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Harding Senior Is Our Beauty

by JAMES PEELER Post Staff Writer

A sweet seventeen senior who sings soprano in Harding High School's chorus is this week's Charlotte Post Beauty.

She is Valerie Crawford, daughter of Mrs. Jeanette Crawford, and the late Authur Crawford, who lives at 433 Lloyd Street in the Fairview Homes in the Greenville Section of Charlotte.

The 5-foot, 4-inch, 118-pound Miss Crawford had just returned from the Opening Ceremonies of the brand new Greenville Community Center when we interviewed her last Tuesday and said, "It's real nice up there (at the Center)".

John Easons Vacationing In Europe

Mr. and Mrs. John Eason of 1024 Druid Circle left Charlotte Saturday, May 19th, via Capitol International Airways, for a week-long vacation.

Their 7-day stay, as part of a tour supervised by Arthur White, will include visits to Malaga, Terre Molinos, Costa Del Sol, Spain, Tangier, Cape Sparted, Caves of Hercules, Seville, Granada, and Morocco.

The Easons are scheduled to return on May 26th.

TURTLE-TALK



A NARROW MIND and a WIDE MOUTH often go together.

'Pushouts' New School Problems

Most school "dropouts" are in fact "pushouts" and most "pushouts" are minority students.

These are among the principal tenets of educators probing the new problem of student "pushouts." "Race Relations Reporter" magazine reports in its May issue that educators have coined the new word "pushout" to describe the problem even though the word and the problem still lack a precise definition.

The term first described students excluded from school by administrative expulsion or suspension. Now, however, "pushout" has acquired additional meaning to include students prevented from achieving their academic potential through a deliberate denial of opportunity.

The "Reporter" study by Lawrence Wright found that a child does not have to be forced out of school and on to the streets to qualify as a "pushout." It can be the non-English-speaking child who founders in class and repeatedly fails tests written in English. It can be the child who is denied relevant curricula. It can be the black or Mexican-American child whose needs are ignored or misunderstood by the teacher. Or it can be any child terrified by the racial hostility in the classroom.

According to the "pushout" premise, the "Reporter" article states, expulsions and dropping out of school merely culminate a history of rejection of the students' needs on the part of the schools. In other words, low academic achievement, disaffection from school, acting up in class, and severe behavioral problems do not generate each other. They are just stops on the way for a child being forced out of school.

A National Education Association (NEA) conference held in Washington, D.C., earlier this year prompted, "Race Relation's Reporter" to examine the "pushout" problem.



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THE INVOCATION, delivered by Dr. J.B. Humphrey, at rostrum, began the formal program of the Order of Exercises at the 106th Commencement of Johnson C. Smith University last Sunday. Platform guests included, left to right, Dr. West, Dr. H. Greenfield, President of JCSU, Dr. James W. Bryant, guest speaker, H. Alexander, and Dr. J.S. Brayboy.

JCSU Commencement Call 'Freedom Through Truth'

"America embrace us, or America destroy us," is the Machiavellian choice facing Blacks if it is impossible for all men to know freedom, declared Dr. James W. Bryant in his commencement address Sunday, May 20 for 225 graduates of Johnson C. Smith University.

With hundreds of alumni, friends and relatives standing in the packed Hartley Woods Gymnasium, the president of the Robert R. Moton Memorial Institute in New York City challenged departing Smith seniors to decide what each was going to do about creating necessary changes in society.

"Will you seek your freedom with dignity and strength of purpose, or with loudness and vulgarity?" Dr. Bryant questioned, "with bombs

and guns, or with the mighty verbal sword ... with an educated and open mind, or with a closed mind...with an enlightened and compassionate look at the present and hope for the future, or with distrust for all people who do not agree with you absolutely and adopt all of your ideas and all of your methods?"

Quoting a Life magazine article, Dr. Bryant pointed out to his 2,000 listeners that the younger generation took democratic ideals seriously, but found the practice of democracy "full of sham and deception, and mind you this came out before Watergate!"

Listing current problems of crime, whites fleeing to the suburb, drugs, busing school children, and lack of financial support of higher education "particularly black higher education," Dr. Bryant wondered, "will it be freedom or will it be racial genocide?"

He then named five democratic alternatives: (1) "Freedom to develop one's mind to its fullest capacities; (2) to experiment with new methods and new approaches; (3) to make use of the tools of collective bargaining if necessary; (4) to attend schools and colleges that are adequately funded and financed; (5) to live in decent homes wherever these homes may be, and at prices that are no higher than other people have to pay, without continuous harrassment and with full police protection and fair judicial treatment."

In closing, Dr. Bryant left the thought, "I sought my soul, but my soul I could not seek. I sought my God, but even He eluded me. I sought my brother, and I found all three."

The 106th commencement exercises were presided over by the JCSU president, Dr.

Wilbert Greenfield who awarded diplomas to graduates as they were presented by Dr. Jack S. Brayboy, vice president for Academic Affairs.

Dr. J.B. Humphrey, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Charlotte pronounced the invocation, and Dr. Joseph A. Gaston, Dean of Student Affairs at Smith pronounced the benediction.

Musical selections were rendered by the University Choir and the University Band, which also played for the processions.

The Seniors' Farewell was delivered by Miss Barbara Lynn Johnson of Philadelphia.

