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Ms. Pamela Allison Is Beauty Of Week

By Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

"Although I've been beauty of the week once before, I'm just as thrilled now as I was then. It's always a privilege to be put in the public eye and what better way to do this than to have exposure in the newspaper."

This statement came from Miss Pamela Allison, who has for the second time been chosen at the Charlotte Post "Beauty of the Week".

Pam is the daughter of Mrs. Flora Allison of 2220 Augusta St. She is a 1975 graduate of Independence High School.

While attending Independence Miss Allison was a member of the Girl's athletic association and of the Decca Club, (Distributive Education Association). Her favorite subject was math.

The hobbies of our beauty are dancing and playing basketball. She admits that both are good exercises as well as something she enjoys.

Presently Pam is attending Central Piedmont Community College where she is studying Physical Therapy. She plans to work in a near-by hospital and work mainly with children.

"That was the main purpose for choosing the field of Physical Therapy," explained Pam. I want to work mainly with children, although I will be glad to work with adults.

Pam is born under the sign of Leo. She describes them as being brilliant people as well as romantics.

The Allison family attends St. Paul Baptist Church where Rev. Paul W. Drummond is the pastor. Pam is a member of the junior usher board.

Pam's favorite color is red. Ham is her favorite food and Chanel No. 5 is her favorite cologne scent.

Pam Grier is the favorite actress of our beauty. "I like her style and we also have the same name. I also wanted to be an actress at one time."

Sanford & Son and Welcome Back Kotter are Pam's favorite television shows.

Pam is the baby of her family. She has two older sisters and one older brother and admits that being the baby of the family has both good and bad points with the good points out weighing the bad.

Miss Allison has done various modeling assignments for such stores as Belk, Robert Hall, and she has even modeled some for her church.

She is very fond of the singing group The Commodores and states that their hit single "Sweet Love" is her favorite record. She also likes the O' Jays, Temptations, and Earth, Wind & Fire.

When asked how she felt about being a black woman Pam had this to say. "I feel good about being a Black woman, I feel that being a woman is a special tribute within itself, and then to be black and a woman is just about the best thing that could happen to a person."

Walton Speaks In Favor Of Bond Issue

The Rev. "Bob" Walton, pastor of St. Paul United Presbyterian Church, made a last minute effort Wednesday to make sure The Charlotte Post readers know his position on the upcoming hospital bond referendum, Tuesday, May 18.

Walton, a branch manager at First Union National Bank, is in favor of the bond package. He said, "Blacks tend not to vote on issues like this but should vote this time because the issue is very important."

Among other reasons, the recent but unsuccessful candidate for city council pointed out that most Blacks cannot afford the high health care costs that private clinics charge. He said a public facility like Memorial Hospital should be supported by Blacks for this reason.

Blacks Set Leadership Conference

By Sidney Moore Jr.
Post Staff Writer

An agenda of about 20 to 40 pages in length is expected to be written in a statewide Black Leadership Conference at St. Augustine's College from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Raleigh on May 15, according to published reports.

"No longer is the question, civil rights alone," said a statement issued by the planners of the conference. "We are concerned with the broad questions and issues facing the entire population of this state."

In spite of this statement, there are questions as to whether the conference is designed to deliver a block vote to candidates that make the right promises.

Conference chairperson Clarence Lightner, former mayor of Raleigh, said that questionnaires will be sent to various candidates in the state to get their responses on various questions raised during the conference by the black community.

The responses and questionnaires will also be provided to various local communities throughout the state. They will be used to evaluate local candidates.

On the question of a block vote, Lightner said conference planners have attempted to steer clear of any such impression.

"We do not like the word 'deliver,'" he said. "We are going to try to get them (the voters) out."

Lightner conceded that the results of the conference and the proposed "Black Political Agenda" might be similar to delivering a block vote.

The agenda will be readied about 6 to 9 weeks after the 200 to 300 participants in the conference have made their contributions to it. Areas of interest to be covered by the conference include education, criminal justice, social welfare, political education, health care employment, housing and economic development.

Here Sunday Afternoon

Angela Davis To Keynote

Rev. Ben Chavis Rally

Angela Davis will be the keynote speaker at a Rally for Rev. Ben Chavis and the Wilmington 10 and the Charlotte 3 at Friendship Baptist Church on Beatties Ford Road, Sunday, May 16, at 4 p.m. The admission will be free and the public is invited to attend.

The rally will be the highlight of events which will be centered around the meeting of the Executive Board of the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression in Charlotte this weekend May 15-16th. Local ministers, civic leaders, and other national speakers will be on the program. Dr. Helen Othow, sister of Rev. Chavis and Co-Chairperson of the North Carolina Alliance will also speak.

In conjunction with the weekend activities, there will be a Community Leadership



THE REV. BEN CHAVIS REPORTING TO COMMITTEE

...With Dr. Charles E. Cobb, Director Of CRJCC

On The Chavis Case

Grievance Commission To Makes Recommendations May 21

Special to the Post

Rev. Ben Chavis, civil rights activist, who has been sentenced to 29 to 34 years for allegedly firebombing a Wilmington grocery store during racial unrest there in 1971, has been on a hunger strike at McCain Prison in McCain, North Carolina since April 30th.

Ben was transferred from Caledonia Prison Farm in Tillery, North Carolina to McCain Prison which is really a prison hospital because he had talked to prisoners about their rights. However, the authorities at Caledonia Prison and W.L. Kautzky, Chief of Program Services for the North Carolina Department of Pri-

sons, claim that he was sent to McCain for his "safety".

