Twins Walking The Aisle As Grads

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school. Mobley lives in Piedmont Courts; Brewer lives in Earle Village.

When Mobley heard about the program, she knew it was something to try. "I knew I wanted to go back to school. I wasn't going to go any further on my job." So she did what was normal for a twin. She called her sister.

Brewer was receptive to the idea. But she had to consider that she was a woman in her mid 30s with children. "It was scary. Before I decided to go back, I talked to my employer," Brewer said. "I had gotten as far as I could go. I decided to go for it."

Through it all, they have been "motivating each other," Brewer said. "When we first came back to school, it all seemed so exciting." But about half way through, the adrenaline had lessened and being single mothers in school became hard. "We kept each other going."

The twins, who have a habit of finishing each other's sentences, say they are the best of friends. "We really do get along."

The last week of school meant a lot of time studying three to four hours a day for finals. "We took a lot of classes together so we could help each other out."

The pay off for perseverance will be big, especially graduation day when family and friends will be at the ceremony to see them receive their diploma. And that will be no small crowd. They come from a family of 12 children, with two sets of twins – the other set 11 months younger than they are.

The sisters say they will always go back to school to keep up with what's happening in their field.

McDonald Reception Saturday

John McDonald, owner of the cafeteria, hotel and Fun City at Beatties Ford Road and I-85, will be honored at a reception Saturday.

The reception honoring McDonald and welcoming ministers will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. May 29 in the banquet area of McDonald's Cafeteria.

The event also will welcome the new pastors of two leading churches and their wives.

Baker

They are the Very Rev. and Mrs. Edward G.W. King Jr. of St. Michael and Angels Episcopal Church and the Rev. and Mrs. David R. Baker of Greater Gethsemane AME Zion Church.

Gerald Johnson, publisher of The Charlotte Post, will be master of ceremonies.

The proceeds will go into the John McDonald scholarship endowment at Johnson C. Smith University, which awards a $500 scholarship every semester to a management student and a public relations student. Ten students have received scholarships.

"The winners have included some of our most outstanding students and graduates," JCSU President Robert L. Albright wrote in a letter to endowment supporters. "Five McDonald scholarship winners were recognized for various accomplishments at our recent Honors Convocation."

Three winners graduated this month, all with honors – Janel Clinkscales, Tonya Glover and Tracie Murray.

The scholarship endowment was started in 1989. Subsequent donations and interest have brought the balance to $18,000.

McDonald and his first wife, Annie Lou Hill McDonald, operated McDonald's Dining Room, a popular spot in Brooklyn, N.Y., for 21 years. They moved to Charlotte to retire in 1970. Mrs. McDonald died shortly after the move, and McDonald opened his first cafeteria in 1971 and the one he operates today in 1981.

The pastors to be welcomed bring distinguished records to their congregations. King held numerous high posts, including dean of Trinity Cathedral, in the Episcopal church in his native Liberia. He also held pastorates and other church positions in Long Island, N.Y.

Baker has been the pastor of five churches in Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina. He has taught at four schools, including Shaw University, and he is president of the Rock Hill NAACP. He holds degrees from Livingstone College.

Tickets are available at $20 for donors, $25 for patrons, $75 for sponsors and $150 for benefactors. For reservations or information, call Evalyn Carrington at 391-0242 or 535-1899.

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Rev. and Mrs. G.W. King Jr. of St. Michael and Angels Episcopal Church will be welcomed to Charlotte during a reception Saturday at McDonald's Cafeteria.

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Menu Is Full For Denny's

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said.

A group of white agents sitting at another table were served promptly, the newspaper reported.

Denny's officials in Spartanburg said in a statement that the company "does not tolerate discrimination of any kind." It said an internal investigation should be completed this week.

In California, the chain of 1,460 restaurants settled a Justice Department lawsuit by promising to enforce company policies requiring equal treatment of all customers.

"The (Maryland) incident occurred only hours before a federal court in California signed over a consent decree with Denny's that was designed to prevent just this kind of racial discrimination," St. Dennis said.

A separate federal lawsuit against Denny's filed on behalf of 32 black California customers was pending. Customers say Denny's required blacks to pay an extra charge, refused to honor its free "birthday meal" offer to blacks and often threatened or forcibly removed black customers.

Jack Bullard, director of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Community Relations Committee, said he was "amazed" a second incident happened so close to the first. He also said racial bias is more likely to be incidental rather than mandated.

"I could not imagine a place where people are treated differently because of their race," he said.

"Denny's has enough establishments that this could be something that occurred with the individuals running the establishments. "The liability is too great (for chain-wide discrimination)."

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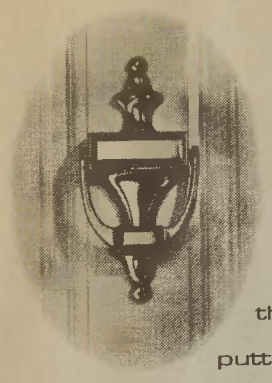
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