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DEIRDRA SPIVEY  
....Beauty of the Week

## Spivey Is Conscientious About Her "Aspirations"

By Teresa Simmons  
Post Managing Editor

As a B average student at North Mecklenburg High School, Deirdra Spivey is conscientious about her aspirations and how she plans to attain her goals.

"Everyone should endeavor to set and reach his or her goals," the 11th grader pointed out. "As for me, I don't plan to take a back seat to anything."

Within the same breath, Ms. Spivey revealed that she is ambitious, but she also has a heart. "I try to help people and I try to do my best at all things. I also try to cheer people up and I like to stay happy myself."

She enjoys the music of Michael Jackson, calling him "great." "He manages to complete various projects and he does everything so well. I hope that I can perfect my skills that way."

In addition to enjoying music, Ms. Spivey likes to sing, dance and exercise. She loves to swim and jog.

"My favorite television program is 'Three's Company.' I enjoy comedy programs, particularly after school because they relax me. But I also like more serious programs such as 'Hill Street Blues.'"

Even though Ms. Spivey enjoys having fun, she realizes the importance of studying.

"I would like to study Computer Science and become a computer engineer," she revealed. Her plans are to attend either North Carolina State Uni-

versity or the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

There is no doubt that she possesses potential. She has been an honor student since elementary school. At Alexander Junior High School, she was named to the A-B Honor Role and is presently making high marks.

Much of her inspirations have come directly from her family. "My mother and father, Carolyn and William Spivey, are the two people I most admire. They are always there to help me. I also have a special friend, Maurice Mack."

A Charlotte native, Ms. Spivey is the oldest of four children. She has two sisters, Arvona and Faith, and one brother, Chester.

Being efficient in school is not enough for our beauty. She also enjoys being involved in various religious and social activities. At First Baptist Church, she has been the

first runner-up for "Miss First Baptist" for the past two years. She participated in the "Miss Blue Revue" pageant sponsored recently by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority and is a member of the Archonettes Club. Also at First Baptist where Rev. J.B. Humphrey pastors, she is a member of the Angelic Choir and the Baptist Training Union.

She also received a trophy for cheerleading for the Long Creek Optimist Club. At North Mecklenburg High School, Ms. Spivey is in the French Club.

With technology advancing quickly, Ms. Spivey will be entering a field of demand. In her position, she may also be able to aid in the prevention of what she dreads - war. "People should be open-minded

enough to realize that it is important for us to come together as one instead of being divided. If there was one thing I could change, it would be war."

## It's Fair Housing Month!

# April Is "Best" Time To Fight For Fairness

## Workshop Set Of Fair Housing

A one-day workshop session on "Fair Housing in North Carolina" and an annual human relations awards banquet will be held Friday, April 27, at the Jane S. McKimmon Educational Center in Raleigh. The event is sponsored by the N.C. Human Relations Council in the N.C. Department of Administration.

"April is Fair Housing Month, and this session gives citizens an opportunity to learn more about the new state fair housing law and how it works," said Dr. Jerry Drayton, council chairperson of Winston-Salem.

William D. North, senior vice president and general counsel of the National Association of Realtors, will speak at the luncheon session.

Afternoon workshops for realtors, attorneys and other interested citizens will cover the state fair housing law, fair housing case law and the realtors' code of ethics. The Landlord Tenant Law and affordable housing in the 1980's will also be subjects of workshops.

The awards banquet, scheduled for 7 p.m., will feature an address by Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt. Awards for outstanding achievements in the area of human relations will be presented.

The registration fee of \$20 per person includes one lunch, one dinner, workshops and materials. Reservations must be made by April 18.



North Carolina candidate for Governor Lauch Faircloth has been a strong supporter of state support for day care.

## Lauch Faircloth Releases Position Paper On Minorities

Special To The Post

North Carolina candidate for Governor Lauch Faircloth released his position paper on minorities today emphasizing jobs, expansion of minority business and opening government to minorities.

Faircloth said, "Our state can only reach its potential when all people have an equal opportunity for economic and human progress. This program will take us closer to that goal."

Faircloth, 56, is a farmer and small businessman from Clinton in Sampson County. He served in the administrations of Governors Terry Sanford, Bob Scott and Jim Hunt. He resigned as Secretary of Commerce to run for Governor.

On jobs, Faircloth pointed to his experience and record as N.C. Secretary of Commerce for six and one half years. He mentioned equal opportunity employers like Consolidated Diesel, Campbell Soup and Max Factor which were recruited to the state along with hundreds of others.

Faircloth said he will do whatever possible to "establish a state government set asides program for minority owned businesses."