Hoskins Whips Hawks For 8th Straight Win

by BILL JOHNSON Post Manager - Editor

History was made in the popular Mecklenburg County Semi-pro baseball league Sunday afternoon when Larry Johnson, a 1.11 ERA pitcher for the Gunn Colts, pitched the first no-hitter in MCL history.

The masterpiece came at a significant moment for the sagging Colts, who have won only three of their first eight league games. And it is expected to provide the boost needed to put things in proper places for a team that is much better than its record indicates.

The Colts backed the performance with an assault that produced 19 runs for a 19-1 win, their best run-production of the season. Dan Johnson and Johnny Davis each contributed four hits and Joe Black added two singles.

Gunn had dropped a 5-0 decision to the Thrift Tigers on Saturday.

Other weekend results around the MCL were: Hoskins posted a 34-2 triumph over the Charlotte Eagles on Saturday and followed with a 13-3 romp over the Charlotte Hawks Sunday afternoon for their eighth win without defeat this season.

The Stein Hall Jets whipped the Huntersville Raiders, 9-7, Saturday afternoon. The contests between Huntersville and the Royal Bums and Stein Hall and Thrift were rained out Sunday.

In another tilt Saturday afternoon the Charlotte Hawks, edged the Royal Bums, 6-5.

Hoskins also established a league "first" when the Giants manufactured 34 runs against the Eagles. The total broke the record of 29 runs the Stein Hall Jets set against the Eagles last season.

The combined total of 36 tallies is another league

record for the most runs scored by two teams in a single contest.

Tom and James Withers and Bobby Reynolds set the pace in the overall hitting race with 10 home runs apiece. Withers also has 11 RBIs and Reynolds has 10. Reynolds also hit a double and a triple, for the winners.

The league-leading Giants also encountered very little difficulty in lacing the Hawks, 13-3, Sunday afternoon. Pitcher William Harlee led the triumph with a grand slam home run in addition to hurling a six-hitter.

Bobby Reynolds also wielded a big stick for the Giants, poling two singles, a triple and a homerun to account for three RBIs.

NCAA Sets Call Meeting For Tonight

The Northwest Community Action Association will stage a call meeting tonight, May 24, at the St. Luke Baptist Church, starting at 7:30 o'clock.

Members of the City Council have been invited to the meeting at 1109 Roddey Ave.

"We would like for them to meet with us to discuss the vitally important Capitol Improvement section of the bond referendum," Rev. Howard Campbell, chairman of NCAA, said early Wednesday morning.

Rev. Campbell also invites the public to attend the meeting which will have a discussion on the widening of LaSalle Street as one of the priorities on the agenda.

Clyde Brown Named Alumnus Of The Year

The Charlotte Chapter of the Johnson C. Smith University Alumni Association has named Clyde H. Brown as "Alumnus of the year" for the Charlotte Region.

Mr. Brown was chosen for this coveted award because of distinguished service to the Charlotte Chapter and the community. The esteemed John M. "Boo" Murphy Award was conferred upon him five times for having made the greatest contribution to the Chapter's Membership Drive. He has represented himself well as a member of the One-Hundred Club. He is a member of the TIP-OFF TOURNAMENT Committee and served as a team captain of the Greater Charlotte Edward Fund for Johnson C. Smith University.

Presently employed as a classroom teacher in the Charlotte - Mecklenburg Schools, Mr. Brown also finds

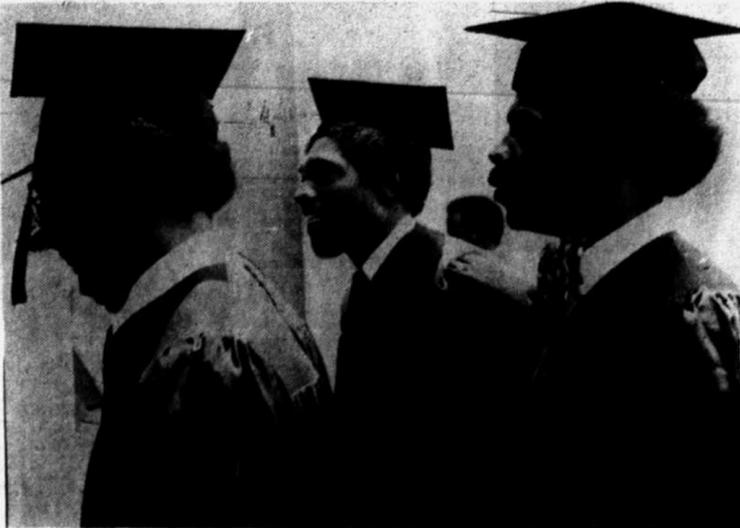
time for other community activities. A member of Simpson-Gillespie Memorial United Methodist Church, he serves on the Board of Trustees and sings in the choir. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Opportunities Industrialization Center, Charlotte Bureau incorporated and is Chairman of the Arrangements Committee for the annual North Carolina Fund Raising Dinner for the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. A member of the Pi Phi Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, he has to his credit its esteemed MAN OF THE YEAR AWARD. He serves on the Management and Review Committee of the Helping Hand Scholarship Program of the Model Cities Program.

Mr. Brown is an alumnus of Johnson C. Smith University, graduating in the class of '50.



CLYDE BROWN ... Ardent Worker

He received his Master's Degree in 1951 from College of University.



SHAW BOYD, second from left, nears completion of the long procession of 1972-73 graduates entering Hartley Woods Gymnasium for the 106th Commencement of Johnson C. Smith University. Shaw received the Bachelor of Science Degree along with approximately 72 other fellow students.