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LOVELY MARY VAUGHN  
...Central Piedmont student

## Miss Mary Vaughn

### Is Our Beauty

By Polly Manning  
Post Staff Writer

This week as our Beauty we are proud to feature Ms. Mary Vaughn. Mary is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Capers of 1829 Maribel Avenue.

Miss Vaughn is a 1972 graduate of West Charlotte High School. While attending West Charlotte Our Beauty was a member of the Art Club, The Red Cross, and "Las Trincess."

Mary has as her hobbies bicycle riding, skating, dancing, and sewing. Earth, Wind, and Fire, along with Kool and The Gang, are her favorite recording stars. "Their music has a certain rhythm that seems to draw you to the dance floor magnetically," exclaimed Miss Vaughn.

Mary and her family attend Friendship Baptist Church where Rev. Coleman Kerry is the minister. Miss Vaughn's father, Mr. and Mrs. John Price, Mr. and Mrs. John Love, Mr. and Mrs. John Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hampton, and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Holman were among the many people seen having par busting fun.

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York. "I am really impressed by the tremendous amount of water that is in Norfolk. I would just love to see it all," smiled our Beauty.

Mary is born under the sign of Capricorn. She describes them as being very quiet, stubborn, and they enjoy music.

Miss Vaughn's favorite actor is Redd Foxx. "I like him, not because he's funny, but because he's a good actor. I admire him because although he is an older man, he hasn't let his age interfere with his performance."

Mary comes from a family of all boys. "I have three brothers and I'm the only girl. It is really terrible because I have to do everything that is considered women's work."

The 140 pound, 5-foot-7, Miss Vaughn is also the proud mother of a 20 month old son, Tyrone. Mary admits that she is a "daddy's girl."

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## Black Caucus Members Worked For Bonds Issue

By James Cuthbertson  
Post Staff Writer

The Charlotte Post has learned from reliable sources that while some officials of the Black Political Caucus were leading a publicity campaign to oppose the April 8 Bond Referendum, a large number of Caucus members were supporting the issue.

Walter Ricks

Joins Morgan's

Committee

Walter Ricks, an Assistant North Carolina Attorney General, has been appointed to the staff of the Select U. S. Senate Committee which will investigate U. S. intelligence agencies' activities.

Ricks, 28, will leave his present post next week to go to Washington. He has served since 1970 in the Lands and Contracts Division at the Department of Justice.

Ricks was named the first black Assistant Attorney General by Robert Morgan, who was then Attorney General and is now U. S. Senator from North Carolina. It was Morgan, a member of the Select Committee, who named Ricks to the committee staff.

A native of Atlanta, Ricks attended Hillside High School in Durham, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and received his law degree from North Carolina Central University.

Ricks' wife is the former Sybil Ray of Deep River, an instructor and member of Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, pastored by Rev. T. W. Samuels, for 17 years. She is a member of the Ushers Board, Secretary of the Matrons, and Financial Secretary of the District Matron Association.

Mrs. Appling, a former

"I was one of those who worked for passage of the bond," admitted Charles Porter, a Caucus leader who is the chairman of Precinct 12. "I felt the bonds would provide more jobs for Black people."

According to Mr. Porter some of the other Blacks in the Charlotte community who supported the bonds were Charles Gillespie, Cedric Jones; Leroy Polk, Mrs. William McCombs, city councilman Harvey Gantt, Dr. Wilbert Greenfield, James Polk, C. D. Rippey, the Rev. Norman E. Kerry, Rev. Coleman W. Kerry Jr., State Senator Fred Alexander, County Commissioner Rowe Motley, Rev. J. Arthur White, Rev. Morgan Tann, Dr. Harold Pride, Mrs. Carolyn Gilmore, Mrs. Ann Williams, Mrs. Kathleen Crosby, Mrs. Gwendolyn Cunningham, and Mrs. Lena Sammons.

Mrs. McCombs, Willie Huffman, Mrs. Williams, George Wallace, Joseph W. Harper III are reported to be members of the Caucus.

When asked if the decision to work in opposition to the Caucus's decision to defeat the referendum would breed another political action group, Mr. Porter said he has heard nothing about a possible new group, noting that "it remains to be seen as to whether the Black Caucus can mend its wounds so that it will not have so many individual members voicing opposition to a group decision."

Mr. Porter had no comment when asked, "If it was possible for such a disjointed group to effectively lead the masses of Charlotte's Black community."

He seemed pleased with the final reports that the responses of the precincts.

The Alliance Francaise (The French Alliance) will meet April 25th at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium Room of the Public Library, 310 N. Tryon. The public is invited to come and see some slides of South America presented by Dr. Pierre Macy.

## Labor Department Says:

# Black Unemployment Climbs To Post World War Two High

## March Jobless Rate Rose To 14.2 Percent

WASHINGTON - The black unemployment rate rose to 14.2 percent in March, up from 13.5 percent in February, the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported.

The Labor Department reported that the March increase in joblessness was shared by virtually all worker groups. Rates were near or above recorded all-time highs also for women, teenagers, whites, household heads and fulltime workers.

Belmont Abbey

To Exhibit

Fair's Paintings

Paintings by Charlotte artist, Preston Fair, will be exhibited in the Belmont Abbey College Library from Wednesday, April 16th, through Tuesday, April 22. Mr. Fair is a 1953 graduate of North Carolina A & T College and is one of Charlotte's leading amateur artists.

The exhibit will consist of 25 paintings, many of which have been displayed in art contests throughout the Southeast, and is sponsored by the Black Union of Belmont College. Fair's work is in the style of African primitive art.

Because there was also a decrease in the number of hours, maintenance

Blacks accounted for about 30 percent of "discouraged workers"--workers who became discouraged with job prospects and give up the search for work.

On a national basis, unemployment increased further and employment continued to decline in March.

At 8.7 percent, the Nation's unemployment rate was up 0.5 percentage point from January and February and 4.1 percentage points from the October 1973 low. This was the highest rate since 1941.

Total employment (as measured by the monthly survey of households) declined by nearly 200,000 in March to 83.8 million. Though not as large as in earlier months, this marked the sixth consecutive month of employment reductions, which have totaled 2.6 million since last September. With the unemployment increase of 500,000 exceeding the employment decrease, the labor force rose by over 300,000; this increase partially erased the large labor force drop in February.

Total nonagricultural payroll employment (as measured by the monthly survey of establishments) also continued to decrease in March, but the 325,000 drop--to 76.4 million--was not as sharp as in previous months. Since last October, nonagricultural payroll jobs have receded by 2.5 million, with the manufacturing and construction industries bearing the brunt of the cut.



COL. WILLIAM "BILL" POGUE  
...Space Administration Astronaut

## Col. Bill Pogue Is JCSU Speaker

Johnson C. Smith University will present Colonel William "Bill" Pogue, noted National Aeronautics and Space Administration astronaut, as the keynote speaker for the Annual Honor invocation to be held in the University Church on Thursday, April 24 at 10:00 a.m.

Colonel Pogue is one of the 19 astronauts selected by NASA in April 1966. He served as a member of the astronaut support crews for the Apollo 11, and 14 missions.

Pogue, as all

history of manned space exploration to date. He was accompanied on the record-setting 34.5 million-mile flight by Gerald P. Carr (commander and Dr. Edward G. Gibson (science-pilot).

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