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CYNTHIA FANT

...North Mecklenburg senior

Cynthia Fant To Matriculate To UNC-G To "Major In Business"

By Jalyne Strong Post Staff Writer

Eighteen-year-old Cynthia Fant is a senior at North Mecklenburg High School. She is a member of the Honor Society, the Student Council, and Inroads. She is also vice president of the Spanish Club and is a school bus driver.

Of all her activities in school, Cynthia enjoys working with the Student Council most. "It gives me a chance to help improve on things," she states. She has also experienced that the status of an upper-classman has its benefits. "It's great!" Cynthia enthuses.

With only two more months to go, or rather "37 days!" exclaims Cynthia, this beauty is definitely looking forward to graduation. "I hope to go to the beach after graduation," she tells. Her other plans are to work for the remainder of the summer. She says, "I plan to do an internship through Inroads."

Then Cynthia will be off to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro to major in business. "To concentrate in marketing, distribution and advertising," she explains. Her ambition is to own a business. "Preferably a clothing store," she describes.

"I love clothes," admits Cynthia. "I like the latest styles, specifically the shorter skirts and long jackets." Cynthia says she tends to dress in a personal style that reflects both conservatism and the newest trends. Or her dress reflects, intones Cynthia, "How I feel in the morning."

She describes herself as "adventurous and open-minded with a zest for life. Ten years from now Cynthia sees herself as owning her own business, driving a jaguar and having a family. She plans to accomplish this, she reflects, "By keeping my eye on my goals and doing everything possible to reach them." Cynthia admits, "I want

more than anything to be successful in my career."

For now, this attractive young lady enjoys meeting people and talking with friends. "We talk about guys and careers. In that order," she laughs. Cynthia also likes to read mystery and romance novels.

She also fancies a good movie now and then. Box office hit, "Beverly Hills Cop," is one of her favorites. And Cynthia claims that "The Soldier's Story" is the best feature film she's seen lately. Cynthia says she looks for entertainment and substance in movies. "I like a good story," she states.

She's the youngest in a family of six, having one sister, Tonette, 26, and four brothers: John 34, Paul, 32, Earl, 30, and Steve, 28. "Being the youngest has its advantages," says Cynthia. "I feel I get a few more opportunities than my older sister

and brothers."

Her mother, Mildred, is Cynthia's favorite person. "She understands people and likes to help them," she says. "My mother never gets over-excited. She knows how to reason out problems."

Cynthia describes her father, Eber, as wanting the best from all his children. "He wants all of us to achieve what we want in life," she comments.

This week's beauty's opinion is: "I'd like to see more peace and less prejudice in the world." And she reveals that the greatest lesson she's learned to date is smiling faces do not always make the best friends. Cynthia expounds, "Only true friends will stick by you regardless of any situation."

She attends Second Calvary and is on the Young Adult Usher Board and serves as a hostess.

Baucom: Charlotte Needs Youth Revival

By Loretta Manago Post Staff Writer

Looking at the number of teenage suicides, the increase of drug and alcohol usage among the youth and the peer pressure that the teen population has to face, Gerald Baucom, a member of Faith CME Church, felt that Charlotte was in need of a youth revival.

With the cooperation and support of his church, Baucom has co-ordinated four nights and one Sunday morning service to help the youth of today find a positive direction in which to chart their paths.

"We hope all of the youth in Charlotte, especially those in the black community, will come out and share in this revival. Our goal is to address the spiritual, academic and cultural needs of the youth today and, hopefully, this will become an annual affair."

April 24-28 are the scheduled dates for the Youth Revival and all activities will be held at Faith CME Church, 487 Wellingford.

Beginning at 7:30 Wednesday, April 24, Dr. Robert Albright, president of Johnson C. Smith University, will speak. A native of Pennsylvania, Dr. Albright received the A.B. degree from Lincoln University, has masters from Tufts University and his Ph.D. from Kent State University. Before coming to Smith, Dr. Albright served as the vice chancellor for student affairs at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. He is a nationally recognized consultant in the areas of admissions, financial aid and special programs for the educationally disadvantaged. A community



Dr. Robert Albright Guest speaker

activist, Dr. Albright serves in many organizations. Following Dr. Albright on the next night will be the Johnson C. Smith University Choir, under the direction of professor Kemp.

Some Civil Rights Battles Remain

Recent attacks on affirmative action policies are part of a civil rights battle that still needs to be fought in America, says the former director-counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

Jack Greenberg told participants in a recent Tulane University conference on "Voting Rights and the Democratic Process: Where Do We Stand Today?" that there are still challenges ahead in the fight for voting rights for blacks.

Greenberg, professor of law at Columbia University School of Law, was the conference keynote speaker Friday morning. He also delivered the annual George Abel Dreyfous Lecture on Civil Liberties while at Tulane.



