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Charlotte Post's Top 10 Seniors From CMS Schools

By James Cuthbertson

Post Staff Writer

Sewing, piano playing, and organ playing are the hobbies of the 1976 Charlotte Post Senior of the Year.

During her high school years she was a junior varsity cheerleader, and a member of the National Honor Society, Debate Team, the Student Council and the Cooperative Education and ROTC programs.

Graduating number nine in her class of 286, the 2105 Millerton Avenue daughter of Mrs. Louise N. Garland is President of her Homeroom,

and a District Youth Officer in the A.M.E. Zion Church (treasurer) and was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students and the Society of Distinguished High School Students.

Cheryl Dean Garland's awards include being March's WSOC Scholar of the month, the Senior Army Instructor (tops for two years) and the ROTC Cadet Corp's Honor Society Award.

"She is an ideal student," are the comments given by her teachers and counselors at Harry P. Harding High School.

The Head Varsity Cheer-

leader at Independence High School ranks 39 in a class of about 600, is a member of the National Honor Society and the order of the Patriot (service Club), the French Club, and the Band, the Student Council and the NAACP. She also is a bus driver and received the Most Outstanding Sophomore Award and the Daughters of the American Republic Award from the school.

Over 50 of Charlotte-Mecklenburg's finest teenagers competed for this honor. They were all nominated by committees at their respective schools and selected by a committee of area guidance counselors.

Teresa Annette Johnson, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otto B. Johnson of 1912 Trentwood Place will attend North Caro-

lina A&T University next year to study Engineering.

Sixteen year-old Eric Law of 2937 Botany Street is the son of Dr. and Mrs. James R. Law. He is the first Black graduate of Charlotte Country Day High School and the only area winner of the prestigious four year \$1,000 National Achievement Scholarship. He won the 1975 Harvard Book Award denoting the top junior boy at his school, served as treasurer of the National Honor Society, co-president of the Latin Club, sports editor of the school newspaper called "The Moni-

tor" and participated in the varsity sports of soccer, baseball, and track.

Tennis and Golf are the hobbies of the young man who ranked fifth in his class of 60.

Modeling, Hiking, Skating, and helping others are the hobbies of pretty Linda Brattton who will attend either North Carolina Central or Howard University in the fall.

The 3500 Manchester Drive daughter of Mrs. Carrie Brattton is 18 years old and an outstanding senior at South Mecklenburg. In the past year she was the 1975-76 Sabre Homecoming Queen, the

ROTC Queen, and served as Head Varsity Cheerleader in addition to gaining a letter in track, the Field and Track Award, the Outstanding Teen Award and the Language Arts and Social Studies Award.

Ranking in the top 12 percent in her class of 568, Linda who has been a cheerleader since ninth grade found time to serve as a cheerleader for the former World Football League Charlotte Hornets and her YMCA and as a church choir and Ivey's Teen Board member.

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Mary Morrow
...North Star editor

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MRS. BERNETTA PARKER
...Central Piedmont student

Bernetta Parker

Is Beauty Of Week

By Polly Manning

Post Staff Writer

A Central Piedmont Community College student whose ambition is to become a nursing secretary has been chosen as our Beauty of the Week.

Mrs. Bernetta Parker is that student. She lives with her husband Charles and their two daughters, Julie, 7 and Sherry 6, at 1200 Georgetown Drive.

At the present time Bernetta is employed at Presbyterian Hospital as a nursing secretary. Her duties as she explained them are to transcribe doctors orders, keep patients charts up to date, and give medication according to the doctors instructions.

Our Beauty is a graduate of Second Ward High School where she played the clarinet in the Marching Band.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Boggan of 800 Kingston Avenue.

While attending Second Ward Bernetta enjoyed her Math classes most of all. "I liked all of my math teachers," she stated and I was fascinated with the various ways to solve the problems." Mrs. Parker's favorite teacher was Mr. Cooper. "He was our band director and besides from being very understanding he didn't expect a lot from

his students. This is what I liked most about him."

Bernetta's hobbies are Tennis, dancing and reading all types of novels. As a family the Parker's enjoy teaching their daughters to play tennis. She and her husband also enjoy going to movies and parties.

Bernetta is born under the sign of Taurus and describes them as being very affectionate, and the majority of the time desiring their own way.

