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ALLURING DEBORAH WALKER
...Johnson C. Smith junior

Lovely Deborah Walker

Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Polly Manning
Post Staff Writer

The Capitol City of Washington, D. C. is the birthplace of our Beauty for this week, Miss Deborah Walker.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Margaree McCrae of 3947 Pennsylvania Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C.

The 1974 graduate of Anacostia Senior High School was a member of the Homecoming Committee, a majorette and Student Director of the Senior Class.

After graduation, Miss Walker was persuaded by some of her friends to come to school down South. The college they had in mind was Johnson C. Smith University. It is on the campus of Smith that our Beauty makes her home away from home.

Deborah is a Junior majoring in Political Science. "I am very interested in the field of law," smiled Miss Walker.

"After graduation, I have plans of going back to Washington to work in Politics for about two years. I then plan to go to Howard University to get my masters degree in Political Science. Since Howard is in Washington, I feel that I can keep my job while attending graduate school," she concluded.

If you have seen the Smith Band in action this season, you probably have seen Deborah.

She is a majorette with the band. "The band is a big improvement this year," she explained. "Everyone seems to be very interested in us,

maybe it's the new uniforms."

Miss Walker said that the band has already begun working hard on their Homecoming Show. "Since we are playing Livingstone, I feel there will be a battle of the bands as well as a battle of the teams. We are going to be ready for them, I'm sure of it." Deborah has been a part of the Smith band since her arrival in 1974.

The hobbies of our Beauty are horseback riding, although she doesn't get much practice here, and swimming, (sometimes).

Deborah is born under the sign of Cancer. She admits that she isn't really into astrology so she doesn't know too much about her sign.

Miss Walker is very excited

about being first-runner-up to

"Miss Kappa Alpha Psi" for this school year. "I really like the Kappas and I really consider it an honor to be a part of their court. Although I won't actually be participating in the coronation ceremonies, I'm still honored." Although Homecoming for Johnson C. Smith is a few weeks away Miss Walker is still anxiously awaiting it's coming. "My parents and my one sister are coming down and I'm really expecting it to be exciting," she smiled.

For the benefit of other girls that may read this story our Beauty would like to advise you "to be yourself, and always work towards your goal in life."

School Funding Level

At All-Time Low

"The percentage of the state General Fund going to public schools has dropped to a dangerous low level," according to Dr. A. C. Dawson, executive secretary of the North Carolina Association of Educators.

"This year only 45 percent of the General Fund will go to public schools. In 1968-69 we put 54 percent of our money into public schools. In 1958-59 the amount was 64 percent, and in 1948-49 it was 70 percent," Dr. Dawson continued.

"We need to put at least 50 percent of the General Fund into public schools to assure competitive education for our children," Dr. Dawson said.

NCAE President Dean Westmoreland, a Kings Mountain High School teacher, agreed.

"The influences and experiences of the classroom last a lifetime," Westmoreland said. "We need to make our public schools the best that we can because they're vital to our way of life."

"One of the major differences between America and the rest of the world is our free public education for all. In 1976 we hope the General Assembly will remember the public school heritage of 1776 and appropriate at least 50 percent of the state General Fund for public schools," Westmoreland said.

President Westmoreland

and Dr. Dawson are urging educators in each of 15 NCAE district professional conferences across the state to support increased funding for public schools.

More than 2,000 teachers, principals, supervisors, superintendents and others will attend the District 6 conference Tuesday, September 30, at Charlotte's Garringer High School. Mecklenburg County is District 6.

Bert Locke of Independence High, district president, will preside over an 8:30 a.m. general session.

Students To Get

Another Holiday

On September 30

Tuesday, September 30, will be a holiday for all Charlotte-Mecklenburg public school students.

The day is set aside for teachers to attend district teachers' meetings or for a professional workday for teachers not attending the meeting.

All schools and school system offices will be open.

Students will resume their regular schedule on Wednesday, October 1.

United House Of Prayer's Annual Holy Convocation Begins Sunday Morning

Top Vote Getter

Harvey Gantt Wins

Overwhelming Victory

"I am very pleased and amazed and quite grateful to the voters who expressed their confidence in me," city councilman Harvey Gantt said late Wednesday.

