

Georgian attacks Carter's black employment project

By Rex Henderson

Julian Bond, a Georgia state representative who for 2 years has been battling U.S. presidents, took up the sword against President Carter Friday night in Lincoln.

Bond spoke at a fund-raising dinner for State Sen. Jo Ann Maxey. Maxey is running for re-election in the 46th District.

Bond criticized Carter for failing to create programs to ease the plight of black Americans. Bond said statistics on black unemployment "show a people living in a permanent crisis."

The black vote was critical for Carter's 1976 election victory, Bond said. But Carter has produced no program to eliminate black poverty, he charged.

Carter's programs have "imposed a 60 percent pull-back in social services," Bond said.

The president's failure to act on black unemployment is just one aspect of a trend against blacks in American government, Bond said.

The decision of the California Supreme Court in the Allan Bakke case that affirmative action programs are unconstitutional will hurt blacks and health care in California, he said.

Setting up quotas for minorities in jobs and universities are "limited compensation for 200 years of discrimination," Bond said.

Bakke, a University of California-Davis medical school applicant, sued the school when black students with lower test scores were admitted and Bakke was rejected.

Bond characterized the Bakke case as "an example of the privileged and powerful to maintain their share of the good life

they enjoy."

Bond noted that Bakke made no objections to the five seats secretly reserved for sons and daughters of alumni of the school, nor to the 32 whites with lower test scores who were admitted to the medical school. Bond also noted that several other schools had denied Bakke admission.

The trend against blacks in the courts and state legislatures is pitting "those who have little against those who have," he said.

A growing "underclass" including blacks, in America is turning to the political process, Bond said.

"Politics is the art of seeing who gets how much of what from whom," Bond said. "People at the bottom don't get much."

Bond complained that the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment bill has been diluted to a "paper promise to reduce unemployment to levels representing permanent joblessness for 10 percent of black Americans."

Despite his criticism of the current version of the Humphrey-Hawkins bill, Bond said before his speech that it represented one of the few promises for improvement for the black community in Washington, D.C.

Bond first gained national attention in 1966 when he was ejected from the Georgia House of Representatives for opposing the Vietnam War. That ejection later was ruled unconstitutional by the U.S. Supreme Court. At the Democratic National Convention in 1968 Bond got national attention when he became the first black nominated to the vice-presidency.

UNL's tuition scholarships may be target of budget cut

Fewer scholarships may be awarded in the future because of rising tuition and smaller operating budgets, according to a Faculty Senate budget committee member.

Michael Turner, agriculture economics professor, said free tuition scholarships probably will be the target of future budget cuts.

Free tuition scholarships including the Regent's Scholarship, probably will be decreased in order to meet other operating costs, he said.

When tuition goes up, it costs the university more, he said.

Chancellor Roy Young tentatively suggested 45 scholarships of this type be eliminated. These scholarships total

about \$110,000 in scholarship money, Turner said.

The Regent's Scholarship is the best-known award in this category, Turner said. However, other scholarships, such as some of those awarded to military personnel also are included.

Scholarship money cuts were suggested a way the university could meet its other operating costs and remain within the budget allowed them by the Nebraska Legislature, Turner said.

However, it is not known how much flexibility the UNL administration have in this area. A recent Nebraska Supreme Court decision allows the NU Board of Regents, not the Legislature, the final say in spending budgeted money.

Ohio St. eyes applicants

College of Optometry representatives at Ohio State University were at UNL last week to interview students interested in OSU's optometry program.

Because UNL has no optometry training program, OSU this year contracted with UNL to allow up to five Nebraska residents to attend optometry school there at resident tuition rates.

OSU is not required to accept all five UNL students if fewer meet the standards for acceptance.

During their stay, Frederick Hebbard, dean of the optometry college, and James Noe, pre-optometry adviser, interviewed

Nebraskans who had applied to OSU's optometry school and had met the requirements.

The criteria used in selecting the students include college grade point average, the completion of a specific list of pre-optometry courses, an optometry college admission test, and a personal interview.

Students interested in a progression in optometry are advised to talk to a local optometrist to become more familiar with the profession. This experience with an optometrist is invaluable to the student, Hebbard said.



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