In a hearing which was held in Raleigh on Friday, May 7th, evidence from Commission revealed that it was not for Ben's "safety" but because of what was claimed to be his disruptive influence. When the prison official was asked if Ben had led any demonstrations or had caused any disturbance at Caledonia, the answer was "NO". The officials feared that he might organize the prisoners to express their grievances.

In an attempt to isolate Ben, the officials sent him to McCain where he is housed in a hospital ward with tubercular and mental patients. Yet he is not mentally or physically ill.

He maintains that he has been exposed to inmates with tuberculosis, who he said take showers in the medium-security wing where he has been assigned. Kautzky said he believed state regulations isolating tubercular inmates from the healthy population were enforced at the prison, but was uncertain about the shower situation.

Kautzky had evidence to show that only one black inmate out of a population of 600 at Caledonia had written a threatening letter about what he would do to Ben. Ben said that he also had a letter from the same inmate showing that he had been forced to write the threatening letter. Kautzky also did not reveal to the Commission that members of the Prison Staff at Caledonia had threatened Ben rather than the prisoners whom Ben got along very well with.

Rev. Chavis' fast was begun when he received food with roaches in it for the second time in a week at McCain. At the end of the three hour hearing in Raleigh, he fainted from exhaustion and lack of nourishment.

CMS Students To Get One-Day Holiday Friday

Charlotte-Mecklenburg public school students will get a one-day vacation from school on Friday, May 14, but it will be work as usual for teachers.

The vacation is scheduled to give teachers an opportunity to work without students in school.

This is the last student holiday from school until the school year ends on June 9.

Classes will resume on a normal schedule on Monday, May 17.

Fibley Criticizes Ford's Election Year Budget

Special to The Post

Francis S. Fibley, president of the American Postal Workers Union, has charged that further rate hikes and service cutbacks will not cure the nation's "postal mess" that has stemmed from mismanagement and the Ford Administration's refusal to fight for adequate funding for the U.S. Postal Service.

Appearing on a radio "Labor News Conference" of the Mutual Broadcasting System, Fibley criticized President Ford's election year budget hold-down as a short-sighted move that has thrown the Postal Service into the "political framework...in the presidential campaign" and put a damper on congressional efforts to restore "the kind of mail service that the American public is used to and deserves to have."

Long Range Approach
He said further, that a long-range approach stands a

much better chance of giving the Postal Service the ability to meet the responsibilities charted by the Constitution and statutes than stop-gap proposals urged by Administration spokesmen, such as cutting mail service to as few as three days a week.

Fibley, who is also a vice president of the AFL-CIO, said the APWU and other postal unions have mounted a campaign to focus public attention and understanding on the real causes of the "mess" that now plagues the Postal Service.

He emphasized that because postal employees are those most often in direct contact with the public-at-large, they are all too often blamed for the ills of the system. But, he added forcefully, poor management that fails to use the "Tremendous amount of flexibility" it has available bears much of the responsibility for mounting costs and deteriorating service.

CBD Issues:

Jobs, Urban Policy

Editor's Note: The Caucus of Black Democrats, meeting in Charlotte April 30-May 2, held 12 workshops to discuss "issues papers" on topics of concern to black Americans. The issues, part of 1976 election strategy, will be presented to the platform committee at the National Democratic Party's convention meeting in July. This is the first of a six-part series to be continued for five consecutive weeks.

By Holye H. Martin, Sr.
Post Staff Writer

As a historical first, black Democrats from across the nation assembled in Charlotte to develop an independent party platform and to assess the suitability of the Democratic candidates for the presidency of the United States. Although the conference was on national issues and concerns, feedback to statehouses, county seats, city halls and the black electorate was recognized and intended as an important factor.

Full employment, as defined in the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment and Balanced Growth Act legislation, was without question the highest priority of the 12 issues. The priority given this issue is quite evident when it is realized that black unemployment has been above 13 percent for the past 17 months, according to official estimates. Yet, even the staggering figure substantially understates the real unemployment rate which takes into account those too discouraged to continue looking for work; those employed part-time but seeking full-time work; those employed at jobs which do not utilize their skills; and those unemployed who are simply not counted.

Therefore, some estimates indicate that black unemployment actually averages 25 percent with black teenage unemployment as high as 50 percent. As the nation strains under a 7.5 percent unemployment rate, black unemployment for the past 20 years has never come close to this figure.

The Caucus of Black Democrats takes the position that the Full Employment and Ba-

lanced Growth Act is an or first step in remedying this intolerable situation. The Act secures the right to a job to every adult person willing, able and seeking work. It would require the President to present a program to reduce adult unemployment to no more than 3 percent in four years, with further reductions thereafter.

The bill is a general economic policy measure which would make basic reforms in the management of the economy. It would create a new economic framework and process under which the President, the Congress and the Federal Reserve System would be required to develop each year common economic goals and priorities. The policy would further underlay the concept of the federal government as the employer of last resort.

Finally, the Caucus of Black Democrats strongly opposed the trickle-down theory of job creation which suggests that

Bicentennial To Salute Small Business Program

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 14, 1976—America's ten million small businesses will be saluted in a week-long series of conferences in the Nation's Capital, May 10-13. Small Business Administrator Mitchell P. Kobelinski announced today. President Ford has already proclaimed the week as National "Small Business Week".

Mr. Kobelinski said, "A Bicentennial Salute to Small Business" would bring national leaders in education, finance, business, and government together to review the development and contributions of small business during the first two hundred years of the nation's growth and to discuss where small business should go over the next century. The conference will be held at the newly-opened Hyatt Regency Washington.

TURTLE-TALK



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