



Keia Albright  
West Charlotte sophomore

## Beauty Within Is What Keia Albright Possesses

By Teresa Simmons  
Post Managing Editor

Beauty within the soul is often overlooked for the appearance that meets the eye. But that beauty within is what Keia Albright possesses...a special caring for others and the determination to achieve her highest goals.

"I've always wanted to attain my Ph.D. and have a career working with people. I like to help people and see them accomplish better things for themselves in their lives. I like helping others along."

Ms. Albright is a tenth grader at West Charlotte Senior High School. Even at this youthful age she has

realized the importance of her studies and the value of using one's time properly. "I think one should make the best of each day," Ms. Albright interjected. In her spare time she enjoys reading, swimming and talking.

Her favorite subject in school is Spanish. "It's a subject that in order to be good at it, you have to work at it," she described.

Born in Philadelphia, our beauty has been in Charlotte now for two years. "I've lived in Philadelphia and in Washington, D.C. People are more active in both of these places compared to Charlotte. But people are friendlier here and I like the city."

The daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert L. Albright she has one brother, Lance.

In the ninth grade at J.T. Williams Junior High School she was a cheerleader, on the ninth grade committee and was Home-room Representative. Presently Ms. Albright attends services at Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church.

She has been influenced by her parents, one reason perhaps for her involvement in extracurricular and religious activities. "I admire both of my parents. They both have made a lot of themselves and both have reached their goals. They have taught me," Ms. Albright continued, "that if you want something bad enough it is not impossible to achieve it."

These, however, are personal qualities Ms. Albright has acquired. She is also concerned with national and international problems: occurrences she hopes will be resolved soon. "I would like to see crime abolished and for all poverty stricken people in America to receive aid."

From her thoughts of helping others, to her concern for those in poverty she has revealed her beyond-the-surface beauty. Ms. Albright has that special beauty that will last a lifetime.

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## 12 Vie For 3 At-Large Seats

By Karen Parker  
Post Staff Writer

Seven Democrats and five Republicans are in the at-large political battle for the Charlotte primary, September 27. Only three at-large vacancies exist.

The Democratic lineup consists of Willie Stratford, Bob Davis, Ed Harris, Mary Hopper, Herb Spough Jr., Cam Keyser and Bob Wilson. Republicans seeking at-large seats are Minette Trosh, Jim Hutchinson, Richard Morton, Sue Myrick and Richard Vinroot.

Stratford, 60, is a retired public relations coordinator for Charlotte Postal Service. He is concerned with Charlotte's unemployment and encourages continued alliance between the city's businesses, government and labor. When asked what he can bring to city council, Stratford replied, "I bring myself in that I've been able to work with people."

Another candidate seeking city council election for the first time is Bob Davis, the former chairman of the Democratic Party. Davis supports improved health facilities in west Charlotte. He feels the level of service needs to be raised in that community. Davis, 54, has an apparent interest in politics, stating, "It's the lifeblood of any community."

After frequent encouragement, Harris, 38, decided to announce for city council this year. He is especially interested in taking the development load off southeast Charlotte and distributing more in the downtown, north and northeast areas. One with experience in community development, Harris is professionally associated with real estate investment and development.

Well-known to most people involved with the Black Women's Political Caucus and other women's groups is city council primary candidate, Mary Hopper. Age 42, she is public relations director for Charles 12 On Page 5



A new Beatties Ford Road Medical Office is now under construction. Architects for the building include Raqeeb A. Albaari, Timothy F. McMullen and Michael A.

Martin of ARCH Architecture, pictured in front of structure. (Post Photo By Teresa Simmons)

## New Medical Center To House Three Doctors

By Teresa Simmons  
Post Managing Editor

At one time the row of houses and beautiful lawns on Beatties Ford Rd. was a sign of eminent prestige for black Charlotteans. That was a time when strolling down the stretch was the highlight of a Sunday afternoon.

Today, however, Beatties Ford Road is becoming a business zone. As years pass businesses keep cropping up along the strip, many of them owned and operated by black entrepreneurs. Perhaps this will be the beginning of more monies being turned over in the black communities. Statistics show that today the black dollar turns over only once in the black community. It should turn over at least four times.

According to a special publication entitled "America's Black Population: 1970-1982 - A Statistical View," the median income for all black families in 1981 dropped 8.3 percent from 1971 and dropped 5.2 percent between 1980 and 1981. Also "In 1971, the median income for black families was 60 percent of the median income of white families - \$14,460 versus \$23,970. By 1981 this ratio

was 56 percent."

McDonald's Cafeteria, Tena's House of Charm, Bitsy Bounty Shopping Center, and the Burger King franchise are just a few of the established black businesses located on Beatties Ford Rd. Not only do they provide jobs for blacks, but they also inspire a sense of much needed pride for the black populous.

One of the newest black ventures on Beatties Ford Rd. involves a Medical Office which is now under construction. Even before its completion, planned for November, 1983, blacks are being gainfully employed.

Doctors Rosamuel Dawkins Jr., M.D., Victor B. Olowofoye, M.D. and Francis T. Ozim, M.D., had originally planned to renovate an old house on the property. Extensive damage by termites to the structure made the idea unpractical.

Starting from scratch meant hiring architects, mechanical contractors, a plumbing company and electrical contractor.

The building, located at 1406 Beatties Ford Road, has been designed by three black architects, owners of ARCH Architecture.

