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Training Course Set For Blacks

The third sales training course sponsored by the Metrolina Regional Minority Purchasing Council, the Local Business Development Organization and the Charlotte Business Resource Center will begin on Monday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 208 of the EK Building on Central Piedmont Community College's campus.

This year's course, entitled "Because of Who You Are," will run for 13 consecutive Mondays and will be taught by executives from the IBM Corporation.

Open to minority business owners and their employees, the sales training course will encourage participation in a learning process which will include classroom instruction and discussion, close circuit TV viewing, role playing and replay, and actual sales presentations with corporate buyers.

A \$8.00 introductory fee is required of all persons enrolled in the course, but will be refunded once the course is completed. Books and related class materials will be provided free of charge.

For more information about the sales training course or to enroll in the course, call the Charlotte Business Resource at 332-8578.



MISS VANESSA ELAINE BROWN
...Wants to work with children

Vanessa E. Brown Is Beauty Of Week

By Melvetta Wright
Post Staff Writer

A ninth grade McClintock Junior High School student, Vanessa Elaine Brown, is this week's Beauty.

Her favorite subject at McClintock is Algebra (because she has been able to bring her C average in Algebra up to a B) and Vanessa said that she is in the Girl's Performing Chorus (where she sings 1st soprano) and is the assistant secretary for the Executive Council.

Vanessa, looking ahead into her future, plans to attend UNCC or Johnson C. Smith University after she graduates from high school. She isn't sure exactly what her major will be, but says that it will have to deal with child care in some form or fashion.

"I want to work with retarded children," she said, adding that "A Circle of Children," a TV special that aired recently, helped her to decide what she wants to do with her life. "I think that I'll be able to help children like that."

A member of Bethany Baptist Church, where Rev. J.R. Henson is the minister, Vanessa is a junior usher, a member of the Gospel Choir, and the assistant secretary for the Sunday School.

Vanessa pointed out that Cicely Tyson is her favorite actress, because "she's good. She puts a lot of meaning into her work," and that Richard Pryor has won the opportunity to fill her "best actor slot."

Mrs. Beatrice Gaines, Vanessa's mother, is, for good reasons, the person Vanessa admires most.

"She's a strong person and

**Judge Sorrentino Is
Convocation Speaker**

A former gangleader who dropped out of high school was discharged from the Marines and served time in a reformatory and jail but worked his way up to become a U.S. Magistrate Judge will be the speaker for the 13th annual convocation for North and South Carolina high school students.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Joseph Sorrentino will speak Thursday, April 28 at 10:30 a.m. in Ovens Auditorium. The convocation is sponsored by television station WBTV in cooperation with Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

she understands teenagers," Vanessa said about her mother, who has three other children, of which Vanessa is the oldest.

Vanessa said that being the oldest child is a difficult position to be in. "I have to take care of them (Latonya - 5, Anthony - 13, and Rita - 10). They're at the age when they don't want to listen, so it's really hard."

Besides singing, Vanessa enjoys rollerskating, cooking (cakes and cookies being her specialty), and sewing (which she's been doing since the seventh grade). She's been a piano student for seven or eight months and said that she plans to go on with it for as long as she can.

A Gemini who was born May 26, 1962, Vanessa very modestly described herself as being "ambitious, free-hearted, and responsible."

With great pleasure, the Post introduces Miss Vanessa Brown as a Beauty of the Week and adds her to our files of talented, truly beautiful young ladies.

1977 Distinguished Alumnae

Johnson C. Smith University

Honors Mrs. Kathleen Ross Crosby

Kathleen Ross Crosby, educator and community leader, has been named the 1977 Distinguished Alumnae at Johnson C. Smith University. She will be honored at a Convocation on Thursday, April 28 at 10 a.m. in the University Church.

The Distinguished Alumni Convocation is an annual program which has as its purpose the recognition of graduates who have excelled in their chosen field of endeavor. Each spring an outstanding graduate is invited to return to the campus to serve as guest speaker at a convocation for students, faculty, staff, administrators and the community.

Former honorees have been Dr. George Flannigan, a practicing physician in St. Louis, Missouri; Dr. Mabel Parker McLean, president of Barber-Scott College; Dr. Charles E. Morris, Secretary of Illinois State University; and Dr. Henry A. Hill, President of the

N.C. Prison

Office Bans

Women's Book

By Melvetta Wright
Post Staff Writer

According to a recent press release from North Carolina Women's Book Project (NCWBP), North Carolina prison officials, under the direction of Ralph Edwards, Director of Prisons, have banned a book which was written by 10 women at the North Carolina Correctional Center for Women.

The book, "Break De Chains of Legalized U\$ Slavery," is said to contain articles, poetry, graphics, and photographs about the June 1975 protest at the center. The 10 authors of the book have explained, via their book, what happened during and after the protest and the conditions that women at the Center were and are being forced to endure.

"Break De Chains of Legalized U\$ Slavery" was published in November 1976 and copies were sent to the authors and four other women prisoners. Because the four other women were denied access to their copies of the book, Edwards was approached to explain why.

According to the release, Edwards gave three reasons why the book was banned. First Edwards allegedly said that the articles "read together call for violence and criminal activity from the inmate readers." The second reason he reportedly gave was a policy which states that "inmate publications intended to exert pressure on correctional officials or create tension between inmates or between inmates and staff will not be tolerated." His reportedly last reason was a policy which requires that publications be reviewed before being printed.

The authors of the book deny that it is a threat to security and maintains that it "merely exposes the truthful conditions that exist" at the center.

American Chemical Society. Mrs. Crosby graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Johnson C. Smith University in the Class of 1946 and earned a Masters degree in 1970 from Bank Street College, New York City. She has studied at New York University and North Carolina Central University.

She began her career in 1946 as a classroom and educational television teacher in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. In 1965 she was appointed Program Coordinator for Head Start. She has also served as Institutional Director for the Head Start Training Institute, Training Coordinator for Head Start (Regional), In-Service Specialist for Early Childhood Education and principal of Billingsville Elementary School. In 1976 she was appointed to her present position as an Area Assistant Superintendent for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

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