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LOVELY LISA LASTER  
...Studies engineering

## Miss Lisa Laster Is Beauty Of Week

By Jeri Harvey  
Post Staff Writer

A few years from now when you slide behind the wheel of your new car, it may be powered by an engine designed by a former POST Beauty of the Week. At least that's what this week's beauty, Lisa Laster hopes and is working toward.

Lisa, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Laster, is a student at Central Piedmont Community College studying Mechanical Engineering. If all goes well, she'll graduate in the winter quarter and work a while before continuing her studies. Eventually she hopes to earn a Masters degree in engineering and obtain her license, in spite of the fact that there are fewer than a half dozen black licensed engineers in the state of North Carolina. According to Lisa, "I'll never know if I can do it unless I try." When we asked how she decided to go into mechanical engineering since it is a field that women have not traditionally chosen, she said she was influenced by her father who is a pipe designer with a local chemical company.

Lisa, a Virgo, was born in Charlotte 20 years ago and has spent all her life here, graduating from Garinger High in 1974 and enrolling at CPCC immediately afterward. At Garinger she was a letter girl and her favorite subject was math. She said, "I guess I liked math best because it was always so easy for me."

At CPCC, her favorite instructor is Mr. Cannon who teaches mechanical engineering and is described by Lisa, "as a really nice person who tries to help with any problem whether it's engineering, English or a personal one."

Going to school full time and working part time at a fast food restaurant doesn't leave

Lisa much free time but somehow she manages to serve on the Usher Board of Parkwood CME Church, where she is also the librarian. For recreation she bowls a 160 average, is learning to play golf and likes to dance to the music of Tavares, her favorite group. She enjoys most soul and jazz music and said that Marvin Gaye is the male singer she likes best. It turned out that Diana Ross is not only her favorite female vocalist but is also someone she greatly admires as a person. "I like the way she reached for the top and then worked hard to get there," is the way Lisa put it.

"Occasionally, when the going gets a little rough and I'm tempted to goof off, my boyfriend, who also goes to CPCC, helps me get back on the track." "He's a very special person," is the way Lisa describes the young man she's been dating for the past three years. "There are no immediate marriage plans however," she says.

Another thing that helps to keep her motivated is her concern for her three younger brothers and two younger sisters. "When I look around at the black youngsters on the street not trying to do anything with their lives, I realize I've got to try very hard to make good as an example for my brothers and sisters and also to put myself in a position to be able to help them," Lisa says in a voice that is soft but determined. She says she does not expect it to be easy, but adds that worthwhile achievements rarely come easy.

### To that we add "Amen."

### Idlebrook Drive To Close For Culvert

### Construction

Idlebrook Drive will be closed between Marlbrook Drive and Idlewild Road from Monday, June 20 through Friday, July 29. The purpose of the closing is to permit the construction of a new concrete culvert across Idlebrook Drive.

Traffic will not be detoured around the construction site due to the lack of a suitable detour route. Signs indicating that the street is closed to through traffic will be posted on Idlebrook Drive at Marlbrook Drive and at Idlewild Road. Motorists are advised to use Farm Pond Lane as an alternate means of access to Idlewild Farms during this street closing.

## At 68th Convention

# NAACP To Hear Reports On

# President Carter's Administration

## Black Leaders Urged

## To Support "10" March

Golden Frinks, National Coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, (SCLC) said that he is discussing with Black leaders in North Carolina the feasibility of a march from Wilmington to Raleigh in support of the Wilmington 10 mothers to get their sons and daughters pardoned by Governor James Hunt. Frinks said that he has also called upon the North Carolina Human Relations Commission to place on their

### Carolina Action

### Leads Fight

### For Bus Service

By Deborah Gates  
Post Staff Writer

Members of Carolina Action led a march to Plaza Road Elementary School Tuesday, June 14, to press forward their demand that a school bus be provided that would transport children attending Plaza Road Elementary School next academic school year.

Marching with members of Carolina Action were 80 parents and children whom parents said, "wanted to be the last day that their children had to walk down The Plaza to get to school. According to a news release from Carolina Action, the Plaza is one of the busiest thoroughfares in Charlotte.

According to the release, fifty members of Plaza Hills-Villa Heights Community Improvement Committee met with school transportation director Don Baucom and safety director Joe Green May 24 to ask for a school bus for Plaza Road next year.

