

## Music is a hobby; law is her goal

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Probably Michael Jackson's biggest fan in all of the U.S. of A. lives right here in Winston-Salem.

Karen Campbell, a 15-year-old 10-grader at Carver High School and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Campbell of Winnabow Street, is today's typical teenager, with the famed singer being the center of her

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daydreams.

When she's not drooling over her idol, she engages in one of her life-long hobbies, music.

"I used to play the violin, the flute, the clarinet and occasionally I still play the organ and piano," she says. "But music is mostly a hobby that I can always fall back on."

Karen played both the organ and piano publicly when she was 12 years old at the Mount Sinai-Glorious Church of God. She also played violin with the Young Salem Symphony, but says she gave it up to devote more time to her studies.

"I had so much homework," says the honor student. "I got tired of all the running and I couldn't keep up."

"It's not that I get bored easily," Karen says. "I really

don't know what it is. I guess I just like to do a lot of different things."

Her interest now is aimed at the field of law, she says, "mostly for the money."

Petite and shy, Karen says she knows what she must do in order to get accepted into the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. A member of the Spanish Club at Carver, the last grading period proved fruitful for Karen, with the exception of a C in English, which she says happens to be on the list with her other two favorite subjects, math and Spanish.

Karen's mother, Pauline Campbell, is proud of her daughter, 11-year-old William Jr., is proud of her daughter.

"Karen has so many interests," says Mrs. Campbell. "She's the kind of person who'll try anything once. She can also do more than one thing at a time and do them well."

"She doesn't want to pursue music," she says "but if she wants to be a lawyer then I hope she makes it."

At Carver, Karen is also an active member of the student council, although she holds no office. Her only gripe about her school is the population.

"Carver is too crowded," she says. "I like schools that you can walk around in and not get pushed around by 8-foot tall people." Karen is 5-3.

To the disappointment of her mother, Karen says she is considering putting music aside.

"I think this will be my last year in music," she says.

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### Almost Sixteen

Fifteen-year-old Karen Campbell can't wait to get her driver's license, but mom is a little apprehensive (photo by James Parker).

### Newcomer

## Winston-Salem reminds Graham of home

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Sarah Graham uses only three words to describe the way she feels about Winston-Salem: "I love it," says the native of Twin City, Ga.

Graham, 28, moved to Winston-Salem in July of last year after her husband, Otha, a native of Vidalia, Ga., landed a job with AT&T as a technical writer.

She works as a word processor for the Anatomy Department at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, where a strong formaldehyde aroma is prevalent.

"I really love it here," she says. "I love the area because we like to go to D.C., Atlanta and the mountains. And home is just six hours away, so it's accessible."

Outdoors is where Graham finds solace and comfort. So sitting in the patio area of the Medical School is only appropriate for her afternoon lunch break.

North Carolina's climate, similar to Georgia's, with the exception snow during the winter months, is also a plus.

"I like the snow," she says. "We never saw snow in Georgia. I really like all the snow we get here."

Graham, an avid baseball fan -- her favorite team is the Atlanta Braves -- is a member of the Dee Cee Players, a local ladies softball team. She says she also enjoys hiking whenever she

and her husband have the opportunity to go to the mountains.

"I've met a lot of people through the softball team," she says. "I've made a lot of friends, too. The people in Winston-Salem are the same as the people in Twin City, very nice and friendly."

Graham and her husband, who's been in Winston-Salem four years now, are active at Phillips Chapel Baptist Church, where they both serve on the hospitality committee. Soon

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the couple will begin construction on their new home, she says.

"I could definitely make Winston-Salem my home," Graham says. "When I first came here in July, we went to the Mayfest and I really enjoyed that. There are so many cultural outlets here and I love the stores. My husband doesn't, though, because he says I spend too much."

Typing medical manuscripts for doctors sometimes makes Graham think about entering medical school, she says. The thought doesn't last for long, though. "That's too many years," she says.

