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## Bus Strike Continues

# CAF Board Of Directors Urge Riders To "Make Needs Known"

## Attorney General's

## Request Not Detailed

CCNS - The Rev. Leon White, director of the North Carolina - Virginia Commission for Racial Justice, has expressed dissatisfaction with the investigation of the missing files which a former official of the N.C. Good Neighborhood Council said could have exonerated the "Wilmington 10" if they had been part of the trial documents. White said on Tuesday that the investigation of the files, which disappeared from the Council in 1972, was only a small part of what he had requested in order to fully clear the "Wilmington 10". Michael Carmichael, press secretary for Attorney General Rufus Edmisten, denied White's claim and said that his letter contained no specific details beyond investigating the missing files.

the Wilmington 10 with Hall's recanted statement. Rev. White said that he wants the suppression of the testimony of the Good Neighbor Council investigated and the role of the Attorney General's Special Prosecutor in the case played. Johnson said the Good Neighbor Council resisted testifying even after being subpoenaed because the Council wanted to keep a low profile and funding from the North Carolina General Assembly. Johnson was quoted in the Greensboro Daily News, saying, "We were on our way (to the trial) when we heard the defense had rested. We had communications with the Wilmington 10 defense. So far as I know they never knew that we had received the subpoenas and never knew we were on our way with the records."

Rev. Ben Chavis, interviewed at McCain Prison after the revelation of the missing files, said that "it was no accident or coincidence that they (the N.C. Good Neighbor Council) were late for the trial. I think it was a very controlled situation from the top of state government to further us away."

## Lee, Michaux

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## N.C. Posts

(CCNS) Two among the several Black North Carolinians who are expecting patronage from the recent Democratic Party victories in the state and nation are N.C. House Representative H.M. Michaux, Jr. from Durham County and former Mayor of Chapel Hill Howard N. Lee.

Patronage refers to a system of dispensing out political appointments to boards, commissions, jobs in government and governmental contracts based not upon qualifications alone but primarily upon remuneration for the support given the candidate who won the office.

Howard Lee said recently that he had heard rumors that he was being considered for appointment by Governor-elect James Hunt to a political office but did not know which See LEE on page 5

# Johnson C. Smith University Plans To Extend Its Boundaries

By Arnette Barksdale  
Post Staff Writer

There is presently a long range plan for the five-points area of the Northwest section of Charlotte which may result in J.C. Smith University extending its boundaries and acquiring more land, according to the University President.

Dr. Wilbert Greenfield stated that among other things the plan calls for Trade St. to be transformed into a Freeway similar to I-77.

"If this happens then the campus would be surrounded by three expressways (I-77, Northwest, Trade St.) and very easily accessible," Dr. Greenfield continued.

Students in J.C. Smith's Urban Studies program have been assisting the two plan-

ning commissions in studying the areas that are in blight conditions around the campus. Dr. James D. Bass, urban studies director, stated that "the class is going to look at the area around J.C. Smith, and conduct feasible studies of alternative land use programs, as it relates to JCSU."

"If this land, which is privately owned, is acquired by the University," Dr. Greenfield explained, "we can use it for future campus housing and to help in finishing up our campus football stadium."

The University's president added that "right now the five-points plan is not given high priority, but hopefully within three to four years it will be top priority on the Commission's list."

Commenting on the future of



Elizabeth "Liz" Hair  
...Board chairman



Robert "Bob" Walton  
...New commissioner



Pete Foley  
...Received 87,075 votes

## New County Commissioners To Take Office December 6

The new Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners will officially take office Monday morning, December 6.

The swearing in ceremony will be in the Commissioner's Meeting Room on the fourth floor of the County Office Building and it will begin shortly after 9 a.m.

The five Commissioners who will take office are, in the order of the number of votes received: Elizabeth "Liz" G. Hair, 84,075 votes; Peter A. Foley, 74,567 votes; Robert L. Walton, 61,599 votes; Edwin B. Peacock, 52,973 votes; and William H. Booe, 50,933 votes.

Other candidates for the Board in the November 2nd election were L.C. Coleman,

48,903 votes; Thomas F. Moore, Jr., 47,946 votes; Harry McKinnon, 47,938 votes; William L. Griffin, 39,132 votes; Jerry Taylor, 31,117 votes; and Stephanie Ezrol, 805 votes.

Mecklenburg County Commissioners are elected by a countywide vote every two years. Elections for the Board are held in November of even-numbered years and candidates run for office as members of a political party. Major duties of the Board of Commissioners include:

- Adoption of an annual County budget.
- Establishing the annual County property tax rate.
- Appointment of various County officials including members

of County boards and commissions and some County employees.

-Regulation of land use and zoning outside the jurisdiction of municipalities.

-Enactment of policies concerning the operation of the County.

-Planning for County needs.

-Enacting local ordinances. The Board also has authority to call bond referendums, enter into contracts and establish new programs and departments. The Board holds regular business sessions on the first and third Mondays of each month in the Commissioners' Meeting Room. Zoning hearings are held by the Board on the second Monday of each month in the same location at 2 p.m.

## City Keeps Hands-Off Policy

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.  
Post Executive Editor

The Board of Directors of the Charlotte Area Fund (CAF) unanimously adopted a resolution at their regular monthly meeting on Thursday, November 18, expressing its "deep concern about the possible hardships the 12,000 daily bus riders might be experiencing as a result of the strike, and particularly the large number of low-income residents who might not be able to get to work, receive medical care or purchase food stamps."

