

Fran Weis - July 1, 1992

- Dennis, John, Shelley (front desk), Margaret (in Xerox room)
- I went to the headquarters in the morning, downtown for lunch with Mead, and back to the campaign office again. It looks like it did in April. No new staff.
- Fran" "Nothing is happening--absolutely nothing. We're just waiting for something to happen. We started our phone bank a couple of weeks ago. We've done two precincts and should have ~~done~~ ^{done} six ^{by} the end of the week--if we're lucky. It's been very hard getting volunteers. There's no excitement, so nobody's interested. Or they are spending their time on some of the close primary races."
- "We've lost some of our volunteers because of the Thomas vote. Several people have told us, 'I wouldn't work for him again after what he did on the Thomas vote.' Whether that means they won't vote for him, I don't know. But it hurts us with the volunteers."
- Fran says she went to a meeting where Wyche was asked about the Thomas vote. "I voted for him for three reasons. He was poor. He is black. He is a Georgian." The people were stunned when he said that. Then he went on to explain in terms of 'I have to believe that a man who was poor and knew poverty would--after a few years, perhaps--judge cases from that perspective.' He had them eating out of his hand by the time he was through." (I'm not sure I have any of it except the three initial statements just right.)
- They hope their phone bank will identify WF voters. They'll go back to them again. Also they are getting some clues as to who likes WF and why. And they pick up volunteers - plus a little money.
- I looked at the sheets filled out by people at the preview parties. There was no excitement. There were two groups. One which accepted him as trying to help Georgians; doing a good job. The other group wanted more emphasis on issues, on what he's done and what he'll do on the great issues. So: no excitement; one acceptant group; one critical group.

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