The Parker family attend Mount Moriah Primitive Baptist Church where Rev. T. W. Samuels is the pastor.

Our Beauty's favorite foods are rib-eye steak, green beans and cream potatoes. Her favorite colors are brown and beige.

The person Bernetta most admires is her sister-in-law, Mrs. Virginia Blackmon. "She is a great person all-around," explained Mrs. Parker. "She has a very outstanding personality and appears to be liked by everyone."

Bernetta is also very fond of her beautician, Charles Williams. "I feel that Charles is a very odd and unique beautician. He plays with your hair and experiments. He makes up his own hair styles and if it doesn't look good on you he will not give it to you. He is really the best I've found in Charlotte."

Bernetta's favorite actor is Billy Dee Williams. She states that she likes him because of his looks and because he reminds her of her husband. "They both always seem to be so cool," she smiled.

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A GOSSIP: One who can give you all the details without knowing any of the facts.



Ignoring Needs Of Black People

Blevins Leaves CAF

Resignation Effective May 9

By Sidney Moore Jr.

Post Staff Writer

"Nothing is controversial about it," said community organizer Dave Blevins of the Charlotte Area Fund about his May 3 letter of resignation to his boss Sam Kornegay.

Kornegay, executive director of the fund, readily agreed when he was contacted about the resignation Tuesday.

"People resign from jobs everyday," said Kornegay noting that he had resigned and been rehired for the job he now holds. "Nothing is special about this one (Blevin's resignation).

"What can I say," Kornegay added, indicating that he is aware that some people would want to read about Blevins but saying that the resignation holds no significance from this point-of-view.

Blevins explained his point-of-view by saying his resignation is "simply...ah...for my own good. I think it's time to move on to something new."

Although no offer has been made, yet, Blevins is hopeful that his next job will offer more challenge and responsibility. He also said authority is "another factor" he will be looking for in his search.

The resignation has not been finalized by the Area Fund but neither Blevins nor Kornegay made remarks about the possibility of reconciliation. Blevins requested in his letter that it become effective on Friday, May 9. He indicated that it may take longer for the fund to name a replacement for him at the East Side Neighborhood Community Center.

"I think I learned a lot - accomplished a lot," said Blevins about his eight years with the area fund. During that time, he worked as a training officer and planner before becoming an organizer.

The Richmond Indiana native came to Charlotte after For The Year 1976

graduating from Wheaton College in Chicago and after receiving a graduate degree at Columbia University in New York City.

He was reluctant to assess overall changes or the effectiveness of organizing has had to develop that black community in Charlotte. He did cite the heightened awareness of people in both the black and white communities as the major advance he has observed in his experience as an organizer.

Educational

Program Offered

For 55, Older

Senior Scholars, a non-profit organization sponsoring educational programs for adults 55 and older, will offer a variety of free lectures and workshops for Charlotte-area senior citizens in May. The programs include a "May Potpourri," a piano concert by Gary Towlin, "Health Maintenance for Older Adults" and "May Days at the Greenville Center."

The "May Potpourri," a series of varied and informative topics, begins on Tuesday, May 4 with "I See What You Mean-A Look Into The World Of The Blind." The program, led by Ms. Sharon Jennings of Central Piedmont Community College's Services for the Blind, will feature a participatory "trust walk," a film and discussion. On Tuesday, May 11, Police Officer M. J. Wilson, Jr. will conduct a "Self-Protection Walkshop" focusing on personal safety methods and measures for older adults.

Chuck Stites of the Community School of the Arts will offer a music program based on the Orff-Schulwerk method of music appreciation and instruction on Friday, May 14.

MRS. KATIE J. WILLIAMS
...Interline payables clerk

Ms. Katie Williams

Is "Mother Of Year"

By James Cuthbertson

Post Staff Writer

As she sat in her living room pinning pattern pieces to some beautiful cloth for an evening gown for her mother and herself. "Mrs. Katie J. Williams, the 1976 Charlotte Post Mother of The Year," gave her opinion of what makes a good mother.

"Understanding and tolerance," she said. "Also a devoted and loving husband helps to make a mother a good mother."

Our mother of the year who lives at 5401 Evanshire Drive is a 42-year-old Charlotte native who is the wife of Sergeant First Class, Arthur Wil-

liams, 44, and the mother of five children, all who have ranked in the top percentage of their classes.