Graham attended Savannah State College in Georgia, where she majored in office administration. It was also there, she says, that she met her husband, who was an engineering major. Whenever the subject of spending free time comes up, Graham always begins her sentence with "We."

"Well," she says, blushing, "we are one. We're together and we do a lot of things together. He loves Winston-Salem and I love it, too."

Graham says she would also like to join the local NAACP and work with children. The Grahams have no children.

"I love to work with children," she says. "My husband and I are both interested in deaf children and we've been learning sign language. He's a lot better than I am, though. I'd really like to help the deaf if I can."

"But I love it here," she says. "We're planning on taking advantage of some of the cultural outlets, too, because we did a lot of that in Atlanta."

Shy and reserved, Graham still manages to let her small-town qualities shine in Winston-Salem. As a matter of fact, she says, another reason the area has grown on her is that, aside from Winston-Salem's nickname being the Twin City, it reminds her of Twin City, Ga.

"Winston-Salem is almost like home," she says. "It's not that small. It's not that big. There's a lot of things you can do."

"You can't really get lost here, but I do."



### 'I Love It Here'

Sarah Graham, a Twin City, Ga., native, calls this Twin City almost home (photo by James Parker).

## Vietnam War veterans help each other to overcome fears and find jobs

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When Jerome Johns came home from South Vietnam in August 1966 with shrapnel in his right leg, nobody thanked him for a job well-done.

"I was condemned," 47-year-old Johns says from his one-bedroom apartment. "I got no support from the government. No support from home. Nobody really understood. Nobody took an interest in the needs of the Vietnam vets."

"I had done my fair share of killing," he says. "What did I do wrong?"

Johns, like thousands of others, felt betrayed. But unlike some, Johns did find an understanding friend.

"While I was in the hospital, the DAV (Disabled American Vets) sent me a letter and came to visit me," says Johns, a native of New Jersey. "After I left the hospital, they carried me to a meeting and I formed ties with them. It was like a drug. I got hooked on the DAV. But I kept wondering where were all the Vietnam vets."

That first visit from a DAV representative was almost 20 years ago. But Johns never stopped wondering about the other Vietnam veterans. Three years ago, Johns and 10 other soldiers who served between Aug. 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, formed the Triad Vietnam Veterans Association.

A brochure developed by the group says that the group is an expanding network of fellow veterans committed to the fundamental objectives of improving the quality of life for the Vietnam-era veterans, opening channels of communication to help the veterans, assisting disabled and needy veterans, keeping them informed of legislation and helping them to become recognized as responsible



### Reaching Out

Franklin Bennett, a Vietnam veteran who made it, wants to make sure that other vets get a chance at life (photo by James Parker).

and respected members and leaders of the community.

To Johns, the purpose is much simpler. "We need each other," he says. "I had delayed-stress syndrome in 1975 when it was unheard of. The doctor called it pressure, nerves. Now, in 1984, they are finally saying, yes, that is a disease. It took that long. I need to be with other Vietnam veterans to let them know what I went through and that together we can get more accomplished."

The one thing that hovers over Johns is that he, like other Vietnam veterans, has more difficulty than the average person finding a job.

"The reason?" asks Johns rhetorically. "It's very simple. You go in with two strikes against you. One, you're a Vietnam veteran and second, you are black."

Franklin Bennett, a veteran of the Korean conflict, disagrees with Johns' viewpoint. According to statistics, says Bennett, 90 percent of Vietnam veterans over 25 are employed and the other 10 percent are the drug users, alcoholics and criminals.

"The paper plays it up and gives the public a bad image of what we are all about," says Bennett.

Kathy D'Avi agrees. D'Avi is the coordinator of the local Vietnam Veterans Leadership Program, which opened an office in the American Red Cross building on Coliseum Drive on March 1. The program is a branch of the national ACTION program that was launched by President Ronald Reagan on the eve of Veterans Day 1981.

The purpose of the program, explains D'Avi, is to help Vietnam-era veterans find jobs. According to the program's regulations, an employer can receive up to \$10,000 if he hires and trains an eligible veteran of either the Vietnam or Korean War.

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