



Officers of the second class of Focus on Leadership: (l-r) Willie Ratchford, treasurer, Michelle Thomas, social chairperson; Dr. Joyce Waddell, president; and Michael High, vice president.

### Leadership Class Graduation

The Second Class of Focus on Leadership will graduate Saturday, June 24, 7 p.m., with a service and reception at the Afro-American Cultural Center.

Speaker for the occasion will be Attorney Frank Emory, chairperson of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Commission.

Focus on Leadership, founded by Ron Leeper, is a program structured to develop the leadership skills of future black leaders. Kevin Patterson is president of the program.

The second class of Focus on Leadership has 25 members.

Tickets for the graduation are \$10. For more information, please call Hoyle Martin at 392-4623 or Kevin Patterson at 529-0738.

### Reid Named Martin Camp Manager

Dewitt Reid, vice president for the eastern region of Vanguard Distributors, Inc., has been named campaign manager for Hoyle Martin's bid for the District 2 City council seat.

The announcement was made by Martin who said he selected Reid, "because of his success at Duke Power and his civic involvement and leadership qualities."

Reid, a retired Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System employee, served 15 years as the director of minority affairs at Duke Power company.

He is a past director of Urban Industries, an active member of the Mecklenburg County Park Commission, a U.S. Selective Service Board member,



Reid

president (NC chapter) American Association of Blacks In Energy, and a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers.

A graduate of Fayetteville State University, Reid is also a National Science Foundation Award recipient.

## A Hostile Court?

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dra O'Connor) and a black man (Thurgood Marshall), has gone from being a consistent source of justice for minorities to a conservative body threatening to take away the rights of non-whites.

Those rulings, which usually split 5-4 in favor of the conservatives, "demonstrated that a majority of the Court is inclined to narrow significantly the statutory protections against racial and gender discrimination and to place nearly insurmountable obstacles before those who seek to vindicate their rights in court," he said.

Instead of looking to the courts for relief, minorities will have to push lawmakers to enact laws protecting their rights, Chambers said. In the Patterson case, congressmen, attorneys general and various organizations filed friend-of-the-court briefs supporting the LDF.

"The Legal Defense Fund will

## Stress In Blacks

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kids, this suggests that blacks may inherit an increased response to stress which may explain their higher prevalence of hypertension."

Hypertension, or high blood pressure, is considered a major risk factor for strokes.

The study supports earlier work showing that increased weight, age, resting blood pressure, resting heart rate and inactivity all corresponded to faster heart rates during exercise, Ekelund said. Another new finding, however, was that for both blacks and whites, there was a strong link between heart rates during exercise and levels of LDL, or low-density cholesterol, found in blood samples.

Results of the UNC research need to be confirmed in the future with a larger study that includes 200 or more black men, Ekelund said. Unfortunately, researchers who designed the Lipid Research Clinics prevalence study did not recruit blacks in numbers greater than their proportion of the population.

continue to its work to devise new strategies to insure that no American suffers the pain and indignity of on-the-job racial harassment and that every American has an equal chance for meaningful employment," Chambers said.

## Correction

In the June 7 Post, an article incorrectly stated that Ralph Lowe was a counselor and interim chaplain at Johnson C. Smith University. He is not an employee of the university, but is a candidate for the position.

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## Dr. Benjamin Carson To Speak In Charlotte

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skull, sharing major blood systems in the brain.

After nearly failing his preliminary science courses while attending Yale University on scholarship, Dr. Carson said he had to establish a "rearrangement" in the way he

studied and he became an "in-depth learner." Dr. Carson maintains, "I just never, under any circumstances thought of giving up on anything I do."

The Rose Coronation is being sponsored by the Berean Seventh Day Adventist Church and

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