Mrs. Williams, who is an Interline payables clerk at Johnson Motor Lines, attends Greater Bethel AME Church where "she is very active in numerous church organizations and functions and a dedicated Christian; one whom you can always call upon when a need arises," said Reverend L. S. Penn.

Her former minister, the Rev. Harry D. Patterson had these words to say.

"She's one of the best people I've ever worked with. See Mrs. Williams on page 7

Candidates Failed To Impress Black Caucus

By Hoyle H. Martin, Jr.

Post Staff Writer

On Sunday at the final session of the Caucus of Black Democrats 3-day issues conference, held at the Charlotte Civic Center, last weekend some 1,200 delegates and observers witnessed four Democratic presidential candidates attempt to answer questions of national significance and of particular concern to black Americans.

Rep. Morris Udall of Arizona, Senator Frank Church of Idaho, former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter and California Governor Edmund "Jerry" Brown, Jr. appeared for 2 hours before a panel of six caucus members who asked each of them 10 questions developed from the 12 issues that formed the basis of the conference. The appearance of the candidates was a part of their effort to respond to complaints by black leaders that they, the candidates, were not only ignoring the needs of blacks but were also neglecting to campaign among blacks.

On the conference's stated priority issue - full employment - the four candidates all agreed it should be the first national priority. Each further expressed support for the Humphrey-Hawkins bill, currently pending before Congress. The four candidates were also unanimous in their opposition to a guaranteed minimum income on the grounds that welfare reform and passage of the proposed full employment legislation would better meet human need.

All the candidates said they would appoint black judges in the South, be "color blind" in selecting a running mate but each stopped short of promising to choose a black VP running mate, support increased funding for black col-

Program To Provide 1,800 Jobs

Dwight M. Leonard, Manager of the Charlotte office, has announced that the Employment Security Commission will operate the Summer Youth Work Experience Program for the City of Charlotte.

The target date for beginning the eight week program is June 14.

The program will serve youths who reside in the city limits of Charlotte. To qualify, youths must meet the federal eligibility guidelines established for the program. The program will serve economically disadvantaged youths ranging from ages 14 through 21. Youths presently enrolled in the In-School Program will be given special consideration.

Junior high and senior high students will work 30 hours per week at an hourly rate of \$2.30, while college students will work 40 hours per week at the same hourly rate. Work sites will vary throughout the city.

Funds from Title I and Title III grants will provide for approximately 1,800 jobs for youths during the summer. Jobs will be located in non-sectarian, public and non-profit agencies.

Initially, the program will be operated from the Alexander Street Center. The staff will consist of a supervisor, three employment interviewers, and one clerk-typist.

Charles Ed Morris Jr.
...1952 Class member

Regents and the Board of Higher Education, and Affirmative Action Black Affairs.

years in Detroit, Michigan working in the automobile industry. Returning to North Carolina in 1954, he taught for four years at William Penn High School in High Point, North Carolina.

In 1958, Charles Morris began what was proved to be a fruitful association with the University of Illinois in Urbana. His stay began when he entered the University as a participant in the UI Mathematics Academic Year Institute. He was awarded the Master of Science degree in mathematics the following year (1959).

From 1959 to 1962, Mr. Morris worked as a Research Associate with the University of Illinois Committee on School Mathematics and as a teacher in the University High School. From 1962 to 1966, he served as a teaching assistant in the Department of Mathematics and in 1966 after having received the Ph. D. in mathematics, Charles Morris was appointed Associate Professor of Mathematics at Illinois State University.

Subsequent appointments at Illinois State include Directorship of the Preservice Institute in Mathematics (1967-1972), Directorship of Summer Institutes for Teachers of Lower Division College Mathematics (1969-1971) and Acting Director of the High Poten-

tial Students Program (1968-1970). The academic year 1972-73 saw Charles Morris serving an internship in academic administration in the office of Undergraduate Instruction at ISU, a program sponsored by the American Council on Education. This period of internship was followed by his appointment as Secretary of the University, the position which he now holds.

As secretary of the University, Mr. Morris has responsibility for Personnel Services, Health and Safety Services, Environmental Services, Governance Services, Liaison Services, with the Board of