According to Baucom, Plaza Road does not meet the State requirement that says children must live more than 1 1/2 miles from the school in order to qualify for buses.

### Over Treatment Of Wilmington 10

# North Carolina Black Leaders Rage

Speaking on behalf of the legal department of the NAACP in New York, Nathaniel R. Jones pledged the "full resources" of the unit for the defense of the Wilmington 10 recently. Similarly, Black leaders in North Carolina government, business and educational circles including Floyd B. McKissick of Soul City and Asa Spaulding, retired head of N.C. Mutual Insurance Company have spoken out in recent days questioning the fairness of the handling of 10 civil rights workers currently incarcerated for a total of 282 years. Generally, it appears that even the most conservative segments of the Black population are beginning to take up arms over the miscarriage of justice being perpetrated by the court system in North Carolina.

All this increased support for Rev. Ben Chavis and his 9 co-defendants, who were convicted in 1972 on alleged arson charges, has been brought about because of the most recent denial of their motion for a new trial by a N.C. Superior Court Judge. Last month the "10's" defense

agenda a recommendation to be sent to Governor Hunt to pardon the Wilmington 10. The Wilmington 10, sentenced to a total of 282 years in 1972 for arson and assault on emergency personnel, were denied a new trial last month by Judge George Fountain. Rev. Ben Chavis, best known of the Wilmington 10, said he was not surprised by Fountain's ruling, and expects no justice from the North Carolina Courts. Meanwhile, Wilmington 10 supporters have apparently been marshalling efforts to influence Governor Hunt to pardon the group.

Rev. W.C. Banks of Thomasville, and president SCLC said a meeting which would involve a cross section of the state's leaders would discuss the feasibility of a march. Frinks said that the march would include several thousand individuals, leaving Wilmington on June 29 and stopping in several cities throughout the eastern part of the state, including Burgaw and Smithfield, arriving in Raleigh on July 4 for a massive march and rally.

"I plan to talk to Black leaders across the state, and especially the mothers of the Wilmington 10. What I really have in mind is that Black leaders stage a march from Wilmington to Raleigh involving the church groups, the civic groups, and the educational world in the state in that effort. We believe that to support the mothers will automatically force this state to free the Wilmington 10. We want a pardon of innocence for the Wilmington 10 immediately because we think that it is a travesty of justice prevailing in this state."

Frinks has gotten the nod from Raleigh City Councilman William "Bill" Knight; Rev. Leon White, Director of the N.C.-Va. Commission for Racial Justice; Leo Hadden, chairperson of the Second Congressional District Black Caucus and several others.

human rights violations in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, etc.

Seen as a negative blow to the civil rights movement in this country, several black leaders in North Carolina have begun commenting on the case as well. Howard N. Lee, secretary of natural and economic resources has begun discussing avenues that might be taken saying, "I am deeply concerned. The hearing left me with many doubts about the guilt of these people." Floyd McKissick, head of Soul City further commented, "I for one am thoroughly convinced that the people received a raw deal." It is suspected that the opinions of these black leaders will probably place additional pressures on N.C. Governor James Hunt to issue executive pardons of innocence which would end this 5 year ordeal. Meanwhile as the previously conservative factions have begun to come out, traditional supporters headed up by three major organizations, the National Wilmington 10 Defense Committee, the United Church of Christ and the National



ROBERT "BOB" DAVIS  
...Contributes widely

## Post Names Davis

## "Man Of The Year"

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.  
Post Executive Editor

Robert L. Davis Jr., a 49 year old Charlotte native has been selected as The Charlotte Post's "Man of the Year" for the 12 month period ending on Sunday (Father's Day), June 19.

Bill Johnson, POST publisher-editor, said, "The 'Man of the Year' recognition goes to that Charlottean who, in our view, has made a substantial contribution to the betterment of our community through voluntary involvement in civic and social affairs."

Davis has been chairman of the Black Political Caucus (BPC) since 1973 and is vice president of Precinct 25. Furthermore, in February of this year, he was named by County Commission Chairperson Elizabeth G. Hair and Charlotte Mayor John M. Belk to be a

vice chairman of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Commission (CRC). In addition, Davis has contributed widely to human relations in education through example-setting as an efficient school administrator and as one with the courage to speak-out on issues. For example, Davis has told the state Human Relations Commission, the Greensboro Community Relation Committee as well as local groups that the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System's "competency based testing and related programs as presently designed are culturally biased against minority and poor youth."

