

Relationships require some hard work

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should be trust. If the partner feels it's necessary to be involved with other people besides the one who the sexual agreement was made with then that partner needs to tell that person."

Then there's the issue of remaining faithful. Some students prefer one-on-one, while others aren't ready to be tied

down. Traquesha insists that people talk the matter out before getting too involved.

"Other students feel a sexual relationship should be monogamous because it allows a trust to build," she said. "Therefore it won't lead to any heartache or pain such as catching a disease."

Relationships should revolve

around more than just sex, most students say. It should be about good times and good conversation as well. The growing process is learning about one another as each day passes.

Deitra Johnson, a senior at JCSU, expects a relationship to be built on several things. "A relationship should start

out as a friendship," she said. "A friendship leads to respect and trust and with respect and trust a commitment has developed. In a relationship, it is necessary to be open and honest because it tends not to cause so many problems."

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at UNC Charlotte.

Kia, a junior, was named UNCC woman of the year in 1993 and first runner up in the Miss 49er scholarship pageant. The Winston-Salem native is also a member of Omicron Delta Kappa national leadership honor society

and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority. She was nominated by the Black Student Union.

Brad, a junior, was nominated by the Black Student Union, and is its president. He is a member of Student Government Association and plans to attend law school and become a defense attorney.

• Stacey Price, a senior at Appalachian State University, is a recipient of Who's Who Among American Universities

and Colleges award.



Price

Stacey is currently a student teacher at East Mecklenburg High School and will graduate in May. Students were selected for the

award based on their academic and leadership positions.

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Vision of the future



Winthrop University students Kathy Miller and Terry Jones of Rock Hill (on left) attended "Vision 2000: Celebrating the Ideals of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." last month at the school. Also on hand for the celebration were Patricia Russell McCloud, (center right) guest speaker at the event, and Tracy Moore, (right) Winthrop's student development coordinator.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

An album of black Charlotte

The follow is excerpted from "An African American Album: The Black Experience in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County," published by the Public Library of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Throughout Mecklenburg and surrounding counties, black men and women toiled in cotton fields to bring economic prosperity to southern masters. When the Civil War ended in 1865, slaves were freed. These freed people left the plantations and congregated in towns like Charlotte or in adjacent communities with other former slaves. Frightened and angered by the end of their "southern" way of life, whites instituted a system of segregation specifically designed to usurp all social, economic and political rights gained by blacks immediately following the war. Jim Crow became an entrenched system by the last decade of the 19th century.

Despite the attempt to suppress their struggle for equality, black Charlotteans were proud of their southern and American heritage. Many refused to join the great wave of black migrants seeking better economic opportunity in northern cities. Instead, they defied the systematic usurpa-

tion of their civil rights by creating and maintaining a separate existence socially, culturally and often economically.

Black neighborhoods became the social, economic and political centers for African American Charlotteans. First Ward, Second Ward, Third Ward, Fourth Ward, Biddleville, Cherry, Greenville, Washington Heights, Griertown and others symbolized the seperateness. These neighborhoods served as living quarters, provided churches, health care facilities, educational institutions, businesses and leisure activities. In addition, these neighborhoods played major roles in the political arena. Because of the large voting block, political candidates often sought their patronage.

One of the most important agencies for maintaining cohesion and rendering social welfare was the church. In slavery, the church played a vital role in attending to the spiritual and social needs of slaves as well as aided in the successful escape of slaves to freedom. The institution of Jim Crow laws in the post Civil War era necessitated continuing that tradition of uplift and protest.

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Commencement banquet, Johnson C. Smith University, 1930.

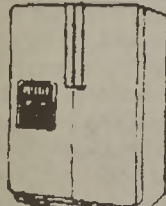


Clinton L. Blake, first principal of West Charlotte High School, 1938 - 1966.

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