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**Potts' Financial
Problems Resolved**

By Loretta Manago
Post Managing Editor

To raise \$20,000 is an ambitious project, but to expect the community to be the source for that amount is even a more ambitious one.

These were the odds that the individuals who sought to provide former radio announcer Eugene "Genial" Gene Potts with badly needed income faced and overcame.

As a result of the two events that were planned in August, the testimonial dinner and the radiothon, the Potts can resume their way of life without being plagued by a mountain of overdue bills.

According to Cal Thornton, station manager of WGIV and chairman of the board of directors for the Eugene Potts Fund, \$34,000 was raised.

"With that money we have taken care of all of the Potts' back bills,

bought supplies to repair the Potts' home, the labor being provided free by the West Charlotte Optimist Club and with the remaining funds, we (board of directors) will place the remaining money in an interest bearing trust fund."

"In addition to the \$34,000 raised we're also looking for an additional \$6,000 to come in from pledges that were made at the time of the radiothon," figured Thornton. Thornton also commented that people are still coming off the streets every day with pledges. "This project was a true community effort."

Explaining that the trust fund will be designed to supplement what the Potts' fixed income and social services does not take care of, Thornton added, "Due to the money raised, the Potts shouldn't have to worry about money anymore. They won't be living in luxury, but they will be able to be comfortable."

With the financial needs of the Potts squared away, Thornton mentioned that the only other thing that Eugene Potts could use more of is company. "He's starving for conversation and would love to have people drop by and talk for awhile."

People are also invited to drop by WGIV if they have any questions about the funds that were raised. "All anyone has to do is to ask the receptionist because the records are open to the public."

Pulling off a venture of this magnitude took a lot of assistance from people who cared and those assisting Thornton and who made up the board of directors included: Phyllis Lynch, Dr. Mildred Baxter Davis, Rev. Bob Walton, State Representative Jim Richardson, City Council Ron Leeper, radio personality Ray Gooding, Chatty Hatty, Jo Ann Graham, Tom Sowell, William Ferguson, and Pete Cunningham.



Lisa Midgett
.....UNCC senior

**Midgett Is An Objective
Oriented Young Lady**

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

Planning to graduate in 1986, Lisa Midgett, a senior at UNCC, says the prospect of life after college "doesn't frighten" her. "I'm always trying to think ahead anyway," she assures. "I know there will be more obligations put upon me but I'm really looking forward to seeing what I can do. It's going to be a challenge," she acknowledges, "and I love challenges."

That's not idle chatter from this 20-year-old coed from New York City, who's handling the double majors of accounting and business at college. Lisa is an objective-oriented young lady with thought out goals in step ladder sequence. Beginning with her desire to earn straight A's this semester, her goals build on themselves. As she describes, "I plan to attend graduate school for an MBA. Then, I'd like to work for a prosperous accounting firm. Finally, my long range goal is to own a business."

Lisa came by this achiever attitude through the encouragement of her mother, Dorothy Midgett, the person Lisa says she most admires. "Every goal I've heard my mother set, she has gone on to accomplish," Lisa relates. "Nothing stops her from reaching her objectives. But she doesn't run over anyone in the process, which is important. She's always done anything she's set her mind to do without neglecting any of her other responsibilities, such as her family."

What also propels Lisa to succeed is the thought of pleasing her father, Cecil Midgett, a man whom she describes as not much for talking about his emotions. However, "his feelings come across," says Lisa, "and he's a reason I try so hard. To see him smile makes it all worthwhile."

Aside from her parents, Lisa seems surrounded by support networks. She mentions that her older brother, Emery Partee, and sister, Cynthia Partee, can be counted on to lend their assistance. "We've always been taught to look out for each other," Lisa maintains. Then, also, Lisa has her sorority sisters.

She became a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority soon after arriving at UNCC and Lisa says that step smoothed over her transition to college life. "Through the organization, I've met so many unique girls at school and also older women outside the community who have impressed me," she claims.

"When I joined the sorority, I became more involved in events at

school and more interested in extra activities. Plus, Deltas are doing things beyond the college level. I plan to be active in the sorority for the rest of my life."

