

Affecting Entire State

Setbacks Merely Slow Jackson Race

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Jesse L. Jackson's phenomenal race for the Democratic presidential nomination, slowed somewhat by New York and Pennsylvania primary setbacks, won't materially affect his impact on the Democratic National Convention, in Atlanta. In fact, according to Ron Walters, a 1984 deputy chairman for issues in the Jackson campaign, even if Jackson fails to win another state caucus or primary, he will arrive at that convention with a considerable amount of clout in delegate and voter support strength.

So this leads to all kinds of speculation, much of it still being kicked around like a National Football League pigskin in pundit columns and on TV/radio talking heads shows. The what will Jesse want? plaint has taken over from that other nervous query, what does Jesse want? Speculation that Jackson might accept a place on the Democratic ticket as vice president (he constantly expresses disdain for this office, saying it only involves a vote to break a Senate tie), or become the nation's drug czar, or some kind of ambassador plenipotentiary, any of which he may be temperamentally

unsuited for, in the case of vice president, add to "the discomfort level" of the front runner, is just that—so

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bargaining table:

1. A stronger role for blacks within the campaign structure, and greater resources to enable Jackson and his Rainbow supporters to help get out a big Democratic vote. During the Mondale campaign, Walters said, Mondale ignored Jackson and blacks and although Jackson campaigned for the ticket, he did not receive a plane to lighten his work load until

just two weeks before the end of the campaign;

2. A viable agenda that blacks, the poor and the left-outs can feel a part of (what programmatic document will the new president act on? That's a key question, says Walters); and

3. Appointments. There are 1,006 executive-level positions a president has to fill. Blacks and other minorities should expect to garner their fair share of these positions, Walters says.

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Manned Vehicles To Mars Target Of New A&T Space Project

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GREENSBORO—If man ever reaches Mars, the work of A&T State University scientists will have played a major role in that accomplishment.

A&T has been selected for a cooperative \$8.4 million program with North Carolina State University to conduct long-term research and to develop technologies to send manned vehicles to Mars and beyond.

A&T and N.C. State will comprise one of nine University Space Engineering Research Centers selected nationally by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

The Mars Mission Research Center proposal calls for \$8.4 million in NASA funding over a five-year period, and A&T could receive up to \$2.8 million of that amount. The two universities will share costs of an additional \$2.8 million for equipment purchases and facility renovations. Work at the center will begin in June. NASA has awarded \$500,000 for the first four months of the five- to 10-year program. A&T will receive \$166,666 of that amount.

The research centers support NASA's goal to broaden the nation's engineering capability to meet the critical needs of the civilian space program.

Dr. Edward B. Fort, chancellor of A&T, said the new project is a tremendous opportunity for the university.

"This university's involvement with North Carolina State in the Mars Mission Research Center represents extraordinary (See MANNED VEHICLES, P. 2)

Social Worker And

Coach Held For Cocaine

Two Face Cocaine Charges

A Wake County middle school coach and a state employee were charged with trafficking cocaine last week, authorities said.

Anthony M. Pope, 30, of 205 S. Swain St., was charged with two counts of trafficking more than an ounce of cocaine, according to warrants. Pope is the athletic director and coach at Whitley Middle School in Wendell, according to Assistant Principal Cathy D. Bandlely.

Emily Randolyn Debnam, 28, of 621 Quarry St., was also charged with two counts of trafficking more than an ounce of cocaine. She is employed by the state division of Social Services, according to warrants.

Pope and Ms. Debnam were arrested in the parking lot of the Star-mont Plaza Shopping Center off U.S. 1 North, Wake Sheriff's Capt. J.L. Brown said.

Pope and Debnam were held in lieu of \$20,000 bond and are to appear in court today.

In related events: Two armed men with sawed-off shotguns robbed the First Union National Bank on U.S. 64 in Knightdale, police said.

The men ran into the bank, held their guns to a teller's head and demanded money, said Knightdale Police Chief Richard L. Wall. They fled the bank with an undetermined amount of cash, he said.

As the men ran toward their 1982 to 1984 black Cutlass, the dye pack in the money bag exploded, Wall said. The men were last seen driving north on Old Knight Road, he said.

Also: A man suspected of shooting a Raleigh woman in the mouth turned himself in last week, according to police.

