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LATONYA WILLIAMS
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Our Beauty Of The Week

Learning Is An Important

Facet In Williams' Life

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
It's not every day that one becomes a part of the serious yet enjoyable environment of higher learning. But for LaTonya Williams learning has always been an important facet in her life.

needed an important question answered.

Ms. Williams has also been positively influenced by her mother, Edna Williams, and her two grandmothers, Margaret Williams and Ollie Elder.

One of the most important lessons in life for Ms. Williams include knowledge and continued recognition of God. "My faith in God has always allowed me to accomplish much in a Christian fashion. Knowing God will always allow you to understand a great deal in life," she commented. At Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church Ms. Williams served as secretary of the UMYF for three years. She also served on the Junior Usher Board. She served on the Conference Council Youth Ministries as chaplain for one year and attended all of the senior high assembly conferences and all the youth rallies of the church.

At Myers Park High School Ms. Williams was a

member of the NAACP; the service group Vogue; served as Vogue's parliamentarian in the 12th grade; and also worked as a teacher's aid.

Ms. Williams enjoys dancing, singing, listening to Gospel music, especially the songs of the Greater Charlotte Community Choral and the music of Michael Jackson. "I like entertaining others," Ms. Williams began. "I enjoy singing and dancing." She has also sung in the school's chorus and in the eighth grade she received the "Most Outstanding Alto" honor.

Main concerns of our Cancer beauty is the self-esteem of the black race and the problems unemployment affords many. "Nationally I would change the unemployment that is so prevalent. More people need to get involved with the problems of our society...like Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. We need to let people take charge of their own lives...tell them that they are just as important as the next person."

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Williams, our beauty has several older siblings, all of whom have taught her a great deal about life.

"I've matured pretty fast. I have always had someone to turn to and talk to about any problem." Timothy Junious, Robert Junious, Robin Junious, and Cleavious Johnson were always there when ever their little sister

GHIO Sponsors

Grier Heights Improvement Organization will sponsor a Parade and Homecoming on Monday, September 5.

At 9:30 a.m. dedication services to the Thomas Reid Park will be held on the corner of Drennan and Alpha Streets.

At 10:30 a.m. the parade will begin at the corner of Fannie Circle and Orange Street and will precede to Billingsville Elementary School.

A disco, crowning of Miss Grier Heights, and messages given by Harvey Bant, Eddie Knox and Pam Patterson will take place during the 10:30-10:30 p.m. event.

The public is invited to attend this free event and call Mrs. Mary Moore,

Homecoming

373-0899, for more information.

Mrs. Peacock Has Acquired Savvy

Which Makes Politicians Effective

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
Last Week The Post began a series of stories to examine the various roles of Charlotte's mayoral candidates' wives. Today we present an interview with Mrs. Gail Thomas Peacock. She is married to mayoral candidate Ed Peacock.

Ten years ago Gail Peacock was surprised when her husband, then an IBM advisory marketing representative, announced to her he had decided to seek election to the Board of County Commissioners.

Now, the former county commissioner is completing a one-term tenure with the city council and is seeking to be Charlotte's next mayor. "I was surprised 10 years ago, but now there are no surprises," Mrs. Peacock insisted. "Ed and I are caught up in politics, and like a basketball game we want to win," the art enthusiast stated triumphantly. Though Mrs. Peacock



Mrs. Gail Thomas Peacock
...Caught up in politics

isn't the politician she has undoubtedly acquired the savvy which makes a politician effective. "Some-times in campaign work,

there aren't always enough people to overlook every job that needs to be performed," Mrs. Peacock pointed out. That's one rea-

Blacks Divided On Jackson

National black leadership continues to be divided on the issue of a black running for President although Jesse Jackson, Chicago's controversial preacher-social activist, continues to attract headlines with his projection of the concept.

During the recent convention of Operation PUSH in Atlanta, the organization which Jackson heads, Jackson for President buttons appeared. But when questioned he continued to hedge on whether he will officially declare his candidacy.

Monday, in Chicago, Jackson announced that he was going to form a national advisory committee to study delegate selection processes, identify fund raising capabilities and assess response to his candidacy.