He will also design and implement a program for the state to guarantee loans to go along with those programs to help the under capitalization of minority companies.

Faircloth said he would open up government by having minorities as members of his cabinet; have an Office of Minority Affairs in the Governor's Office; the director or assistant director of his appointments office and office of citizens' affairs would be a minority. He said he would appoint more minorities to boards and commissions than any Governor in history.

In education, Faircloth said he would emphasize wiping out illiteracy, increasing teacher salaries and improving vocational education programs in high school to ensure those who couldn't afford college, have the skills they need.

He said he would recommend appropriations to make sure black universities are equal partners in the higher education system of the state.

For the elderly, he indicated increased funding for in-home services and adult day care. "The emphasis will be near their families in their homes and out of institutions."

On taxes, Faircloth said, "No matter where you put them, tax increases hit the poor, small businesses - often minority-owned - the hardest."

Eva Clayton, Faircloth's Campaign Vice-Chairman, said the Minority Position Paper has been sent across the state to minority leaders, organizations and supporters.

"Lauch Faircloth can do more to help the black community than any other candidate. Lauch has the basic understanding of what a job and good education can mean. Yet, he also understands the importance of good management, and that's what we need in Raleigh for the next four years," Clayton said.

Faircloth helped recruit more than 180,000 new jobs to North Carolina and more than \$11.5 million in new and expanded industrial development.

## Mrs. Koontz Joins Pfeiffer Trustee Board

Misenheimer - Elizabeth Duncan Koontz of Salisbury has been elected as a member of the Pfeiffer College board of trustees. The election was made by the board's executive committee, with ratification by the full board expected at its next scheduled meeting on April 16.

The board of trustees is the governing body for Pfeiffer's two campuses in Misenheimer and Charlotte.

Koontz is a graduate of Salisbury's Price High School and Livingstone College. She earned a master's degree in education at Atlanta University and did further study at Columbia University.

## Importance Of Housing Rights Aired

By Karen Parker  
Post Staff Writer

If you feel you've lost the opportunity to live in a particular home because of race, sex, color, religion or national origin - don't accept discrimination as an unfortunate societal problem.

In fact, this month might be the best time this year to fight for fairness. Across the nation, it's Fair Housing Month. Many cities since the 1970's have adopted housing ordinances which "have been recognized by the federal government as substantially equivalent to the federal Fair Housing Act," according to reports released by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee.

In Charlotte and Mecklenburg County this is the agency that handles many housing complaints. The lookout for housing discrimination on the local level is an umbrella service of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The city's housing ordinance was adopted in 1979 and the county's was enacted in 1981. According to Community Relations staff member, Robert Stith, only 37 complaints have been filed. "That's a low number for five years," Stith admitted. He said across the state, however, the number is comparable.

Stith doesn't believe that housing discrimination is as scarce as the number of cases might suggest. "It's possible many people aren't reporting (discriminative) practices," Stith pointed out. "I think in some cases, people don't know where to go to report that they've been discriminated against." Stith also mentioned some people don't even realize when they are the victims of housing discrimination.

"That's why we want to publicize the importance of housing rights this month," Stith continued. He is hoping people will call if they are having problems in housing. In Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, eight of the 37 cases remain under investigation.

All other settlements have been made without entering court. Those cases were related to unfair treatment in rental practices, the sale of property, or race, national origin, sex or religion discrimination.

The Community Relations Committee noted all cases are not "supported by evidence to justify a settlement."

## Kelly Alexander Blames NAACP's Financial Problems On Blacks

By Karen Parker  
Post Staff Writer

Kelly Alexander, Sr., chairman of the NAACP, countered accusations that the organization is suffering a serious financial problem.

"Any organization that exists for 75 years is bound to have a cash flow problem at some point," Alexander stated defensively. "It's not unusual." This mere cash flow problem as termed by Alexander was described in The New York Times by executive director Benjamin Hooks as "an emergency fundraising drive to place more than \$500,000 in the general operating fund."

Alexander admitted branches have been solicited to make contribu-



Kelly Alexander, Sr.  
....NAACP chairman

tions. However, he pointed out the nearly 15,000 branches of the national organization are aware of

the fundraising responsibility. According to Alexander, the national fundraiser now underway is "no big deal."

"We continually raise money for the NAACP through the branches," Alexander noted North Carolina's branches are at the top of the list when it comes to hefty contributions. "If more of the branches were consistent contributors like those in North Carolina, we wouldn't have money problems," Alexander presented. "We (N.C.) traditionally lead region five," he maintained.

The chairman of the NAACP never stated whether money had actually been borrowed from restricted funds to cover See Alexander Page 16A

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A great deal of what we see depends on what we are looking for.