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MISS JALYNE STRONG

...Queens College freshmen

Attractive Jalyne Strong

Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Melvetta Wright
Post Staff Writer

Miss Jalyne Strong, a freshman Sociology major at Queens College, is this week's Beauty.

New York born, Jalyne is a graduate of West Charlotte High School where she was a member of the Fashion Merchandising Club and of the 1974 West Charlotte Homecoming Court.

After graduating from high school, Jalyne returned to her native state and attended the Fashion Institute of Technology for a year. She returned to Charlotte and after about a year of being undecided about her future, enrolled at Queens College.

"When I was out of school," Jalyne said, "I realized that I could put myself to better use by going on to college.

"I like Queens," she continued. "It's a very good school, but I don't think that enough Black women in Charlotte take advantage of it.

"I've heard some people say that a four-year college is a waste of time. But I feel that it gives you a very well-rounded education because you get exposed to a lot of people and things that you wouldn't get in your own community."

When asked which city she prefers, Jalyne said that she likes both Charlotte and New York - "Charlotte because of its friendly people and New York because of its excitement."

Jalyne is employed part-time at the Tryon Mall Library and also does modeling for the art classes at Queens College.

Modeling is one of her hobbies and Jalyne stressed that she is really interested in photographic modeling as opposed to runway modeling.

Presently, she said that because of school and her job she has little time for modeling but that she is anxious to get back into it. As a matter of fact, she said that she was very pleased to have been

chosen as a Beauty of the Week because she hopes it will get her the exposure she needs to get back into modeling.

Jalyne said that she wants to be a probation officer after she graduates from Queens, instead of going into professional modeling.

"I like modeling," she said. "But I don't think it's that great a career. I'd rather have a substantial career where I can work with people. Modeling is glamorous, but people are more interesting.

"And, too, if I went into modeling professionally, it would be for selfish reasons. But in social work I can help somebody else."

Jalyne was born November 22, 1957 under the sign of Scorpio. She describes Scorpios as being "intent people who open up only after they get to know others."

Jalyne said that she, like other born Scorpios, is stubborn, but clarified it by saying that she is stubborn in the sense that "I don't like people to tell me I can't do something when I have my mind set to do it."

City Council Approves

Seven District Plan

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
Post Executive Editor

By a 4-3 vote the Charlotte City Council approved a district representation plan on Monday that would enlarge the current seven-member City Council to 11 and group neighborhoods with similar characteristics into seven electoral districts.

The districting plan will be submitted to the voters for possible approval on April 19. All 7 city council members are currently elected at-large, however, if the plan is approved, the fall city elections would call for the election of 7 council members elected from districts and 4 elected at-large.

The entire matter of district representation was forced on the City Council by pressure from a citizen's petition headed by Sam H. Smith and the Westside Community Organization. Smith's organization and 16 other neighborhood groups have since banded together in an effort to educate the public about district representation. The petition pressure arose after the majority of the city council members had expressed support for districting when seeking re-election and then failed to follow through on their campaign commitment.

The council's 4-3 split vote on approving a district plan for the April 19 referendum ballot was in part the result

of a young woman with inspiring ideas, Jalyne said that she took a course entitled "Women In Society" at Queens last semester that helped her to realize some of her beliefs.

She said, "I feel that women are guilty of not going after what they want out of life. Instead of fulfilling themselves (by way of a career, etc.) women tend to take second best (like marriage and a family). I don't really believe in marriage, especially before the two people find themselves. I feel that two people who are married will be happier together if each is happy with himself."

Jalyne believes that each day should be lived to its fullest. She said that people shouldn't put things off and shouldn't let anything discourage them from doing what they want to do or feel has to be done.

The Post wishes Miss Strong much luck in her proposed endeavors and urges her to continue to support her beliefs.

Council disagreement over which of three possible plans to approve. One of the plans was not discussed as most attention was focused on a district map called "Plan C" which is a variation of one called "Plan B." Councilwoman Betty Chafin said "Plan C" would have gone much further than "Plan B" in grouping neighborhoods with similar characteristics within the same electoral districts.

The district representation plan adopted by the City Council would divide the city into 7 electoral districts whose boundary lines will conform in most cases to precinct lines.

Long Demonstrators Protest \$100,000 Bail

Concord, (CCNS) - Protesting the \$100,000 bail, over 250 people marched and held a rally at the Cabarrus County Courthouse in support of Ronnie Long. Long, a 20-year old Black youth, was convicted of rape and midnight burglary charges in October, 1976, after a tumultuous week-long trial which ended in police attacks on women and children. Long received 2 life sentences by William Z. Wood, superior court judge, after being convicted of entering the home and raping the widow of a former Cannon Mills executive.

The march, smaller than

CMS Begins

Shorter

School Day

Charlotte-Mecklenburg public schools will open one hour later starting Monday, February 14, and will close at the regular time in an effort to conserve energy.

The shortened school day has been allowed by the State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Under state provisions, local school boards have "authority to make schedule adjustments to meet emergency demands," according to the State Superintendent.

With the delayed opening of schools, students should catch their buses exactly one hour later than usual. All ten and eleven month personnel (teachers, other professional staff and secretaries) will report to work an hour later. Twelve month personnel, such as principals, central staff, area assistant superintendents, custodial staff and others will follow their regular work schedules.

