



Roderick Streeter

PROFILE: RODERICK STREETER

by Charles Dorsey

Roderick Streeter is a native of Kinston, N.C. He is

the son of Mrs. Ella Ruth Streeter and is one of five children, the majority of which are graduates of FSU.

J.P. Stevens Boycott Gets Campus Support

by Jeff Cordon, Campus Digest News Service

At Princeton University a student protest against Stevens resulted in the university discontinuing purchases of its products. The boycotters also convinced administrators at Bates College, Harvard, the University of Pittsburg, and Temple to cancel orders for Stevens products.

A similar attempt by students at Cornell failed.

Brandeis University students convinced its administrators to vote a pro-labor resolution at the J.P. Stevens shareholders meeting with its 3,000 shares of Stevens stock.

"The campus boycott is just one element in a much larger overall international boycott effort," reads the "Target Report." "Active campaigns to put pressure on the company come from religious, labor, political, social service, and even corporate constituencies throughout the country," it continues.

Carroll admits that building interest in the issue on a campus takes time. "Initially there are problems. It takes time to build support on a campus."

He feels the boycott is starting to have an effect on the company. "They've cut their prices all over the country," Carroll says. "Sales are up but profits are down."

J.P. Stevens, he says, is "dumping" its products on the market by making low-profit mass sales in institutions.

On one hand, Carroll says, the company claims it is not being hurt by the boycott. But on the other hand they closed a plant, laid off workers and blamed the closing on the boycott.

The boycott is made difficult by the fact that only 35 percent of the J.P. Stevens are sold retail. The rest are sold as unfinished products to manufacturers. And the retail goods are sold under a variety of names.

J.P. Stevens retail products include Fine Arts, Tastemaker, Utica and Meadowbrook sheets and towels, Gullistan carpets, and Forstman and Utica blankets. Although labor unions

have been pushing a boycott of J.P. Stevens products for over two years, only recently has the movement spread to college campuses.

Student activists at Princeton, Michigan State, Brandeis, Cornell, Indiana, the University of Pittsburg, Notre Dame, Georgetown, Temple, Bates College, George Washington University and Harvard have created a stir in protesting the labor practices of the J.P. Stevens Company.

"We've just finished what you could call our shakedown cruise," says Gene Carroll, who is directing campus boycotts of Stevens for the Amalgamated Clothing and Textile Workers Union.

The reason for the boycott, urged by labor leaders, is the allegedly unfair and illegal practices of the J.P. Stevens Co. in combating union organization of its plants.

According to the "Target Report" written by union leaders, "The J.P. Stevens Co. is the worst violator of workers' rights in the United States. The company has practiced blatant racist and sexist hiring, continued to ignore health and safety regulations, and denied workers their right to unionize."

The report claims "According to the most recent available data, the company pays its workers as much as 31 percent less than the average national wage for factory workers. State and federal inspectors have found cotton dust levels in several of Stevens plants to be up to 12 times higher than standards recommended by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration."

J.P. Stevens often sends an official to a campus where a boycott is being organized to deny the charges made by union officials.

When Carroll visits campuses, he investigates whether or not the university or college is buying products made by the J.P. Stevens Co.

He also talks with student leaders and attempts to stir up political support of the boycott.

Streeter speculated that his being here is a sign that he's following in his brothers and sisters footsteps. He's presently a sophomore business administration major and after graduation plans to become involved in marketing for a major corporation.

Streeter enjoys participating in football, basketball, baseball, and tennis, in his spare time. Too, he loves to read novels that inform him of the black experience. He confesses that one of his greatest joys is meeting new people. He has found FSU to be ideal for this since everyone is very friendly and interesting here. His philosophy is, "You

only live once so grab all the gusto you can get." (Maybe Streeter likes to watch tv, too, huh?) He feels the Black race will succeed in their constant struggle for equality in American society. Why? Because the black race has been suppressed too long. He feels that, "We as people should come together to achieve economic equality."

Streeter admitted that, "If there is some way that I can help my fellow man, I would gladly do so, even if it meant my own misfortune."

If you happen to run into Streeter, just say, "What's up, Streeter?" Then listen as he replies, "There is no one sweeter than the man they call Streeter."

Musical Briefs

by Mary English

LENNY WILLIAMS

Many entertainers after attending college seek a musical career, but few leave a top position with a group to return to college. Lenny Williams is a very rare individual as he is just such a person. Lenny sang with TOWER OF POWER but had the urge to do his own thing. He left the group and returned to college. Mr. Williams now holds a B.A. degree in music. Known for *Midnight Girl* and *Lookup*, his musical genius and creativity is evident to us all.

BETTY WRIGHT

"From the time I was born, music has been a part of my life." And so it would seem since Miss Wright's family was a religious musical group that sold several albums on the spiritual charts. Miss Wright feels that God does most of the work and in a recent interview, she talked about her religious background. In reference to her well known hit "Clean-up

Woman," Miss Wright stated that there is definitely a clean-up woman because "if you don't do it, someone else will."



Students To Vote For Film Favorites In Campus Contest

College and university students across the country will, for the first time, have an opportunity to vote directly for their favorite screen performers and filmmakers in a national poll known as "Student's Choice Awards."

Balloting will be in association with FOCUS '79, a national competition sponsored by Datsun and open to filmmaking and film-study students. Voting categories include Best Motion Picture, Best Performances by an Actor and Actress, and Best Director.

Results of "Student's Choice Awards" balloting are expected to provide a unique sampling of opinion among American college students--who represent one of the most influential segments of the country's moviegoers--concerning theatrical films released during 1978.

Winners chosen by student vote will be invited to attend the FOCUS '79 Premiere and Award Ceremony in Hollywood on March 22nd, prior to the Academy Awards, at which time official presentation of the "Student's Choice Awards" will be made.

Closing date for receipt of ballots will be February 15th. Ballots are returnable to: FOCUS: Student's Choice Awards, 1140 Avenue of the Americas, New York, N.Y. 10036.

A random drawing will also be held among schools submitting 100 or more ballots, with the winning college or university receiving a brand-new pinball machine for installation in the campus student activities center.

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FOCUS: Student's Choice Awards
1140 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10036

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