

# Blackwells Receive Many Calls Of Congratulations

There have been many calls of congratulations to the Blackwell residence lately. Shari Blackwell, a fall slender beauty, was chosen from thousands of entries by EBONY magazine as one of the "Ten Most Beautiful Black Women In America." (November issue.)

Ms. Blackwell says it is too soon to speculate if the article will make any significant changes in her life. But the fact remains that this UNC-Charlotte senior Afro-American, African Studies and Business Administration major has a certain charisma few can ignore.

It was Ms. Blackwell's 13 year-old sister's idea to nominate her name. Valia sent in 25 words or less a description of her sister. Sophisticated, elegant, sensitive and caring were only a few adjectives used. And by the time the interviews were completed the EBONY staff members agreed totally.

As one of the 10 finalists Shari Blackwell will receive \$1,000 and Valia will receive \$500 for her nomination. "I'll probably channel the money back into the household - whatever the family decides to do with it," Ms. Blackwell stated. As for Valia's \$500, "She'll probably save it," she con-

tinued. Her ambitions have not changed. Ms. Blackwell would still prefer to work in a managerial position in Charlotte or Atlanta, Ga. Eventually she would like to own a business concentrating on fashions.

At 21, standing 5'7" at 115 pounds, Ms. Blackwell has modeled frequently and at UNCC was named Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Miss. But the beauty on the outside is not the only attributes of Ms. Blackwell. She realizes that her education is an important aspect of her life. She feels that one should always have something to fall back on.

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Blackwell. Emily Blackwell is her grandmother. The community seems



Valia Blackwell ...made it possible

delighted that a Charlotte native has acquired such an honor. Ms. Blackwell was chosen from thousands of letters and photographs submitted to EBONY. These letters and photographs were finally reduced to 200 by a special committee of the Editorial Board. Celebrities and established symbols of Black beauty were not included in an effort to give full play to the millions of undiscovered beautiful Black women in America.

The final selection was made by the full Editorial Board, supplemented by a special board of Black women, beauty experts and art directors. This group picked 40 women in different sections of the country and asked for additional photographs.

In September some women were flown to Chicago and Los Angeles for photographic sessions and photographers were dispatched to North Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio and Texas.



Shari Blackwell ...finalist in contest

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Miss Anderson, a native Charlottean, is employed as a rate code clerk with the Continental Insurance Company. She was educated in the public schools of Trenton, New Jersey and did some studies at Princeton University.

She is a member of the Parent Advisory Council of Steele Creek School, Recording Secretary of the Esther Chapter, O.E.S. No. 070. Her hobbies include disco dancing, reading and sports.

Miss Anderson will be representing Pi Phi Chapter's Mardi Gras Group III chaired by R. Douglas Spears. Anyone who wishes to support Miss Anderson can do so by calling 525-3025 or the Omegas of Charlotte Fraternity House at 373-1971. Donations are \$6 per person.

### Record Voter

Turn-Out Expected Continued from Page 1 vote between 9 a.m. and noon, or 2-5 p.m. if possible.

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Wanda Anderson ..."Miss Mardi Gras"

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