



Gregory Wayne Bass

Mr. Bass Wins Scholarship

Gregory Wayne Bass, a 1981 graduate of John A. Holmes, has been awarded the Raymond H. Shorkey Memorial Scholarship.

This fall he will be entering the Machinist Trade Program at the College of the Albemarle.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee Bass of Edenton.

Replacing Your Secretary

By Jim Tyler

A secretary can become a wife of sorts and losing a good one is not easy.

How will I replace Deborah, who recently sent out a news release naming a cobra (fish) a cobra (snake). Another bit of reporting went out recently indicating a grasshopper a mile long was found in the ocean off the Dare County beaches.

How will I replace a secretary who, according to a recent news release, types in the lofty speeds of the world record holder. Her accuracy is undisputed.

How will I replace a secretary who comes in grinning through punk rock sunglasses, pastes rainbows all over, signs everything with a smiley face, and who seldom loses that good grasp of life. She might not have a hold of it some days, but she seldom loosens the grip once inside the office door.

Dealing with fish can be a real bore to a female, unless she is an involved professional. Most women cannot hide the "who really cares" attitude when we get involved with a pet project. The jargon is terrible. The pompousness can be overwhelming.

Deborah has hung in there for two years, become sincerely interested in many projects, and still gets excited over an odd ball salty creature occurrence.

She has office procedures down to brushing teeth status, and by getting it done rapidly and proficiently, has allowed herself free time to branch out from the necessary, repetitious, boring chores.

She does radio programs, photography, some reporting, collects fish, and has developed into a pretty good editor, plus a lot more.

She still gets wide-eyed with shark stories. I sent her to sea once and she became so seasick we cannot get her aboard a boat again. She has tried anything asked of her. Not one to shilly shally, she either likes a project or not, so we have not had to play games. We have become a pretty good duo, knowing how to help one another. Like I said, it has been a marriage of sorts without the intimacy and bitchiness.

A good secretary makes a two-person team (boss-secretary) have the strength of three or four. A good secretary is vastly underpaid and grossly underrated by those who control personnel ratings and pay scales of an agency or an organization.

She leaves us September 9. It is time for Deborah to go on to new challenges. She is too good to remain a secretary. She has joined the U. S. Coast Guard. I hope they recognize her talents and can help her do good things with them. I hope she can find the right avenues to keep growing and express herself to her satisfaction.

Just keep grinning, Deborah.



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