Cal Thornton Pleased with support

Charlotte where you could hear a black voice. The Rev. Walter Cavers expressed the belief that the salute is "long overdue."

The salute is slated to include performances by Robert Wilson and the Rising Star Singers, the Gospel Truth, the Highway Spirituals, the Junior Harmonettes, the Fantastic Gospel Jewels, the Voices of Faith, the Stars of Harmony, the House of Prayer Brand, and the Mighty

Operators, as well as others.

WGIV came on the air in 1947 and changed to black-oriented programming in 1951. Thornton's idea of black programming is more inclusive than just music and entertainment. He spoke of attacking issues facing the black community and added, "Anything important to black Charlotte is important to our radio station." He wants the black community to realize the station is available to help. "The public is still not knowledgeable about what broadcast facilities can or will do," he remarked. For instance, instead of sending the station a public service announcement (PSA) for a radio announcer to read, he said he prefers organizations to send a spokesperson to make the announcement. "I don't want Cal Thornton's trained voice, I want the voices of the people involved."

According to the station manager, WGIV was the most listened to radio station in the Charlotte area in the late fifties and sixties. While he wants to be Number 1 in the black community, Thornton declares, "I don't care about being Number 1 or Number 2. I view my radio station as a vehicle to be used by the black community and by advertisers who want access to that community."

He said affirmative action programs have "helped advance black empowerment."

The Justice Department recently ordered 41 states and local government departments to make changes in their affirmative action policies regarding hiring or laying off of minorities and women.

If those affirmative action programs are abolished, Greenberg said, "black participation in society, politics and economics will suffer."

He said American citizens "over the last five years, notwithstanding their votes, have had an unshakable belief" in strides made against racial inequality, and that concern was expressed in passage of the 1982 Voting Rights Act, and the horror

demonstrated against granting tax-exempt status to universities that discriminate.

"I urge that we do all we can to dig our heels into this latest onslaught, through all the available forums. That's the only way we can guarantee the right to vote."

Greenberg reviewed the history of the movement to disempower black voters, then pointed to various areas that in subtle ways still cause discrimination-among them, education.

Various jurisdictions still think school segregation is fine, and in many areas "nothing has been done to improve physical facilities or appropriations," he said.

"In higher education, student loans are threatened, so fewer poor people and fewer blacks will be able to get degrees. The right to vote is indispensable, but where will we find the leaders? The poor person and the employed person has less power."

The annual conference on voting rights is presented by the Center for Legal Studies on Intergovernmental Relations, of Tulane Law School. Panelists at this year conference discussed bailout, runoff elections and alternatives, and special registration and voting problems of the handicapped and homeless.

Gary Hart Urges Reagan Counter Soviet Offer

President Gorbachev's moratorium proposal gives President Reagan a historic responsibility to test the Soviet Union's commitment to real arms control. Instead of simply dismissing Gorbachev's offer as mere propaganda, the Administration should view this as a challenge to regain American leadership in arms control.

President Reagan should counter with an offer to engage in a series of mutual, balanced, moratoria which would truly serve as a catalyst to success in Geneva.

By agreeing to a much broader moratorium -- on the testing of ballistic missiles, underground testing of nuclear warheads and flight-testing of anti-satellite weapons -- the United States and the Soviet Union can demonstrate an unparalleled commitment to reversing the nuclear arms race.

messenger compels Dr. Walker to be concerned about the youth, but being a father of three shows him just how much young people today need support.

"It's not easy being a young person today, there are so many pressures they have to face. My wife Emily, and I have a burden for young people. We want to help them and show them we love them."

At New Road, Rev. Walker and his congregation are in the stages of structuring a summer camp and have just completed building a softball field. Before coming to New Road, Rev. Walker was director-producer for PTL and his wife was the public relations director there.

"I think the message God has given me can change people and I am committed to sharing the message to as many people with which I come in contact," concluded Rev. Walker.

Bringing the 7 p.m. message Saturday will be Anne Williams. An announcer for WQCC and an evangelist, Ms. Williams' words are bound to be inspiring.

The Youth Choir of Faith will bring the youth revival to a close Sunday morning through an uplifting concert. The choir, which was formed eight years ago, is 22 members strong. They are under the direction of Gerald Baucom and will perform all original compositions. Baucom, a graduate of Smith, is employed with American National Life Insurance. He is married to the former Kathie Carlos and they are the parents of one daughter, Kimberley.

For Friday's 7 p.m. message, Rev. Hank Walker will be the speaker. A native of Waxhaw, N.C., Rev. Walker is pastor of New Town Road Community Church and has been for the past eight years. Being God's



It is better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and despair.