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LAKENYA DON'TERRI GASKIN

...Admires Michael Jackson

School Is "Very Special" To Our Beauty, LaKenya Don'terri Gaskin

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

Seven year old LaKenya Don'terri Gaskin doesn't mind going back to school this fall to begin second grade.

"I like school," she claims. LaKenya has already received two certificates for perfect attendance in kindergarten and first grade. She attends Hidden Valley Elementary School.

School is special for this little lady because, she says, "I have a lot of friends there." She also has a favorite teacher, Miss Lindenhall.

This summer LaKenya had time to explore some of her other interests. She enjoys riding her bike, reading, drawing and going out to

eat. "I like to wear pretty clothes especially dresses. I like to meet new people and I like to be nice to people," she assures.

Two favorite activities for LaKenya are spending the night with her grandmother, Nanny; "I have fun over there," she claims; and visiting her cousins in Birmingham, Ala. "I spent three nights down there and they spent the night here," she explains.

The daughter of Michael and Janice Gaskin, LaKenya has one brother, LaMychael, who's two years old. LaMychael, LaKenya tells, loves to dance and recently boogied away with a five dollar first prize in break dancing at a family reunion. Comments LaKenya about her little brother, "He's nice. I like him and I love him."

Other young men who have captured her admiration are superstars Michael Jackson and Prince.

It's Jackson's singing and dancing that LaKenya finds attractive and Prince's new movie, "Purple Rain," was a big hit for this week's young beauty.

LaKenya attends Greenville Memorial's Day Care Center now until school starts. It's a pretty exciting place for her. "We go bowling, swimming and to the movies," she explains.

LaKenya is involved in many activities that keep her busy. She is also a cheerleader for the Bandit Bears, a football team with the Charlotte Youth Athletic Club.

She attends Salem Baptist Church and sings on the children's choir.

Asked what she wants to be when she grows up, LaKenya responds with certainty she wants to be a cheerleader. However, LaKenya adds, "I want to be a doctor too. I like to help people when they are sick."

Is Music Hazardous To Your Well-being?

WGIV radio personality Marsha Burton surmised a light-hearted definition of music in a recent interview. "As an advantage music can be used as an escape—it can make you forget your problems—much of music talks about fantasy."

The problem crops up, however, when individuals can't establish the end of fantasy and the beginning of reality. Has music become detrimental to our health—especially our youth? Various people involved with music, including personalities, from WGIV, WPEG and WQCC radio stations, express their opinions about today's music.

Many referred to the music of Prince and Kurtis Blow as having either negative or positive influences depending on the frame of mind of the individual.

As with varying personalities the opinions differ. But their comments are ones to think about in determining if today's music is really what you want to hear.

On AM radio there is WQCC which provides gospel music. Wayne Hammond, general manager at the station, feels gospel music appeals to the spirit of man. "Gospel music is based on the teachings of the Bible," Hammond maintained. "And the Bible is what this country was founded upon, but now, this country has gotten away from this. Gospel music does not exalt individual or humanistic values. It emphasizes that there is no power in self and that our answers are not in society but in Jesus."

Hammond feels that music has a profound effect upon individuals especially the young. "We assume sometimes that children can distinguish between fantasy and reality and that is not always the case."

The environment has an influence on any child and since music is part of that environment it also has influence Hammond deduced. "It's just like advertisements which are often absorbed on the subconscious levels. The same can, and is being done with music, and there are certain values being set."

Ultimately, Hammond concluded, parents should teach moral values to their children and place certain restrictions upon the music their offspring listen to. "It's the parents' responsibility to monitor and to



Prince
...Teenage Heartthrob

First in series

place some type of restrictions on the music. It's something we can't take lightly."

Ted Martin, Minister of Music at Second Calvary Baptist Church, director of the Interdenominational Choir and owner of Ted's Robes and Uniform Apparel, agrees that the R&B and soul songs of today have more negative tones. "The words really have no message in it—there's no message for the youth of today. I would say that the music used to have something positive in the 50's and even in the early 70's."