The Black architect with the Gantt-Huberman Associates, who was appointed to the council last year to fill the unexpired term of Fred Alexander, was the overwhelming favorite in a lack-luster pri-

mary election here Tuesday which attracted only 21,904 of the 120,000 eligible voters in Charlotte.

He received 10,427 votes to lead the Democrat and Republican candidates who will seek election in the November general election.

A local branch bank manager and the only other Black among the candidates, Bob Walton received 6,119 votes and will be among the seven Democrats who will challenge the Republicans in early November.

Jim Whittington, Joe Withrow, Betty Chafin, A. Myles Haynes and Ann Burns were the other Democrats nominated, along with Republicans Pat Locke, Neil Williams, Mike Mullins, Peter Gerns, Louis M. Davis, Nilo Nicolai, and Ron Brown.

"My future plans include working hard to get elected in November hoping that the candidates can discuss the issues more. The campaign just completed was dull," Gantt continued, concluding that "I attribute my success to the people. Evidently, we got our message across that we cared about the people."

MAYOR JOHN BELK

Mayor John Belk, who is seeking re-election, was the people's choice for the top position, easily defeating state Senator Jim McDuffie, 9,915 to 6,621.

A solid choice at the predominantly Black precincts, Belk will next face Republican Henry B. "Hank" Wilmer and Labor Party candidate Mark Englander in the November 4 election.

Walton stated, "I am very pleased with the results. I thought we ran well as a newcomer. Regardless of civic endeavors and involvements, it is a different ballgame when you are running for office."

He concluded, "I am looking forward to November. I feel good about the election. I garnered 6,200 votes. I attribute my success to the fact that I am a banker and a minister who has been actively involved in the community and as a result of a good campaign organization."

Price Index

Rose Slightly

In August

The Wholesale Price Index for all Commodities rose 0.8 percent from July to August on a seasonally adjusted basis, it was reported by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor.

Higher prices for industrial commodities more than offset lower prices for farm products.

The industrial commodities index moved up 0.6 percent in August after seasonal adjustment, following increases of 0.4 percent in each of the 2 preceding months. The largest increase was for fuels and related products and power.

Prices for farm products declined 1.5 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis. The sharpest decreases occurred for fresh fruits and vegetables and cattle. The index for processed foods and feeds averaged 0.3 percent higher, led by advances for vegetable oils, roasted coffee, pork, and sugar and confectionery. In July, the indexes for farm products and processed foods and feeds had risen 6.6 percent and 3.3 percent, respectively, on a seasonally adjusted basis.

The All Commodities WPI is seasonally adjusted independently and is not derived by adding together its seasonally adjusted components. On occasion, as in August, this procedure can produce situations in which changes in components are inconsistent with changes in the total, particularly when prices fluctuate widely.

Hemphill Joins Edmond Johnson's Firm

By James Cuthbertson
Post Staff Writer

Ever since he was a small boy, Paul Edward Hemphill's friends used to run when they saw him coming because they knew he was ready to debate, whether it was a discussion of the best football team in the country, whether Ford was better than Chevy or who was the worst teacher in Plato Price Junior High School where he was a student.

And today, years later the natural born-orator will be putting his skills into practice when he becomes a licensed lawyer in the State of North Carolina on September 25.

The graduate of The University of North Carolina at Charlotte (1972) and the May 1975 graduate of North Carolina Central University's Law School will begin work shortly for the Edmond R. Johnson firm, located at 915 West Fifth Street, Suite 202.

What's his advice to youngsters aspiring to be lawyers?

"My advice would be to get

as much experience in practicing writing as possible. They should major in either History or English or if they are interested in corporate law they should major in business or accounting."

"You should also be prepared to study hard for both the coursework and the Bar. The Bar is really frightening," smiled Hemphill who said that it was so because "after studying for six years or more if you don't pass it you can not practice."

The native Charlottean attended Woodland Elementary, Plato Price Elementary, Plato Price Junior High, York Road High School and graduated from Olympic High School. In high school he was a junior marshal, bus driver, Science Club member, National Honor Society member, in the Experimental Group project and graduated in the top



BISHOP W. MCCULLOUGH
...House Of Prayer leader

Gregory Davis Wins

Hagemeyer Award

By James Cuthbertson
Post Staff Writer

A UNCC student is the 1975 winner of the Richard H. Hagemeyer Educational Advancement Award given annually at Central Piedmont Community College.