Billy Ray Smith, 34, of 816-C S. Boundary St., was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, according to court (See COCAINE, P. 2)



RELIGIOUS LIBERTY—Renee Thompson at World Council on Religious Liberty (WCRL) headquarters. (l. to r.): Ms. Stella Goldston, Steve Sechrist, Dr. Joseph C. Paige and Ms. Renee Thompson. Dr. Paige is President of the International organization, which has office in New York and representatives in all continents, in addition to the Raleigh headquarters.

Scouting Award Named In Honor of Paul Pope

WRAL-TV 5 weekend and operations manager Paul Pope has been honored for 18 years of Scouting service by having a special award named after him. In recognition of his dedication and loyalty as an advisor to Explorer Post Five, a newly established award will be called the Paul Pope Award. The award will be given annually to the advisor of the year.

his own weekly public affairs consumer show seen on the channel.



PAUL POPE

A native of Raleigh, Pope joined WRAL-TV 5 in 1971. He has been active with the company-sponsored Explorer Post 5 for 18 years and is involved with the national organization of the Boy Scouts of America.

Pope was appointed by Gov. James Hunt as chairman of the N.C. Department of Corrections Community Advisory Board at Polk Youth Center, has served on the North Carolina Arts Council, is a member of the board of directors of the United Way of Wake County and was presented the 1982 Governor's Award for service to the people of North Carolina. Pope has done graduate work in educational media and has had several local exhibitions of his paintings. He has written and produced

Nursing Shortage Growing Worse

The nursing shortage is growing worse across the state, a study by the North Carolina Hospital Association suggests.

All regions of North Carolina show a higher percentage of nursing vacancies per hospital bed than was true a year ago, the association reported. In March 1987, hospitals responding to a similar study by the association showed a 5.8 percent average ratio between nursing

vacancies and beds. Last month, that figure had risen to 8.3 percent. The ratio was up in each of the North Carolina Hospital Association's six districts. Beds were counted only if they were open and ready for patients; beds taken out of use by the hospital were not included. A total of 69 of the association's 145 member hospitals responded to the survey.

Hospital leaders' perceptions also suggest that the nursing shortage is

taking a turn for the worse. Some 6 percent of those responding said they felt that the nursing shortage is becoming more severe. Another 28 percent said they felt the shortage was "about the same" as last year.

The association's 1988 study also looked at the number of budgeted nursing positions at hospitals that were vacant last month. On average, 12 percent of all nursing positions were vacant at hospitals responding.

Whether a hospital had a shortage is not related to the size of the hospital or its location, the study shows.

"Small hospitals had nursing vacancy rates ranging from zero to 27 percent," said C. Edward McCauley, president of the hospital association. "Larger hospitals had virtually the same range—zero to 24 percent of their nursing positions vacant. We saw no differences in rates among regions of the state. That indicates the nursing shortage is affecting the entire state, not just isolated hospitals."

To help hospitals reduce their nursing shortages, the North Carolina Hospital Association has begun publishing a monthly newsletter with ideas on how to recruit and retain nurses and other allied health professionals. The newsletter, NCHA Manpower Memo, includes innovations from around the state and nation. The most recent issue reports on a \$200,000 cooperative effort by Forsyth Memorial Hospital and North Carolina Baptist Hospital, both in Winston-Salem, to attract junior and senior high students to health professions; a nurse-physician committee at Cabarrus Memorial Hospital in Concord; scholarships for students interested in becoming nurses offered by Northern Hospital of Surry County in Mount Airy; Rowan Memorial Hospital in Salisbury and Wilson Memorial Hospital in Wilson; and flexible scheduling and a preceptor program to help orient new nurses at Rowan Memorial.

Here are the ratios between nursing vacancies and staffed hospital beds among hospitals responding in the North Carolina Hospital Association (See SHORTAGE, P. 2)



SOLIDARITY SUPPORT—Yousuf Abdul-Rahim, student at NCSU, Mary Sutherland, president of Phi Beta Sigma, NCSU branch, Angela Polite, delegate of St. Augustine's SGA, Khalil Ramadan, Raleigh Wake Citizen's Ass. member, Stacy Baldwin, Christopher Bridget, NCSU student, Lud LITTLE and Rev. David Fay were present for the Solidarity Rally held recently to support the efforts of black students to effect change on area college campuses. (Photo by Talib Sahib-Calloway)

Computer House Arrest Program Urged In Wake

Gov. Jim Martin is proposing that the electronic house arrest program, which has been in limited operation since July 1, be expanded in Forsyth County and introduced in Wake County.

