

LAIRD SAID the convention was "used as a tool to cultivate eastern politics."

The convention, which had delegates from nearly every state in the union, ended a three-day caucus at the Little Rock Convention Center Sunday.

AFTER LENGTHY debate, black leaders and organizers at a political convention voted to table a controversial proposal for formation of a national black political party.

The voice vote to set the idea aside followed proposals by the Louisiana and Ohio delegations for an outright objection to the motion proposed by the Georgia delegation.

SPOKESMEN for the two

delegations said ideological differences among blacks made formation of a third major political party impractical at this time.

The vote at the Black National Political Convention followed an earlier resolution criticizing the national Democratic Party for allegedly failing to include blacks in meaningful decision-making processes.

IMAMU BARAKA, a convenor of the conference, suggested to the Georgia delegation that it redraft the party motion and submit it for discussion at a scheduled meeting in September.

Delegates voted to create a National Black United Fund with a goal of raising \$17.5 million within three years to support black political causes.

THE CONVENTION passed, over the objection of the New York delegation, a New Jersey resolution condemning members of Congress who voted for \$2.2 billion in military aid for Israel. The resolution accused the Israelis of depriving the Palestinians of their homeland.

The delegates also called for: the establishment of a legal defense system and the raising of funds to help imprisoned black activists; more African studies at elementary and secondary schools; an end to psychological testing systems blacks consider demeaning; stronger Pan-African ties; and greater control of black radio stations.

MANY BLACK organizations, including the NAACP, and many black political leaders boycotted or did not attend the convention.

One of the few black politicians who did attend, Mayor Maynard Jackson of Atlanta, urged blacks to work together as a people to "create a new way out of the old."

JACKSON, keynote speaker, addressed a convention rife with division and reports that moderate black leaders were thinking of abandoning it altogether.

"If we can prove during these 48 hours that here, in the old stubble-ground of hate and prejudice, slavery and segregation, black men and women of discipline, tolerance, wisdom and strength can create a new way out of the old, then we shall offer to our people a

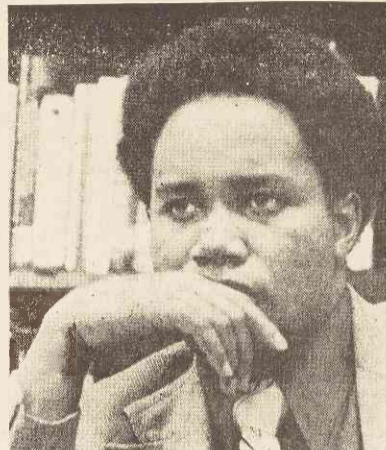
model of possibility and hope in the midst of distrust, anxiety and conflict," Jackson told an enthusiastic audience.

ANOTHER SPEAKER, Rep. Ron Dellums, D-Calif., said blacks must "challenge the basic values of this country."

"The question for black people in 1974 has to be whether we accept the values that permeate American society," Dellums said.

"We must challenge the basic values of this country. If not, we're going to be just 12 per cent of all that's wrong with it."

MAYOR RICHARD Hatcher of Gary, Ind., convention chairman, was reported ready to give up the convention as any kind of useful political force if it did not come to a more middle-of-the-road stance.



Walter T. Johnson Jr.

Walter T. Johnson Jr., 33-year-old Greensboro attorney, has been unanimously elected chairman of the Greensboro School Board. Johnson is believed to be the first black elected chairman of a school board in North Carolina that governs any of the state's predominantly white public school systems. Johnson, who had been reappointed by Greensboro City Council for a second four-year term, had been vice chairman of the school board this past year. He is former assistant solicitor of Guilford County Superior Court.

Harriet Chandler Warren Has No Time For Sorrow

By Shelia King

STOKESDALE—Seven-year-old Harriet Chandler Warren never has had time to feel sorry for herself because she is blind. "You know what the past has been, but you don't know what the future will bring," she says.

Born in Stokes County to the late Alice Martin and Sherman Chandler, she began domestic work in the rural area when she was only nine. She went as far as the fifth grade and joined Oak Spring Church when she was 14.

On April 2, 1922, she was married to the late George "Coty" Warren. Their only child died at birth. Mrs. Warren worked for the O'Brians here and she and her husband moved with them to Florida. They returned home in 1947. It was while she was working for "Doc" Williams that she lost her sight.

telling her not to open it and Mrs. Williams (for whom she was working) answered it. It was a deaf mute who wanted something. Mrs. Williams told Mrs. Warren to never doubt her maker and Mrs. Warren said this gave her the courage to continue trusting in God. Before her blindness, Harriet had worked on the Usher Board at the church for 19 years.

When her husband died, she wondered where she would go or what she would do. But she has lived with her nephews and nieces since that time. She lives an active life, visits the sick and shut-ins, attends Sunday School and church, and



HARRIET WARREN

cooks and cleans at home. She enjoys fishing and says she "just keeps going, by looking up and loving people...and living each day, day by day."

National Fraternity Sets Convention In Greensboro

By Richard Moore

GREENSBORO—More than 500 members of the national Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity will converge on Greensboro April 11-13 for the annual convention of the fraternity's Southern Region.

Officials of the host Kappa Lambda chapter outlined this week a comprehensive schedule of business sessions, prominent speakers and social activities for the visiting members of their families. The Southern Region

includes chapters in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina and North Carolina.

