City **Employee** of the Year Selected

Belinda Hardy, the 1994 city employee of the year, is praised for stepping up and taking a big role in helping out, no matter what the job may be.

Her enthusiasm and energy carry her far beyond the bounds of the duties that she is assigned in her job as custodian at the William C. Sims Sr. Recreation Center, where she has worked since coming with the city three years, ago.

Her nominator, Denise Scott-Johnson, says that Hardy, 40, is a "hard-working, conscientious employee" who "has demonstrated superior qualities and abilities." Going beyond the 40-hour work week, she volunteers "countless hours by assisting with the organizing, supervising and supporting of various programs." She has worked hard to help the self-esteem of residents of the Happy Hill community and "is dedicated to completing any task or challenge that is given to her."

One quality that especially characterizes Hardy is her willingness to work. She is "very sensitive to the needs of the recreation center and the participants it serves." She shows leadership ability, maturity and sound judgment even when decisions have to be made quickly. She is call a "dedicated" and "serviceoriented" worker who takes much pride in herself and in the community. She "has an enthusiastic way of helping and encouraging others which reflects a genuine concern and interest" for every-

Initiative is another of her strong qualities. She is the leader of the Girl Scouts at the Sims Center, the seamstress who sewed color-coordinated bow ties for the staff to wear at the center's anniversary celebration and the photographer. Her nominator says, "you name it, she'll do it."

Besides being a jack-of-alltrades, Hardy pays careful attention to her custodial work.. Mari-



Belinda Hardy

lyn B. Springs with the state Cooperative Extension Service, wrote, "The find quality of your work is reflected on how well my nutrition classes are going [at the center]. The kitchen, rooms, gym" and whole building "are in marvelous condition" because of "your unceasing efforts. Moreover, I have received a number of compliments from people. . . on the prompt and courteous manner which requests are handled."

Sims Center supervisor Ben Piggott say, Hardy "goes out of her way to make the total program a success. She helps with most of the center's special programs and always does it with a smile." She is "an A-1 coworker" who works hard keeping the building clean for events like Stop the Violence, daily and weekly programs, the Halloween carnival, the staff meetings (even buying refreshments out of her pocket), answering the phone and taking excellent notes when the staff is gone.

"The seniors love her," Piggott says. "She helps with the crochet class, the exercise class and the nutrition class. She is a role model for the younger gifls in the community" and "a familyoriented person."

Besides the schedule she follows at the Sims Center, the work that Belinda finds time to do in the community shows "her sincerity in helping with helping with the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual development of others," her nominator says. She is a member of Friendship Baptist Church and participates as a missionary in the church's Willing Workers Club, a member of the Spiritual Ensemble Choir and a member of the Choir Community Outreach which addresses

Cleveland Ave. Homes Receives Coveted ABS Cup

By RUDY ANDERSON Special to the Chronicle

The Cleveland Avenue Resource Center became the first recipient of the ABS Cup for outstanding participation of Cleveland Avenue Homes residents in the Adult Basic Skills program offered through Forsyth Technical Community College. The competition was arranged by the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem and Forsyth Technical Community College to promote recruitment efforts and bolster attendance of classes for adults who did not finish high school or just need to improve basic skills.

Kimberly Park, Cleveland Homes, Happy Hills and Piedmont Park Housing Communities have Forsyth Tech. GED and Adult Basic Skills classes that meet in each community's Resource Center. The Directors of the Centers were competing to see who could organize the most successful program.

The award was made Wednesday, Dec. 7, in the auditorium of the Sunrise Towers Apartment high-rise. Cleveland Resource Center won because the students in the class amassed nearly five hundred total contact hours of class time during the fall

quarter. For its efforts the Cleveland Avenue Resource Center received a large trophy which will be kept at the Resource Center until the next quarter is over. Cleveland Homes also received a floral arrangement donated by

Once the announcement was made, a heartfelt cheer erupted the Housing Authority, graciously from onlookers for the occasion. Several residents and staff members made open challenges to the

donated by Bi-Lo Foods.

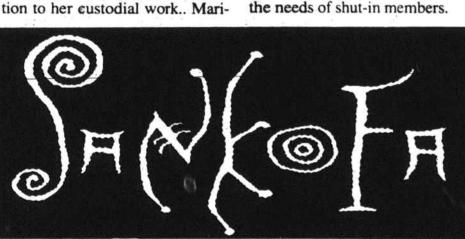
recipients of the trophy that they "should not get too use to having the ABS trophy around." Another presentation will be made at the end of the winter quarter, and as before, the resource center with the best overall attendance will Bo-Ty Florist and champagne carry the ABS Cup back to their neighborhood.

> Art Milligan, the director of added another incentive for the classes, saying that he would personally take and pay for the next

winning class to have lunch at the Piedmont Club. Milligan spoke to the residents about how education is the key to their escape from economic poverty to freedom. He left no uncertainly in the mind of anyone attending about how important he felt the ABS program was for the clients the city Housing Authority serves. Resident, city housing authority staff members, and teachers in the adult basic skills program. attended the ceremony.



Art Milligan (center) presents ABS Trophy to members of the Cleveland Avenue Resource Center.



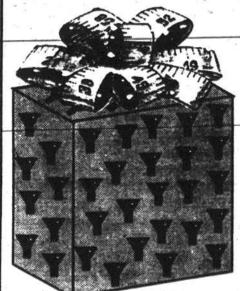
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