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## Ebony Moore Has High Aspirations

By Russell Clark  
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As a 14-year-old student at Albemarle Road Junior High School, Ebony Moore aims to become a doctor.

At school, the energetic ninth grader is the student body president, center on the basketball team, a volleyball star and a B student. She says her favorite class is Algebra now, but points out that medicine is her main career interest. "I'm very interested in studying medicine because I want to aid people with health problems so that they can help themselves," explains Moore who also enjoys physical education. "I think it's important for people to take care of themselves. I stay in shape by stretching, exercising and jogging when I'm not playing sports."

### Public Hearing

The Mayor and Charlotte City Council will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 5, at 7 p.m. in the main auditorium of West Mecklenburg High School, 7400 Tuckasee Rd. The purpose of the hearing will be to allow citizens the opportunity to respond to the consulting firm of Howard Needles Tammen and Bergendoff's update of the Charlotte/Douglas International Airport master plan. The master plan will establish a planning program for a 20-year direction for airport development and provide a basis for which many airport development decisions can be made by the City.

Although she wants to be a successful physician, she would like to see a professional league for women basketball and volleyball players. "Eventually, I would like to pioneer in starting a solid professional women's basketball league. I admire great players like Cheryl Miller and Lynette Woodard, because they are great players. There are many other female athletes who deserve a chance to play professionally."

The National Women's Basketball Association (NWBA) recently folded because of financial difficulties, but Ebony says she would still like to play because you get a chance to make a lot of money and to travel. Also, you get a lot of attention.

While striving for her goal, this week's beauty is bypassing stumbling blocks. "I don't do drugs and other things that peer pressure leads to because I'm a leader, not a follower. At school, a lot of kids smoke, but I don't have a problem dealing with it."

Next year, she will face the transition from junior high to high school, but she plans to keep a strong hold on her priorities. "I'm kind of scared, because all of my friends are going to Independence and I'll be at West

Charlotte. I'll just have to start over and make a name for myself."

The daughter of Bobby and Hatie Pratt of Charlotte, Ebony has one sister, Kenya Nelson. She enjoys talking on the telephone, dancing, skating, and all sports. This enthusiastic beauty describes herself as ambitious, outgoing and talkative.

"My mother is a big inspiration to me because she pushes me. When I'm sitting around the house, she'll tell me to get up and work-out or go jogging. She know how to get me going," asserts Ebony.

Her favorite athlete is Michael Jordan and she likes the music of Run DMC and the Beastie Boys. "Our generation can relate to their songs because of our lifestyles."

## Concerned Charlotteans Join Thousands In Brotherhood March

By Loretta Manago  
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On a bleak and cold Saturday morning two Ross Charter buses awaited passengers. Even before the 4:30 a.m. departure time, Charlotteans had braved the iciness of the secondary roads to board the buses that were headed for Cumming, Georgia to participate in a "Brotherhood March".

At 4:55 a.m., the buses having neared capacity, with only one or two seats vacant left Senior Drive and headed for I-85 South.

NAACP first vice-president Valerie Woodard kept the group orderly and by the time a roll call was taken, most of the Charlotte marchers were fast asleep.

Those who weren't asleep, no doubt, reminisced to the events of last week, when a group of marchers headed by Joseph Lowery, president of SCLC journeyed to Cumming, Georgia to commemorate the national holiday of slain civil rights leader, Martin L. King Jr. and were met by residents of that city who forced the marchers to retreat to their buses because of the rocks, dirt and racist remarks that were being hurled at them.

Those who weren't asleep, probably recalled the reassuring statements of national newscasters who reported that the upcoming march would be secured by the national guard, the state bureau of investigation and the local police department.

But as reassuring as those reports were, there were also the reports that Klan from 22 states were expected to arrive in Cumming on the day of the march to hold a countermarch and rally. The element of danger, no matter how small made its presence felt.

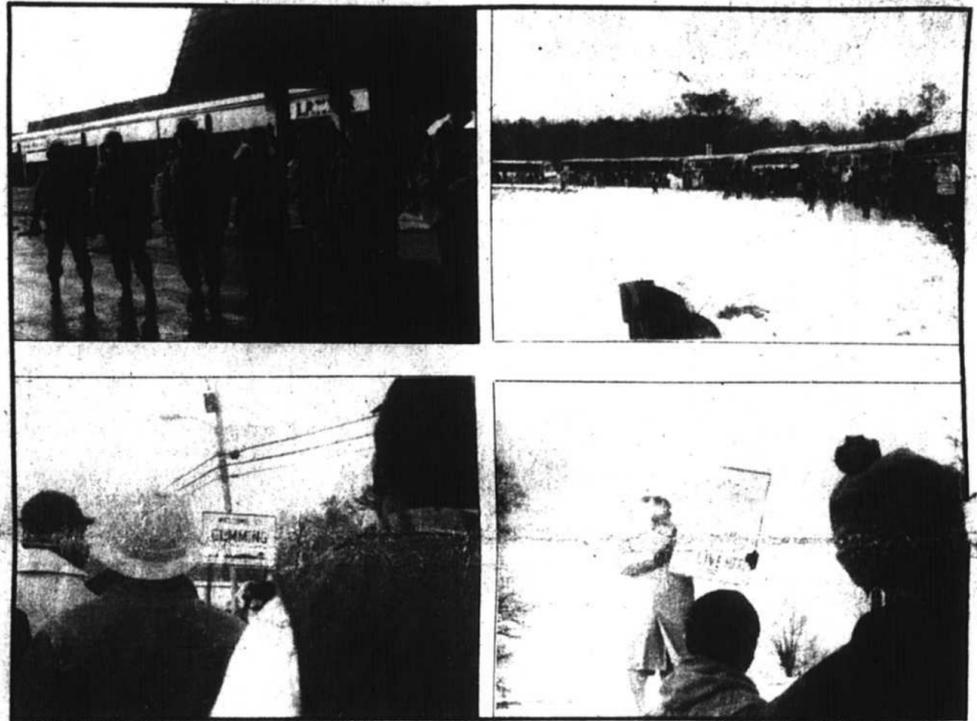
With the rising of the sun, the majority of the Charlotte marchers awoke. Many of them talked about not telling their mothers that they were taking this trip because they didn't want them to worry. Others expressed shock over the fact that no blacks had resided in Cumming since 1912. Still others were angry over the fact that these particular residents