Alpha Phi Alpha, the nation's oldest predominantly-black social fraternity, was founded at Cornell University in 1906. The fraternity today claims more than 20,000 members, including Edward Brooke, the nation's only black senator; Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, and Congressmen Charles Rangel of Harlem and Ron Dellam of California.

More than 30 college presidents are members of the fraternity.

Most of the convention activities will be held at the Holiday Inn-Four Seasons. Keynote speaker for the public session on April 12 will be Ozell Sutton, an official of the U.S. Civil Service Commission in Atlanta and a former vice president of the fraternity.

At a luncheon on the same date, the delegates will be addressed by Dr. Herman B. Smith, director of the Office for the Advancement of Public Negro Colleges in Atlanta. The fraternity will conduct its formal banquet on April 13, featuring an address by Former Municipal Court Judge Bennie Harris of Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Other speakers will include Dr. Walter Washington, national president of the fraternity and president of Alcorn A&M College in Mississippi; and William Walker, executive secretary of the fraternity.

A special feature of this year's convention will be a

two-day Job Bank which will coordinate career opportunities interviews for college graduates. More than 25 national firms will participate in the program to be held in the Memorial Student Union at A&T State University on April 11-12.

Paul D. Sandifer of Greensboro is president of the host chapter and Dr. Walter Sullivan in general chairman of the convention. Lt. Col. Harold Lanier is chairman of the Job Bank program and Mrs. Arthur Stevens is in charge of children and family activities.

Guys & Dolls Host National Meeting Here

By Gay Payne

HIGH POINT—Holiday Inn, Downtown, served as the setting recently of the seventh annual national executive board meeting of Guys and Dolls Inc. High Points Theta Chapter served as host for the day-long event.

President of the host chapter, Doll Erma Mason and Program Chairman Anne Gibson coordinated the events of the convention.

Constitutional amendments budgeting and the planning of special events, highlighted the business session. National President Doll Anne G. Fulford of Raleigh presided over these sessions.

Local chapter members, Dr. Julius L. Lones delivered the main address during the luncheon. He stressed "the need for good family relationships and communications."

Black Heritage Luncheon Held

The Banquet room of Western-Sizzler Steak House was the recent scene of the first Black Heritage Luncheon sponsored by the 1974 Cotillionettes of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Guest speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Frederick Jones, a former teacher at T. Wingate Andrews High School. Mrs. Jones is presently studying at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. She chose as her theme "We Cannot Escape History."

Ms. Anita Dicken was Mistress of Ceremony for the afternoon affair and other participants includes Misses Toni Gibson, Marsha Roebuck, Petrinia Hardison and Teresa Connor.

HUD Gives WSSU Nod To Present Proposal

By Marie A. Denning

WINSTON-SALEM—The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development has entitled Winston-Salem State University to submit a proposal for planning, organizing and initially operating a "Housing and Community Development Education Center."

The purpose of the Center will be to provide individuals involved with housing programs resources from which to draw that would assist in the management and supervision of such projects.

It is anticipated that the "development center" would serve the entire southeast region in the education and career advancement needs of individuals and public and private agencies who are involved in housing planning for public and private agencies, housing management in the preceding areas, and overall community development planning at the physical and social levels.

"Individuals and agencies which serve in this area and who express an interest in the initial planning process would participate in the structuring and planning process of the proposed 'development center'."

As a preliminary step to getting the pilot project operative, Winston-Salem State University recently held a seminar to determine the interest of local and area personnel who are presently involved in housing programs. The seminar was conducted by Moses Burt, director of the professional development division of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials in Washington, D.C.

The concept to provide

such a "housing center" on the university's campus was initiated by three faculty members of the Social Science Department. Dr. William Rice, department chairman, Dr. William Sheppard, director of the university's continuing education program and Dr. Cleveland Williams, Reynolds Professor of social science.

The university has received a \$30,000 grant from the Department of Housing

and Urban Development in Washington and a \$5,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to initiate plans for the "Housing Management" course.

The course in "Housing Management" will begin as a part of the university's continuing education program Thursday, April 4. On Thursday, March 28, H.R. Crawford, the assistant secretary of HUD in Washington will visit the campus.

Legislator Tells A&T Students: Utilize Power

The "command power" of college students, if properly applied, could change the entire political setup of this nation, a Robeson County legislator said her Sunday.

Urging youthful voters to begin asserting more leadership was the Rev. Dr. Joy Johnson, one of the state's three black members of the General Assembly.

"University students can become astute political leaders in local, state, national and international governments," said Johnson in the keynote address at the 83rd Founder's Day convocation at A&T State University.

"THEY CAN control or influence every branch of government, because they have the techniques, information, intelligence and organization."

More than 500 persons heard Rep. Johnson urge college students to begin using their psychological or command power to effect changes.

"College students can innovate most any kind of fad and it will be nationwide in a matter of hours," he said. "It doesn't matter whether these fads be boycotts, demonstrations, sit-ins, kneel-ins, wade-ins, raid-ins or streaking contests. The record in this regard speaks for itself."

"I believe that college stu-

dents could determine every Council of State office in North Carolina," said Johnson, "and could determine who will be the next president of the United States in 1976."

He suggested that, as a start, campus newspapers and radio stations could take the lead in



SPRING BREAK—Pretty Fayetteville State University coed Beverly Rankins gets set for a break from the books. The first year student from Lexington is a picture of beauty on campus and wants to pursue a career in French and English literature. (FSU Photo by John B. Henderson)

"We must give our children a sense of pride in being black. The glory of our past and the dignity of our present must lead the way to the power of our future."

ADAM CLAYTON POWELL