"Today," Martin continued, "gospel is truly positive. There are a lot of stations with talk shows like WQCC. Kids call in and talk with the host and this has a positive effect."

To weed out the more harsh music and lyrics Martin suggests that disc jockeys screen music more closely. "...and become more selective, then the entertainers will become more selective in what they produce."

Next Week: Interviews with Skip Murphy of WPEG, Marsha Burton and Don Cody of WGIV, reveal yet another side of the question: "Is music hazardous to our health?"

Martin To Support Rufus Edmisten

For Governor

Steven T. Martin, a principal organizer of H. Edward Knox's campaign for the Democratic gubernatorial nomination, announced his support for Attorney General Rufus Edmisten who won the nomination in the June 5 runoff primary.

Martin, a career Department of Correction employee, said, "I have evaluated the positions of each Party's gubernatorial candidate and the Democratic nominee for Governor, Rufus Edmisten, has always been a supporter of career State employees and progressive, better government for North Carolina."

As a close personal friend of Knox's and a worker in all of Knox's previous campaigns, Martin was originally responsible for setting up the candidate's organization in 57 counties, nearly all in Eastern North Carolina.

Later, he was one of 11 coordinators of multi-county regions in the 57-county area. "I've been with Eddie Knox longer than anybody," said Martin who added that Knox was the best man in his wedding.

Martin said that there was no question that most close Knox supporters would be firmly in the Edmisten camp and cited the backing by other coordinators who helped carry 13 of the 16 counties won by Knox in the 57-county area in the June runoff primary.

Among those supporting Edmisten are W. Hugh "Buddy" Jones Jr. of Ahoskie, Samuel Walker of Currituck, Randy S. Gregory of Fayetteville, Hugh M. Currin Sr. of Oxford, and Lee Stevens of Lumberton.

As one of those coordinators, Martin was responsible for Wake, Durham and Orange counties. Knox carried all three.

McCrorey Branch YMCA Offers Fall Program For All

Registration for the first fall session of programs at McCrorey YMCA will be held through the 31st.

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Dr. James Law Appointed Vice President For Academic Affairs At J.C. Smith

Special To The Post
When Dr. James Law makes a current professional decision in his new position as Vice President for Academic Affairs at Johnson C. Smith University, academic, legal, fiscal and psychological considerations all come into play.

"A decision I make now in one quarter may affect several other quarters within the institution," the Baltimore, MD, native stated. "There is a much greater need for impact analysis and coordination of implementing efforts now than when I was chairman of the Psychology Department."

In preparation for his new role, Dr. Law attended the month-long Harvard Institute for Educational Management (IEM), an intense overview of issues facing senior-level university administrators. Eighty administrators throughout the country focused on issues involving law and higher education, employing high technology in administration; government and labor relations; leadership development; macro-economics; financial impact of academic decisions; marketing and stress management.

"After 35 years as a member of the faculty, I've found myself laden



Dr. James Law
...Veteran administrator

with preconceptions," remarked Dr. Law. "Harvard made me acutely aware of the different mindset between administration and faculty and my need to deal with certain attitude changes."

"There has been a transfer of business practices to managing education in today's market," noted Dr. Law. "No longer do schools create new programs without first studying the market needs."

Significant changes in higher education make better management an absolute essential, in particular, the drop in the number of "college-age" prospects; a shift in the ethnic make up of student bodies; fewer students going straight through four year programs by opting for part-time enrollment; an increase in transfers and an increase in the age of students. Severe competition for top students and faculty call for new planning. The traditional "liberal arts" education concept is being threatened by changes in society. Liberal arts teaching is now more likely to be offered within specialized majors rather than a student taking two years of a wide assortment of courses before moving on to specialized majors. Private industry is also offering increased competition by offering educational programs to employees.

All of this has implications for Johnson C. Smith University. "Extensions of the campus into the community could be further