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of Georgia who wanted no blacks in their city had no qualms in using the tax money that many black Georgia residents paid.

Shortly after 9 o'clock the bus pulled into Atlanta and as it made its way to the Martin L. King Center For Social Change, there was a feeling of intensity and excitement that grew among the riders. That feeling grew as busloads of black people, white people, young people, old people passed by. There were people everywhere. Dressed appropriately to accommodate the weather's cold, wearing toboggans, field jackets, and shoes that were indeed made for walking, these people, had a single purpose in mind - to let the residents of Cumming Georgia know that this week there would be no turning back.

The masses had congregated at the King Center, where they patiently waited for the city buses



Scenes From Recent March

Photos by Loretta Manago

that would take them to Forsyth County. But no one, not even the organizers of the march had anticipated such a response. Initially it was reported that 191 of Atlanta's city buses had been contracted to transport marchers to and from Atlanta. However, during the rally, Hosea Williams, the individual in charge of procuring the buses announced that

500 city buses were put to use. Those who couldn't find space on the buses drove their own cars, while others hitchhiked rides on other chartered buses.

One hitchhiker the Charlotte bus picked up was Will Levinthal, a Brotherhood March marshal and an experienced civil rights marcher who had walked along with King on several occasions

including the Birmingham march.

As the bus departed to join the lineup of other buses and vehicles, Levinthal informed the bus riders on the present situation. He assured that the chance of any incident occurring was slim. His focus was that the march be as peaceful as possible, considering See CHARLOTTEANS Page 10A

## Jacobs Finds Widening Gap Between 'Haves, Have Nots'

Current national economic and social policies have encouraged "a dangerous gap between the affluent and the poor," and are harming the national interest, John E. Jacobs, president of the National Urban League asserted in "The State of Black America-1987," released recently in Washington, DC.

Mr. Jacobs stated in the report that these policies have countered traditional American concepts of morality and fair play and that greed has become "the prevailing creed of Ronald Reagan's America."

He charged that the Reagan Administration has been waging a "disinformation campaign" on domestic matters, "designed to convince the public that unemployment was no longer a problem, that the poor don't want to work and that social programs simply compound social problems instead of helping to resolve them."

Mr. Jacobs stated that the present disparities in income and wealth are not accidental and are "the result of policies that encourage higher unemployment and lower levels of social spending and investment." He added that while the economy has been praised for producing over three million jobs over the course of the year, that growth was largely in part-time positions and low-paying retail



John E. Jacobs  
and service industry jobs.

Asserting that last year's election results show that voters have rejected his ideology and demonstrate their concern that the so-called economic recovery has excluded millions of Americans, Mr. Jacobs maintained that the deterioration in jobs and income "will spur a reconsideration of government's role as a creator of opportunities for all."

Regarding the status of race relations in America, Mr. Jacobs stated that "the resurgence of racist feelings and continued illegal discrimination are fostered by the Administration's refusal to admit that racism may still be a

problem."

Pointing in particular to the actions of the Justice Department, Mr. Jacobs stated it has attempted to convince the American public that "affirmative action is actually reverse discrimination," which has prejudiced public attitudes and "encouraged hostility toward black citizens."

He added that the Department's narrow interpretation of the law emasculates key protections and evidences a philosophy that "remains uncomfortably close to the states rights philosophy of the old-line segregationists who held that public officials may defy Supreme Court rulings they disagree with."

Mr. Jacobs accused the nation of wearing "moral blinkers," evidenced he said in its indifference to the continued existence of racism and racial disadvantage permeating American society, "despite the pious pronouncements that we are now a color-blind society." He cited recent examples to the contrary such as, the death of a black man killed after being struck by a car while fleeing from an attack of white youths in Howard Beach in Queens, New York, and the racial harassment of a black cadet at the Citadel, a military academy in South Carolina, by white cadets dressed as Klansmen.

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