By shortening the school day and saving five hours each week during the energy crisis, the school system will have a reduction of fuel use by about seven percent, according to Rod Cameron, Director of Supply Services and Chairman of the Energy Action Committee.

Food Stamp

Regulations

Rescinded

WASHINGTON--Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland today rescinded the food stamp regulations which were issued May 7, 1976.

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"I am rescinding these regulations," Secretary Bergland said, "so that we can review and develop our policy on food stamps free of any encumbrances that the May 7 proposal might have imposed." Secretary Bergland noted that the May 7 regulation would have reduced food stamp benefits to large segments of participants, and that certain questions were raised about the adequacy of the rule-making process.

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Police told the marchers that they had 15 minutes to hold the rally--despite the fact that they held a parole permit with no time limit. However, the police demands were ignored. Once at the county courthouse, the marchers found the power to the public address system disconnected. Police chief Jack Moore and



Security specialist Leo Johnson, left, who recently became treasurer of the National Black Police Association, is shown with Harold James, association chairman, middle, and Tracey Barrett, president of the Charlotte chapter.

In Promotion Of Blacks

Charlotte Police Department

Has Made Little Progress

By Melvetta Wright
Post Staff Writer

Charlotte Police Department is fifteen years behind in its promotion of Blacks, according to Harold James, Chairman of the National Black Police Association (NBPA).

James, who is a juvenile investigator for the Philadelphia Police Force, came to Charlotte last week for three days to review the progress of the conditions and problems of the Black policemen in and around Charlotte.

According to James, little progress has been made in the situation of Black promotion since his visit last April. The Black community of Charlotte has been given some more tokenism by the recent promotion of one Black sergeant to the rank of lieutenant, said James, but the Charlotte Police Department should have at least one Black assistant chief, two Black majors, five Black lieutenants, and 15 Black sergeants to reflect the Black population of Charlotte.

CHAPEL HILL -- Alex Haley isn't the only one studying his "roots."

People enrolled in a new correspondence course offered by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will be looking into their family history.

The family ancestral search is one of the requirements for the three-credit UNC-CH extension division course, "The Black Family: Interpreter of History and Transmitter of Culture." The course will use

Leo Johnson, newly elected Treasurer of the NBPA and a Deputy Sheriff of Charlotte assigned to school security, agrees with James.

"Not that James is right all the way," he said, "but I feel that we should have more Blacks in high positions. We should have had a captain and a major by now. We shouldn't have had to go to court to get sergeants on the Police force. The public should have supported us."

He refers to the case in which the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association brought a suit against the city of Charlotte recently for discrimination. The case was settled out of court.

Johnson, a member of the Executive Council of the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association, said, "I am in the administration, but I agree that it is tokenism because I'm the only Black in this position. I'd like to see more Blacks come in before I leave."

Johnson said that he feels

that racism is a part of the system. "It's not something that we can eliminate, but have to try to live with. You see, people have certain criteria for promotion... We as Black officers should try to do better in order to make it work."

"Racism is part of the problem, but maybe we are also. We haven't presented ourselves well to the public so we need to change and present ourselves professionally in order to build up our image. We need to become more active in worthwhile organizations and politics."

Johnson said that it won't take long for the situation in Charlotte to improve if the Black community supports the Black police officers and the Black police officers improve their image.

"There's no telling how long it will take to catch up," he said. "It depends on us and the support we get from the Black community. If we start re-examining our goals it could be done within the next five year period."

Walton commended the clergy group for their efforts through the Crisis Assistance Ministry Program and then offered some specific ways the churches might contribute to black leaders' concerns. These included opening church accounts in black banks, purchasing flowers from black owned florists, using black contractor and architects for church expansion, and purchasing office supplies from black firms. He concluded, "Ask yourself, specifically, what you can do."

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Gantt continued, "When local government adopts the position that just because there is some federal money to spend on community projects, it doesn't have to spend any local money there, we'll just see the gaps getting wider rather than closer," that is, the people, and the poor in particular, are pacified and not truly served.

Black Leaders Say Racial

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3 Blacks

Cite Local

Inequalities

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Charlotte-Mecklenburg's three black elected officials told members of the predominantly white Charlotte Area Clergy Association on Tuesday that racial injustice continues to exist in our community, especially in local government.

Speaking on the topic, "Concerns from Black Leaders of Charlotte-Mecklenburg," school board Chairman Phil Berry, county Commissioner Robert Walton and city Councilman Harvey Gantt told about 40 ministers that in their view Charlotte has made some significant gains in race relations, but there is still a long way to go before equality becomes the rule rather than the exception.

Berry set the tone for himself and his colleagues when he said, "I shouldn't have to say to school administrators that we need a black person on pupil assignment. I shouldn't have to say that there should be blacks on all the appointed boards and commissions in this town. As long as we have to continue to remind you to be fair to us and to define fairness for you, we still have a long way to go in this community."

Walton, himself a minister and a first-term county commissioner, said, "I am not here to be philosophical, but rather to identify some specific things that you and your churches can do for the entire community."

Expressing concern that the clergy association had not endorsed the idea of a local memorial to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Walton added, "I wonder where our priorities are when a group like this can't see the value of memorializing a man who has done something not only for black people, but for all people. However, since blacks were the most oppressed they stood to gain most from King's efforts."

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TURTLE-TALK



Figures May Not Lie, but girdles keep many of them from telling the truth.