The award of \$250 was presented during the College's Fall Faculty Conference in Pease Auditorium on Monday, September 22 between 10:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Made possible through an anonymous friend of the institution, the Award honored Gregory Davis for his achievement.

Davis, a blind student is a native of New York City, who moved to North Carolina in 1963. He attended the North Carolina School for the Blind through the ninth grade and completed high school through the CPCC Adult Education Program and in December of 1974 he received his Associate in Arts Degree while serving two terms as president of the

Student Government Association.

In 1974 Davis was honored as one of 10 U. S. college students forming the College University Bicentennial Task Force under the auspices of the American Revolution Bicentennial Administration. Working with this Task Force, he was at UCLA in California from July 1 through September 15, 1974, preparing plans for the role of university and college students in the celebration of the country's 200th birthday.

A member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, Davis is listed in Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges and is continuing his academic work as a junior at UNCC where he is a member of the UNCC Student Legislature and chairman of Political Affairs Committee for the Black Student Union.

"I feel that CPCC gave me the necessary guidance and confidence that has afforded

See Davis on page 7

Baptismal Services Set

For Oct. 5

By James Peeler
Post Feature Writer

The 49th Annual HOLY CONVOCATION of The United House of Prayer For All People in Charlotte will begin this Sunday, September 28th and last through Sunday, October 5th.

The annual event will be held at the Mother House of Prayer at 2321 Beatties Ford Road in northwest Charlotte and will feature preaching, singing, choirs, baptizing and band exhibitions.

Wednesday workmen from Watt Plumbing, Heating and Cooling Company were busy installing six 20-ton air conditioning units to cool the hugh crowd that normally attends the yearly service. A Watt Plumbing spokesman said "we are doing our darndest to have it ready by Sunday"

Scheduled events include: Introductory Services by Mother House of Prayer Pastor Elder C. Wilkerson at 11 a.m. on Sunday, September 28; Convening of the General Council, Monday through Friday, beginning each day at 11 a.m.; a Ball Game on Saturday, October 5; Baptismal Service in the Church Pool at 11 a.m., followed that evening at 2 p.m. with Band Exhibitions on the House of Prayer Ground. According to advance publicity, "God's Holy Prophet, Bishop W. McCullough, will be Guest Speaker each night" during the Holy Convocation.

Host for the 49th Annual Holy Convocation include: Elder C. Wilkerson, Pastor of the Mother House of Prayer and State Chairman, Elder C. E. Overstreet, Pastor of Charlotte House of Prayer Number 2, and Assistant State Chairman; Elder J. R. Young, Assistant Pastor of the Mother House of Prayer; Elder J. Wynn of Biddleville Mission; Elder S. Guy of North Charlotte House of Prayer Number 2; Elder J. Crawford of First Ward House of Prayer; Elder H. Williams of Third Ward House of Prayer; Elder R. Patton of Matthews House of Prayer; Elder W. Sims Jr. of Concord House of Prayer; and Elder S. Ford of Derita House of Prayer.

The Huntersville District will be represented by Elder C. M. Shankle, District Chairman and pastor of Huntersville House of Prayer; Elder S. L. Mills of Gastonia House of Prayer; Elder O. Alexander of Mallard-Creek House of Prayer; Elder H. Little of Mooresville House of Prayer; Elder O. Smith of Statesville House of Prayer; Elder J. Jackson of Hickory House of Prayer; Elder P. Morrison of Cherryville House of Prayer; Elder J. Barringer of Dallas House of Prayer; and Elder A. F. Grier of Lancaster, S. C. House of Prayer.

The public is invited to come and enjoy this week of spiritual festivities at the House of Prayer For All People founded by Bishop C. M. Grace.

It will be the fifth exhibition of the famous House of Prayer Marching Bands. Bands will come from throughout the country to compete in the drilling, twirling, footstomping and clapping involved in the exciting and rewarding House of Prayer bands competition.



Paul Hemphill
...An aspiring lawyer

Admitting that he is ready to practice what he has learned in theory, Hemphill urges everyone in Charlotte to come pay the firm of Edmond R. Johnson a visit when they need legal counseling.



The LORD gave us two ends to use, ONE to think with, and ONE to sit on...It all depends on which you choose, HEADS you win, TAILS you lose.