The governor is seeking \$440,000 for this purpose as part of his 1988-89 supplemental budget request that was submitted to the General Assembly last week.

Electronic house arrest permits the use of computer technology to monitor a probationer/parolee in his home over a given period of time. The system involves the use of a tamper-proof transmitter, which is attached to the offender's ankle, and a receiver, which is linked by telephone lines to a central computer. The system can monitor an offender's movements and determine whether those movements are in compliance

with the conditions of parole or probation set by the courts.

"The electronic house arrest program is a meaningful alternative to incarceration," said state Correction Secretary Aaron Johnson. "By steering a non-violent prison-bound offender away from incarceration, this program encourages lawful behavior on the part of the offender and restitution to his or her victim."

The program is also cost-effective. The cost of the electronic house arrest program is \$4.60 per offender per day. That compares to the approximately \$32 per day for each inmate confined to prison.

The program went into operation in Forsyth County on July 1. As of April 30, 47 persons have successfully completed the program with only six revocations (an 89 percent success rate). Based on this experience, it's estimated that the program has already saved North Carolina taxpayers in excess of \$87,000.

Also, Ms. Haywood's school captured a national award recently. Conn Elementary's Chapter I program captured a national award from the U.S. Department of Education as part of Secretary William Bennett's Initiative to Improve the Education of Disadvantaged Children. Only 123 programs were selected out of 214 nominated from 44 states.

Among the elements common to the award-winning programs were that they meshed closely with the regular school program, had strong, visible leadership, had high expectations for the children, and involved parents in their children's education.

Certificates of merit were awarded to representatives of the winning programs at a luncheon May 3 in Canada during the 33rd annual International Reading Association Conference. Conn's award-winning "Chapter I, It's Working" project is the math model used in the Wake County Public School System's gifted and talented magnet schools. The program provides supplemental math

Reward Offered For Suspect In Armed Robbery

The Crime Stoppers program is seeking information about the armed robbery April 28 of the Pizza Hut at 609 W. Peace St. Anyone with information may be eligible to receive a \$1,000 cash reward by calling 834-HELP.

The suspect, who had a small blue steel revolver, took a moneybag from two employees as they were closing the business at 12:48 a.m. and fled on foot toward Boylan Avenue.

He is described in police reports as a black man from 6'0" to 6'2" tall, weighing from 160 to 180 lbs., with short hair. He wore a black bandana over his face during the robbery. He was dressed in a blue tee-shirt with white writing on the front and dark pants, possibly blue jeans.

Callers with information about this crime or any others can call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 834-HELP. They can also receive the reward anonymously.

Southgate Plaza Views Progress

Southgate Shopping Center is in for better days with growth, expansion and new businesses, according to one partner in the firm which developed the center.

A fast-food outlet, the construction of more retail space and an automobile service station are on the drawing board for the center which now serves about 9,000 residents from the surrounding areas, with an expected growth to 14,000 over the next five years.

"We are pleased so far with the overall progress of the center which enables us to serve the area residents," said Joseph M. Sansom, a partner in Rock Quarry Road Associates, the center's developer.

The construction of the I-40 highway interchange and a Wake School System facility are expected to give a big boost to the area's daytime population, Sansom said.

"We're very optimistic. It has come a long way from its beginning. We feel that the residents consider the shopping center as one of their own which has been established there to service their needs," Sansom said.

"We think it is just one of the many projects which will spur Southeast Raleigh's growth by injecting economic opportunity into the area," he said.

Sansom said more patronage is still needed for the smaller shops in the center. Another problem has been the inability to secure a post office unit (See SOUTHGATE, P. 2)

Ms. Norma W. Haywood Is Principal Of The Year

Norma W. Haywood, principal of Conn Elementary School, has been selected as Region 3's Principal of the Year through a program co-sponsored by Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. and the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

Ms. Haywood will now compete with eight other regional winners for the state title. She was named the 1988 Principal of the Year in the Wake County Public School System.

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