During an interview, Jackson identified Detroit's Coleman A. Young as the type of politician who was capable of being a candidate. Young, who has publicly announced his support of former Vice President Mondale, has repeated his contention that he does not feel that the American voter is ready to support a black candidate regardless of his qualifications.

Another outspoken opponent of the Jackson concept of a "Black for President" is Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the NAACP.



KELLY ALEXANDER

...Post's "Citizen of the Year"

In The Early Years

Kelly Alexander Sr. Knew

"Something Was Wrong"

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor
Even as a child Kelly Alexander Sr. knew that something was wrong. For him the Sunday School pictures seemed unrealistic. In his young mind questions formed. "Why aren't there any black angels on these pictures?" In school he was presented with the same situation... the elimination of black faces in learning materials.

Perhaps these incidents sparked a rage of pity. A

rage because of the so-called "separate but equal" laws. "The laws were separate but definitely not equal," Alexander Sr. grimaced. A pity because his race had been cruelly separated since enslavement. "Unlike many immigrants we came to America against our will... our family complexes were separated...reasons why we have had a difficult time of unifying."

Ultimately his love for people and desire to see the abolishment of racial

discrimination, segregation and the denial of black first class citizenship spiraled Alexander Sr. to a fighting position. His weapons however became Christianity and the non-violent, well-planned tactics of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

With much respect The Charlotte Post newspaper has chosen Kelly Miller Alexander Sr. as "Citizen of the Year."

ASSESSMENT BEFORE ACTION

In order to attack a problem one must know what it is. Barriers for blacks often stemmed from illegal and unconstitutional acts. Laws barring blacks from voting. "There was the 'registrar law' where a voter had to satisfy a registrar before he could vote. Even if a black person had obtained a Ph. D. and happened to be left handed the registrar could say, 'I'm not registering left handed people today.'" This is just one example, explained Alexander, of road blocking the advancement of blacks.

While the power to vote (in turn electing sympathetic leaders) was being denied to blacks, so was the luxury of learning what Alexander calls "capitalistic fields of education." "Stock markets, bookkeeping, finance, accounting, law and medicine. These fields were denied to blacks. In essence blacks could go to school, usually a Christian college to become a teacher or a preacher...professions dependent on the capitalistic society and professionals dependent on people to live."

Even though blacks paid the same taxes as the dominate group, Alexander See KELLY Page 11

Five Loaded Buses To Leave Friday

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer

The 26 year-old Southern Christian Leadership Conference founded by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will host a national convention preceding the March On Washington, Saturday.

Delegates from Charlotte will represent the chapter at the convention which began Wednesday and ends August 26, according to local president, Dr. Herman Thomas.

Because SCLC was founded by Dr. King and because he served as president of the national organization until his death, members of the non-profit SCLC chapters throughout the nation are expected to be present for the weekend March in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Thomas was uncertain of the number of people signed up for the four maybe five buses which will leave from Westover Shopping Center Friday at 10 p.m. "I don't know exactly how many people are riding the buses to Washington, but according to Carrie Graves one of the coordinators, they were filling fast, when I spoke with her yesterday," Dr. Herman revealed.

The buses will arrive at Capitol City Saturday morning, in time for Charlottens to prepare for the March to Lincoln Memorial. It was 20 years ago when Dr. King delivered the world-moving speech "I Have A Dream."

The theme for 1983's March On Washington is "Jobs, Peace, and Freedom." Many of the issues which will be addressed at the March are the same issues which Dr. King instilled into SCLC years ago. The organization claims a nonviolent direct action to end discrimination, and advocates human rights in the United States and abroad.

According to members of SCLC the tone in Washington this weekend will be "inspirational and informative." Post reporters Lori Grier and Karen Parker will highlight events of the 20th Anniversary March next week.

Participants of the SCLC convention as well as the Anniversary March will include national figures Coretta Scott King, Mayor Andrew Young, Congressman Parren Mitchell, Joseph and Evelyn Lowery, Ralph Abernathy, Dick Gregory, Martin Luther King III and many others.

Festival Scheduled

For September

The sixth annual Greek festival "Yiasou '83" is scheduled for September 8-10 at the Greek Community Center, 600 East Blvd.

TURTLE-TALK



Learning makes a good man better and an ill man worse.