Lee Person's Consumed By Music

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When Lee Person is not playing rock 'n roll or the blues, he's cably composing a rock 'n roll or blues tune. But then again, Person's possibly somewhere listening to rock 'n roll or the blues. The fact of the matter is, Person is a man consumed by music.

It's an obsession that began when his brother returned from college with a album collection that included rock artists like Jimi Hendrix, Phil Lynott of Thin Lizzy and Buddy Miles.

"I just started playing," announced Person who is a selftaught guitarist. Professionally, Person who heads a rock group called the Lee Person Project has been performing for a decade. His trio includes drummer, Donnie James and bassist Rich Barefoot.

It's Person's guess that nearly every club in Charlotte has hired him to perform. "I've played everywhere in Charlotte, except for the Coliseum..the Park Center, the Kidnappers, the Double Door, wherever.

Person's musical seasoning on the club scene has him wanting more. What Person wants is the opportunity to open for national acts. On a smaller scale, Person has had that dream realized. Gregg Allman, Molly Hatchet, Joan Jett are all top names Person has opened for.

"I want to reach more people. Opening for a national act, I'll have 45 minutes to a hour to perform," announced Person.

Person's also anxious about getting his original songs out to the forefront. He explained that in a club environment, where you play six consecutive nights the chance to play original material is rare. "It gets tiring playing other people's music".

"My best stuff is my original material," boasted Person who talked of the 200+ songs that he has written including "Chip Off the Rock," "Let Me Down Easy," "Buffalo Hill" and his first recorded composition, "Love, Peace and Rock & Roll". Offers have come from agents who want to publish Person's songs. But they have always wanted to change what he's written and Person has taken a firm stand on having his work presented in its original form

Much of what Person has learned about musical technique and composition, he learned as a student of North Carolina Central University. "College taught me theory, structure. I already knew how to play."

A "rock 'n roller" to his heart, Person has formed a more commercial musical combo, called The Lee Person Jazz Quartet. This four man musician group consists of flutist, Michael Porter, guitarist, Gerrard Benson and drummer, James Baker.

Composing, performing, producing, Person has his hands full. He's looking for a management company or agent who is willing to invest into the group. It's an investment that Person guarantees will reap rewarding dividends.



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Project Literacy Focuses On Literacy At Work

Neon-bright cities, organ transplants and computer technology are among the stunning features of the 20th century. In an age so advanced, it seems almost impossible that more than 23 million Americans lack basic reading, writing and math skills. Yet it is

In North Carolina, a state known for its scientific and educational achievements, approximately 800,000 of the adult population cannot fill out a job application, sign a check or follow printed directions.

The special problem of illiteracy in the workplace will be addressed on Wednesday, Oct. 21, at 8:30 p.m. when The University of North Carolina Center for Public Television presents A PLUS FOR NORTH CAROLINA and A JOB TO BE DONE. The programs air over the Center's 10 channels.

A PLUS FOR NORTH CAROLI-NA is a taped version of the "Business Breakfast" hosted earlier in the day by N.C. Gov. James

Martin. Over 200 such breakfasts will be held across the nation in an attempt to unite business, labor and educators in the fight for literacy. Gov. Martin and state business leaders will explore the relationship between the provision of basic skills and literacy training and increased worker productivi-

This and similar philosophies of applied knowledge have started to help the individual and the company keep pace with the increasing demands of the fast-moving, highly specialized business world. However, there is still much to be done. It is estimated that almost \$225 billion a year is lost to society because of illiteracy. Money aside, a greater problem remains. Safety signs are powerless against acci-

dents unless workers can read. In addition to delineating the problem, A JOB TO BE DONE highlights the success stories. Viewers meet individuals who have achieved their educational goals-as adults.

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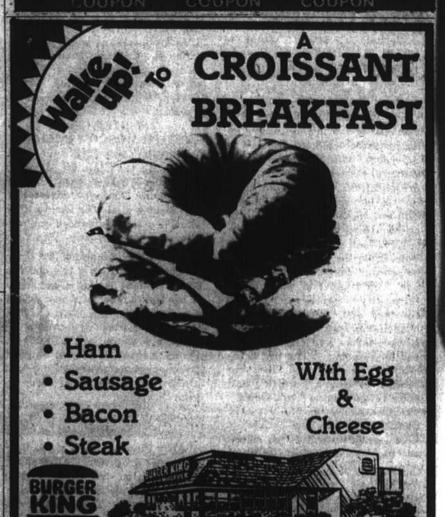
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