Furthermore, CAF officials accompanied an overflowing crowd of mostly poor and mostly black bus riders, and a number of downtown retail merchants, who pleaded with the City Council on Monday to take some action in an attempt to end the 18-day strike.

Councilman Harvey Gantt joined the voices opposing the city's hands-off policy. He proposed that the city send an observer to the bargaining sessions between the City Coach Lines and the striking bus drivers' union. Action on Gantt's proposal was postponed due to a technical point in parliamentary procedure.

Gantt told the Council further, "The relatively small number of complaints coming into the city from riders cannot be a serious measure of the crisis we face. Many of the citizens are poor, and are often the least vocal about making their plight known."

Gantt's comment was in support of the CAF board's resolution which "urges all bus riders who have not been able to find alternative means of transportation to immediately make their needs known."

Sam Kornegay, CAF executive director told the POST upon leaving the City Council chamber, "The people here are trying to make an impression on the minds of those who must make decisions about transportation that the need to end the strike is great, particularly for low-income people."

In the meantime, the strike remains at a stalemate as Joseph Poquette, president of City Coach Lines, says he will hold firm to his offer of a 74-cent hourly raise and an estimated 45-cents cost-of-living increase over two years. The bus drivers and their union contend that they will accept nothing less than a \$1-per hour increase plus the cost-of-living increase.

City Manager David Burkhalter responded to Councilman Gantt's proposal for city involvement to help break the stalemate by saying that to send an observer to the negotiation sessions is "very bad" for legal reasons and that such action would "undermine our management company's position." Apparently most council members supported Burkhalter's viewpoint.

One reason the City Coach Lines is apparently taking such a hard line in the negotiation is that company is on the brink of negotiating its own contract to continue managing the bus system for the city. It is the feeling of some who are "in the know" that if the bus managers loose in their dispute with the striking bus drivers the city will not renew their contract.



LOVELY DEBRA WORTHY  
...Has duo personality

## Ms. Debra Worthy Is Beauty Of Week

By Melvetta Jenkins  
Post Staff Writer

A duo-personality (the result of being born under the sign of Gemini) distinguishes this week's Beauty, Ms. Debra Worthy from all others.

Ms. Worthy, who resides at 2401 N. Sharon Amity Rd., is a 1972 graduate of Myers Park High School. She is presently employed with Crum and Forster, where she is an evaluating clerk for automobile insurance renewal. Ms. Worthy said that she enjoys her work, but anticipates the day when she'll "be able to" look at someone else's job application and decide "yes" or "no."

Looking toward the future, our Beauty plans to enroll in Trim Modeling School in January. She said that she has been invited to Chicago in July of next year to audition for Carlton Hamilton as a fashion model.

Ms. Worthy has many loves in her life, the most important being Antonio, her four-year-old son. "I love children," she said, adding that she devotes most of her time to being with Antonio and the children in her neighborhood.

"I try at least once a week to get the kids in the neighborhood over to do things. I believe that children have to be taught to use their minds, which is really good. If they aren't taught to utilize their minds, they'll get lazy. Children are really smarter than a lot of people think. I like to see them thinking and to hear them talk about what they feel and think," explained our Beauty.

A very conscientious mother, Mrs. Worthy said that she believes a child should be discouraged from excusing the things he does by saying "I

don't know." She says that she's teaching Antonio to think by encouraging him to tell her why he does and says certain things instead of coping out by saying "I don't know."

Ms. Worthy enjoys collecting house plants (she has 27), sewing, playing tennis, painting and writing poetry and short stories. She said that she does abstracts in oil and watercolors, but hasn't submitted any of her pieces to be exhibited. On the other hand, she has submitted a short story to ESSENCE magazine and is awaiting a reply. She's been writing since she was in high school and plans to have some of her poems published this summer.

Melba Moore, Lou Rawls, and Clifton Davis head her list of favorite entertainers. She said that Miss Moore is her favorite actress because "she's for real. She has a beautiful voice, appears to have a lot of self-respect and lives her life in a way that demands respect." Ms. Worthy is an avid fan of Clifton Davis who, she said, "likes smart women, not just a pretty face. He doesn't strike me as being a 'hound' for women." Lou Rawls gained a strong supporter when he made "Groovy People." According to Ms. Worthy, "nothing beats being around people you can really relate to; just sitting around and talking to."

Our Beauty believes that "gentlemen prefer Hanes" and television is full of "fairy tales and propaganda." She only eats fish and vegetables because she's trying to get away from "all those preservatives and additives."

"My philosophy of life is 'if at first you don't succeed, try, try again.' I feel that you'll get knocked down a lot in life and can't always depend on anybody else to pick you up, so you've got to do it yourself," Ms. Worthy said. "I also believe that there's no such thing as 'I can't,' it's always 'I'll try.'"

Ms. Worthy said that she is glad to be a Beauty, "not because I wanted my picture in the paper, but to get to meet people. I like meeting people and want them to read this article and see what I'm all about."

The POST takes pride in introducing Ms. Debra Worthy as our Beauty of the Week.

## TURTLE-TALK



If a MAN could have HALF his wishes he would DOUBLE his TROUBLES.