Since assuming the chairmanship of the Black Political Caucus four years ago, the Caucus has expanded its efforts in attempting to educate the black community about See Davis on page 10

## "Our New Day Begun"

## Is Convention Theme

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.  
Post Executive Editor

The theme of the 68th Annual Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will be "Our New Day Begun" according to Kelly Alexander, North Carolina state president

### Carter: "Hire

### Qualified

### Individuals"

President Carter has instructed all senior staff members who make employment decisions for the White House staff or the Vice President's Office to "take all steps necessary to recruit and hire qualified individuals from groups which have historically suffered discrimination."

The instructions were included in a memorandum outlining equal employment opportunity guidelines for the offices of the President and Vice President Mondale.

The memorandum said that it is the general policy "of the President and Vice President to insure that (1) all personnel decisions affecting their staffs are made without discrimination based on race, national origin, sex, religion, age, or physical handicap, and (2) qualified individuals from all backgrounds are employed in the White House office and the office of the Vice President."

The legal counsels of the President and Vice President were designated as directors of Equal Employment Opportunity for the respective offices.

### Police Say:

### "Spirits Up,

### Crime Down"

Five months ago officers of the Charlotte Police Baker 5 Team and citizens of the Kilborne Acres neighborhood started a program to reduce residential crime. Since then there have been no reported burglaries and only one theft from auto in which a suspect was arrested.

A ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 18 at 10 a.m. at the intersection of Central Avenue and Medallion Drive to commemorate the success of the crime prevention program.

Mayor John M. Belk, Congressman James G. Martin, members of the Charlotte Police Department and residents will install a "Totally Involved Community" sign at the Kilborne Acres entrance. The purpose of the sign is to warn potential criminals that the neighborhood is participating in a crime prevention program and that valuables have been marked.

Since January nearly all of the homeowners in Kilborne Acres have participated in the program which emphasizes home security and residential larceny. Mrs. Barbara Toney of Folkston Drive and Officers K.H. Caskey and R.V. Moss serve as program coordinators.

of the historic civil rights organization.

The annual meeting, to be held at the St. Louis (Missouri) Gateway Convention Center June 27-July 1, will be highlighted by a farewell salute to retiring Roy Wilkins, who served as executive director for 22 years, and the development of new strategies for the continued attainment of equal rights for minorities.

Other convention highlights will include a report by the organization's Washington bureau chief, Clarence Mitchell, on the Carter administration and congressional legislation. Finally, Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director - designate and currently a member of the Federal Communications Commission, will be featured at the Convention as the keynote speaker on Friday night (July 1), as the closing event.

Alexander said other highlights of the 5-day convention will center around "delegates in-put to the Resolution Committee's recommendations for new strategies for the further attainment of equal rights for minorities." He added that "as the United States becomes more and more an institutionalized society, the NAACP will be expanding its concerns about a number of issues."

Among these he mentioned were (1) Monitoring the utilization of federal dollars on an equality basis, (2) pressing for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to have more latitude to speed up its backlog of cases, (3) encouraging the moving of more minorities into decision-making federal jobs, (4) constantly reviewing "where we are with regard to equality in quality education, (5) basic civil rights issues, particularly under Title 7, (6) black economic development and the new activities of the KKK and the "White Power" racist group now emerging. "These may be among the many strategy issues emerging from the convention's Resolutions Committee proposals," Alexander added.

Another aspect of this year's convention will be an address given by Mrs. Margaret Bush Wilson, the relatively new chairperson of the NAACP's National Board of Directors. North Carolina is a member of the NAACP's Region 5 which includes South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi. The Tar Heel State has the largest membership of any state in Region 5, according to president Alexander.

### MCCV To

Raise Funds

### For Juveniles

In efforts of raising money so they may sponsor activities for juveniles, the Mecklenburg County Court of Volunteers (MCCV) is sponsoring a skating party at Kate's skating rink Saturday, June 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The juveniles participating in the activities are recommended through probation officers and juvenile court counselors. They range from the ages of 7 to 25 years of age.

### TURTLE-TALK



Your temper is one of the few things that IMPROVES the longer you keep it.