Charlotte. Timothy F. McMullen, Raqeeb A. Albaari and Michael A. Martin began their business a little over three years ago. McMullen and Martin both earned their B.S. degrees in Architecture from A&T State University while Albaari graduated with his B.S. in Architecture from the University of Miami, Fla. Their office is located at 207 North Myers Street, Suite B.

Contractors include Chavis Properties, Inc. Contractors and Mechanical, Northwest Plumbing and Sam Jones Electric Contractors.

The new medical building will house the practices of Dr. Dawkins, Internal Medicine and Gastroenterology and Dr. Olowofoye and Dr. Ozim, both general surgery practitioners.

"The building will consist of 4,000 square feet," McMullen stated. "There will be space for lease for other tenants as well. An attempt was made in the design to create an interesting addition for the area, while blending with the residential scale of the surrounding neighborhood."

Both McMullen and Dr. Dawkins agree that Beatties Ford Road is becoming a major thoroughfare for businesses. "Eventually Beatties Ford Road will be a major gateway to Charlotte," Dr. Dawkins commented. "There is large potential for business development for the future. In the past Beatties Ford Road was the central location for many black doctors...that was several years ago before we were centralized. Today many have migrated away from Beatties Ford Road."

Not only will the medical center bring three more capable doctors to the area but McMullen feels the project will spur more renovation work along Beatties Ford Road. Another important factor, according to McMullen, is the needed assurance that growth patterns will be controlled.

## Group To Focus On Jobs, Peace

Washington, D.C. - The "second phase" of the March On Washington's program to enact specific legislation concerning jobs, peace and freedom has been announced by Congressman Walter E. Fautroy and other leaders of the New Coalition of conscience.

These "necessary first steps" will be the focus of national and local lobbying efforts by the more than 715 national organizations in 352 cities which came together for the 20th anniversary March On Washington and which have pledged to work together to achieve the legislative agenda.

"More than 300,000 marching feet revived Dr. King's dream of jobs, peace and freedom for all Americans," said Congressman Fautroy. "Now the millions of Americans represented by those marchers must let their political leaders know that the march was only the first step in making that dream a reality."

"The second step will come in the State Houses, halls of Congress, and election booths next November," he added.

The D.C. police official estimate of the number of marchers on August 27 totaled at least 300,000, said D.C. Police Chief Maurice Turner.

The reason why individuals from across the country were marching was as important as how many were marching - and neither was clearly defined in the media, according to Fautroy.

"I want to clarify that we were all marching together - all the various elements of an admittedly historically unprecedented coalition - with, however, sharply focused goals: jobs, peace and freedom for all Americans," said Judy Goldsmith, president of NOW and one of the coalition co-chairs.

"We may all have separate agendas we will work on, but we have all decided to lock arms on these issues - and to translate those goals into concrete bills with numbers like H.R. 1036, S. 400, S. 1220, S. 888 and H.R. 1020," she said.

The coalition supports these and other measures currently pending in Congress which, though neither ideal nor panaceas, are "necessary first steps" toward achieving its objectives.

Two pieces of legislation targeted for passage by the coalition - H.R. 1036, the Community Renewal Employment Act introduced by Rep. Gus Hawkins, and S. 400, the King Holiday Bill - are scheduled for congressional action early this fall. Grass roots organizers across the country will place special emphasis on generating support for these measures in the coming weeks.

## ASCD To Decrease Threat Of Sickle Cell Disease

By Angela Alston  
Special To The Post

September has been designated Sickle Cell Anemia Month and the Association for Sickle Cell Disease has been very active. Besides continuing to offer its regular services, ASCD has sponsored many other activities for September.

ASCD is located at 951 South Independence Blvd. with Peggy Beckwith as executive director. It provides a program used to identify carriers of sickle cell and related diseases. Through the use of this program, ASCD hopes to decrease the threat of sickle cell disease.

Its program is divided into five areas: education, screening and testing, laboratory, genetic and educational counseling and referral and follow-up.

The purpose of the educational segment is to raise awareness of sickle cell and to correct any misinformation concerning the disease. ASCD carries the education into schools, businesses and other community sites.

In coordination with the educational area, screening and testing is also conducted throughout the community. A Health Educator, R.N. Medical Technician and a Medical Laboratory Technician all work together to provide this area of SCD's program.

The laboratory is used to correctly diagnose hemoglobin types, normal or abnormal.

After the screening and testing, counseling is provided to explain the result of any procedures to the client. During counseling sessions, specific information is given concerning sickle cell anemia. Approximately 90 percent of those tested and found to have any hemoglobin related disorders are counseled.

Referral and follow-up services are offered to at risk clients. This means working with other available services. ASCD offers no medical treatment and does refer its clients to other agencies that can assist them medically.

All services provided by ASCD are free of charge.

While these services are available all year, extra activities are planned. September has and will include events planned by the Sickle Cell Volunteer Citizens Committee.

A tennis tournament was held September 2-4 at Hornet's Nest Park and on September 10, a golf tournament took place at the Pawtucket Golf Course.

Events still to be held include a softball tournament and an awards banquet. The softball tournament will be held September 16-18 at Hornet's Nest Park.

### TURTLE-TALK



A fool always finds some greater admirer him.



It's true that Robert "Bob" Davis is on the march to aid Charlotte but his supporters are also beating a path to his campaign headquarters on the third floor of the Independence Plaza to make sure

he is elected. Above Dorothy Triplet gives a donation for the Davis campaign to Sam Young, a Davis campaign worker. (Post Photo By Bernard Reeves)