Lisa contends that the Deltas additionally helped her learn to communicate more effectively. "I'm better able to express myself and show my feelings," she explains. "Also, I've become more open."

In describing herself, Lisa does confess to essentially still being "shy and very private." Her most positive quality, she's decided, is "my ability to accept people for what they are and seeing them for what they can do."

For enjoyment, this week's beauty listens to music, "every opportunity I get," Lisa emphasizes. "Prince is my favorite artist," she notes. Prince's lyrics set to his unique type of music is what Lisa finds most intriguing. "Earth, Wind and Fire is my all time favorite group," she adds, noting that the older recordings of this band are the type of See MIDGETT On Page 4A

**Democrats Seek Funds To
Meet Two-Party Challenge**

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer

With a new permanent headquarters, a new executive director, and a new director of development, the Mecklenburg County Democratic Party may very well be operating on the slogan, "Ain't no stopping us now."

While not an official rallying cry, these words seem to embody the philosophy of party membership and staff alike.

A big push for the party right now is fundraising. That's where John Siman, director of development, comes in. Recently out of UNC-Chapel Hill with an M.A. in English (course work completed, degree to be awarded in December), Siman comes to the job with verve and enthusiasm, as well as a talent for putting words together well. And that, says Siman, is what it takes to gather in the big bucks needed to continue the party's revitalization.

"A big part of fundraising involves writing," he states. "Direct mail is the big thing in raising money now."

His first major project is something called the Renaissance Club. "This will be the centerpiece of a lot of things we do," he explains.

Culp Predicts:

**"Hot Mayoral Contest"
To Effect Turnout**

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer

Tuesday, September 24, is primary time in Charlotte. Although elections supervisor Bill Culp does not make official voter turnout predictions until after absentee ballots are tabulated, he was willing to make a general prediction on Tuesday's primary for The Post.

"We anticipate somewhere in the neighborhood of 15-20 percent of registered Democrats, and 20-25 percent of Republicans will vote in the primary," he stated. He attributed the difference in party turnout to the "hot mayoral contest" for Republicans and to the fact that they have three District races to be decided.

If you are registered as either a Democrat or a Republican, you are eligible to vote in that party's primary. Unaffiliated voters may not vote in party primaries.

Democrats will have three contests to decide: who their mayoral candidate will be, their 4th District City Council candidate, and four at-large City Council candidates.

Republicans will choose a mayoral candidate, and City Council candidates for Districts 4, 5, and 7.

In the mayoral race, Democrats have incumbent Mayor Harvey Gantt and his opponent, southwest Charlottean James Baldwin, who describes himself as "the voice of a political minority." Tuesday will show how well Baldwin was able to organize a grassroots campaign against a popular incumbent—a tough battle for anyone.

Democratic candidates for the 4th District are Roy Matthews and Huey Rowe-Anderson.

The five at-large Democratic candidates, of which four will be chosen, are Al Russo, Cyndee Patterson, Ricky B. Reed, Vic Bell, and Mike Stenhouse.

The Republicans will choose between Sue Myrick and Dave Berryhill for their mayoral candidate to face the Democratic winner in November.

In the 4th District, Dennis Beasley and Jim Hawks are the two choices. The 5th District will decide between Ann Hammond and Stan Campbell, while 7th District voters will choose between Paul Juneau and Gloria Fenning.

Because only four Republicans are running for at-large seats, there will be no primary needed to eliminate any.

If you're like me, you may know

where you go to vote but not what precinct number or district you belong to. If that's the case, this listing of voting placings should help.

DISTRICT 4
Cochrane Junior High, Precinct 3;
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Mayor Harvey Gantt
.....Seeks reelection

**Dr. And Mrs. Webber
To Host Reception
For Mayor Gantt**

By Audrey C. Lodato
Post Staff Writer

A reception honoring Mayor Harvey Gantt will be held Saturday, September 21, from 5-8 p.m. at the home of Dr. Spurgeon Webber, 4200 Hyde Park Drive.

Al Glover, coordinator of the affair, is enthusiastic about the support Gantt is receiving. "Everyone is making themselves a committee-of-one to help Mayor Gantt," Glover reports. "Black leaders are all rallying to support him."

But support for the Mayor has a broader base than just the Charlotte black community.

