



Tunya N. Moore
...Nat. BETA member



Monique D. Neal
...Plans fashion career



Tress L. Reid
...College bound



Debbie A. Reynolds
...Project Airies member

Debutante Candidates Must Meet Special Criteria

By Teresa Simmons
Post Managing Editor

After meeting certain criteria Miss Debutante '85 and the first and second runner-ups will each receive scholarships. Miss Debutante '85 will be crowned during the 21st Cotillion sponsored annually by the

Delta Sigma Theta Charlotte Alumnae Chapter.

The affair will take place 9 p.m. March 23 at the Park Center.

But Miss Debutante and her court will not be the only ones receiving scholarships. If certain criteria are met non-competitors in the pageant

will also be able to obtain scholarships if they place first, second or third in their category.

A non-competitor is a debutante whose sister or mother is a member of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

This week four more young ladies vying for the coveted title of Miss Debutante '85 are being featured. Tunya NaNette Moore, Monique Dwanna Neal, Tress Lashell Reid and Debbie Antonia Reynolds.

Ms. Moore is the daughter of LaVerne Miller. "I enjoy reading, dancing and music," Ms. Moore stated. She was inducted into the National BETA Club, is a flag girl this year and is extremely active in church activities. She is a senior at Harding High School.

Ms. Neal is the daughter of Larry and Vernell Neal. As a senior at Independence High School Ms. Neal's dream is to pursue a career in fashion. She enjoys dancing, singing and sewing.

A South Mecklenburg Senior Ms. Reid is involved in the FBLA the Girl Scouts and her church choir. Her plans are to continue her

education at an institute of higher learning.

Her hobbies are reading, horseback riding and shopping. She is the daughter of Chalmers and Laura Reid.

Debbie Antonia Reynolds, a North Mecklenburg Senior High Senior loves to sing and talk and play with children.

She is a member of the Red Cross, the Belauh Bost Chapter No. 29 of the Order of the Eastern Stars, she is a member of Project Aries and the Girl Scouts.

Her personal accomplishments include receiving the First Class Girl Scout award, being named to "Who's Who Among American High School Students" and being accepted to the 1984-85 Leadership Conference.

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What Lies Ahead For Teenage Mothers?

By Marian Wright Edelman
Special To The Post

What lies ahead for the half-million teenage women in this country, many of them Black, who will have babies during 1985? We can't afford to accept the obvious answer of not much.

Facts tell us that most of these young women will lead troubled lives: this year, years from now and 20 years from now. Young mothers often drop out of school, work at low-paid, menial jobs, and fight losing battles for child support, decent child care and employment. Statistics show that Black young women are even less likely than White teenagers to recover their footing after having a baby too early.

Yet each year, 500,000 teens have babies - 160,000 are Black. Thirty-five thousand are 15 and under. We know the rest of the story: families forced into poverty, children barely surviving on welfare and food stamps, teenagers who turn to crime and drug addiction. Families headed by young females under the age of 25 are the poorest of the poor. Among Whites, the poverty rate is 62.5 percent; among Blacks, a staggering 84 percent.

Before we write off 1985's new mothers, let's take another look at their statistical destiny. Is it really inevitable? Must we continue to accept the high, long-term cost it will exact from them and from us?

I don't believe so. Not if parents, church and school officials, community leaders, and government at all levels step in and provide timely assistance.

First, we can save money and, in some cases, lives by making sure that these young mothers get adequate prenatal care. The best current estimate is that we save \$2 for every \$1 we spend providing comprehensive prenatal care to a woman who would not otherwise receive it.

We can provide support for a young woman's decision to refrain from having a second baby if she has her first too young. Evidence suggests that a young mother can overcome the problems caused by a

first child if she returns to school and gets adequate child care support. Yet, statistics suggest that some 40 percent of teens who have a first baby will have a second while still in their teens.

Finally, we need to start planning now so that the babies born in 1985 don't themselves become part of the pregnancy epidemic in decades to come. Churches, community leaders and the media can all help begin spreading the message that it is harmful or, as teenagers would put it, "uncool" to have a baby too soon in life.

Adolescent pregnancy is a complex problem which requires sound, sane, preventive actions by all elements of our community. The alternative is to sit back and watch as the maternity ward's "Class of '85" follows the destiny mapped out for them by the very grim statistics of dropouts, welfare, unemployment and poverty.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children.



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IRS Eases Requirements On Auto Recordskeeping

Greensboro -- The Internal Revenue Service has eased regulations issued late in 1984 requiring close recordskeeping by drivers of automobiles and certain other vehicles used for business purposes.

Under the regulations the driver was required to make a separate entry for each business use of the vehicle. Now, taxpayers may satisfy this requirement by single entries for periods of uninterrupted business use. For example, a person who makes a series of deliveries or business calls, returns to the office, and then makes additional deliveries or calls, may account for such use by making a single entry in a log, journal, diary or other record. Also, a salesperson away from home on a business trip may make a single entry in the record for the entire trip if no personal use of the vehicle was made.

For farm vehicles, taxpayers can satisfy the recordkeeping requirement in two ways for a vehicle regularly used in the farm business, such as a truck. Farmers may either (1) keep records of personal use of the vehicle; or, (2) keep no records and treat 80 percent of the use of the vehicle as business use. These rules are available to farmers who receive more than 70 percent of their gross income from farming.

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