Featured at the reception will be a guest appearance by State Attorney General Lacy H. Thornburg and his wife; a performance by pianist Carl Moore, who is flying in from New York on Saturday (he will be on tour at the Charlotte City Club); a three-piece jazz combo; and comestibles by Beverly Pagan, who recently catered a reception for Governor Jim Martin.

The menu will include such goodies as carved tenderloin, crab and shrimp molds, and an assortment of cheeses, among others.

Donations for the event, by which Glover hopes to raise \$6,000 for Gantt's campaign, are \$15 a person.

Among the sponsors of the reception are Rep. and Mrs. Howard Barnhill, Councilman and Mrs. Charlie Dannelly, Councilman and Mrs. Ron Leeper, Senator and Mrs. Melvin Watt, at-large candidates Vic Bell and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Martin, Vivian Williams, Mr. and Mrs. James Wall, Michael Todd, Dr. and Mrs. Michael Stout, Dr. Parthenia B. Richardson, James K. Polk, Mr. and Mrs. John McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCain, Mattie Mitchell, Regan Miller, Nasif Majeed, Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Mack, Bill and Tina Jordan-Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Edmond Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald L. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Zoel Hargraves, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin, Linwood Foust, Mr. and Mrs. James Ferguson, Theresa Elder, Dr. Gloria Duvall, Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Dewberry, Dr. Mildred Baxter Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Crosby, Dorothy Crockett, Dr. William Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Gary Collins, Dr. Wesley Clement, Dr. Kenneth Chambers, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Brown, Maggie Braun, Tommy Bennett, Lucille Batts, Shelley Anderson, Karl Adkins, and Post publisher, Bill Johnson.

**Governor Martin
To Highlight 34th
Training Institute**

By Loretta Manago
Post Staff Writer

Raleigh - An address by Governor James G. Martin will highlight the 34th annual training institute, to be held Thursday and Friday, September 19-20, by the N.C. Chapter of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security (IAPES).

The two-day event, which is co-sponsored by the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina (ESC), will be held at the Shelton Valley Inn. Institute chairman is Pat Barnes, ESC chief adjudicator.

In addition to Governor Martin, Barnes said the September 19 banquet program will feature Secretary of Commerce Howard H. Haworth and ESC chairman David T. Flaherty. The banquet will begin at 7:30 p.m., following a 6:30 p.m. reception.

During the institute, ESC staff will conduct workshops on all aspects of employment security operations. Topics will include the ESC and temporary employment agencies, the changing role of women in the work force, financing of the unemployment insurance program, perceptions in communication, and public speaking.

IAPES is a national organization whose goals include the professional development of its 30,000 members, and improvement of services provided by public employment offices. There are 1,078 members in the state chapter.



Some people pray for more things than they are willing to work for.

**Black Dropouts
Decline By
20 Percent**

Washington, D.C. - The number of black high school dropouts in the civilian labor force decreased by 20 percentage points between 1975 and 1985, from 49.1 to 29.2 percent, the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor reported.

During the same period, the civilian labor force rate of blacks with four years of high school was up from 33.0 percent in 1975, to 39.5 percent in 1985.

Similarly, the number of blacks in the civilian labor force with one to three years of college rose over the decade to 19.2 percent, compared to 11.9 percent in 1975.

The number of black college graduates in the civilian labor force increased between 1975 and 1985, from 9.1 percent in 1975, to 15.0 percent in 1985.

Workers with more schooling have significantly changed the educational profile of the nation's labor force over the past decade. The bureau reported that 25 percent of the labor force 25 to 64 years of age is now made up of college graduates. The comparable proportion 10 years ago was 18 percent. In addition, another 19 percent of the labor force had completed one to three years of college, compared with 14 percent in 1975.

Data on the educational attainment of the labor force are based on information collected in the Current Population Survey. The CPS is a monthly nationwide sample survey of households in which respondents are asked about the employment status of each person 18 years old and over in the household. The March data series on educational attainment are tabulated for the population 25 to 64 years of age by the number of years of formal schooling completed. Other highlights based on data for the 1975-85 period are:

-Labor force participation rates for men in all educational attainment groups edged down; the rates for women rose for all groups.