

Charlotte Post's Top 10 Seniors From CMS Schools

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"The most important thing about me is my ability to take advantage of a situation, making it worth something to someone else or myself," said West Mecklenburg senior Audrey Maria Love who is the Charlotte Post's 1977 Senior of the Year.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Watkins Love, of 3701 Shoup Court, is 18 and very active at her high school.

She is the President of the Senior Class, Editor-in-Chief of the "Bow and Arrow" (school newspaper), a Varsity Cheerleader, and a member of

the National Honor Society, the Pep Club, and the Future Teachers of America.

Ms. Love, who is the President of the Youth Choir at Saint Paul's Baptist Church, also is a debutante for Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. and was a participant in the Black and Gold Pageant sponsored by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

Sewing, creative writing and modeling are the hobbies of the aspiring senior who will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill major in Biology.

Ms. Love ranks in the top five percent of her class and is

joined on the Charlotte Post Honor Squad by ten seniors from throughout the county.

Olympic High School senior Karen Marcella Blount mastered the SAT with a 1210 score out of a possible 1600.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Blount of 4516 Roseridge Place has 21 A's in her grade point average of 3.9565, which places her at the number 19 spot in a class of 404 students.

Eighteen-year-old Ms. Blount is a member of the Future Teachers of America, the Red Cross, the National Honor Society, the Spanish National Honor Society, the

Ebony Forum, the Nascense Literary Staff, and the German Club.

She plans to attend Harvard or Radcliffe. She has been accepted at both and intends to major in applied physics with hopes of being a physicist or patent lawyer one day.

The United States Naval Academy was chosen by Independence Senior James West Barnes for the futherance of his career.

The 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Barnes of 1831 Irma Street intends to major in engineering.

Ranking in the upper 15 percentile of a class of 648

students, Barnes was president of his sophomore class, his junior class, and the student body.

He also served as editor of the school newspaper and as captain of the varsity track and football teams.

Special honors include Outstanding Band Member, Order of the Patriot induction, the DAR ROTC award, the Harvard Book Award, the Outstanding ROTC Cadet Award, State champion in the mile relay and All-Conference in track and All-County in football.

Building Model airplanes, jogging, and listening to jazz

music consumes his leisure time.

For his career goal, Olympic senior Jethro Worley of 3912 Sunnycrest Lane says, "I would like to go into commercial art and possibly teach art. I am also interested in writing short stories and novels. Some form of art as a career will make me happy."

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Jethro Worley, Sr. paints, draws, and writes in his spare time.

He is a three year letterman in football, runs track, drives bus, is a member of the Order of the Trojans and does backdrops for proms, plays and

bulletin boards at his school.

Jethro plans to attend Western Carolina University to major in art. He has a grade point average of 3.2273 and ranks 71 among 404 students.

Sheila Renee Peters, the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James C. Peters, Sr. of 5944 Quiet Cove Court, ranks 20 in her class of 626 at Garinger High School.

She hopes to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill to major in psychology.

Ms. Peters was a junior marshal, the 1977 Valentine Queen, a 1977 debutante, a



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GORGEOUS TABBIE JENNINGS
...One of those sexy Scorpios

Tabbie Jennings Is Beauty Of Week

By Melvetta Jenkins
Post Staff Writer

Miss Tabbie Jennings, the 22 year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Jennings of Charlotte, is this week's Beauty.

A 1973 Garinger High School graduate, Tabbie said that after she left Garinger, she attended Southeastern College of Beauty Culture and graduated from there in 1976.

Putting to practical use all of the things she learned in the classroom at Southeastern, Tabbie is employed at Deese's Coiffures on N. Tryon Street. She said that because she enjoys her profession so much, the work she does at Deese's - haircuts, facials, weaves, permanents, and manicures - comes easy to her. As a matter of fact, Tabbie's future ambition is to be the proprietor of a beauty shop.

Tabbie is one of those "sexy Scorpios." She was born October 24, 1954. Other character-

istics about herself that Tabbie lists include her tendency to be very determined, stubborn, strict, domineering, jealous, and hard-working.

Our Beauty is a faithful fan of Tamara Dobson and an ardent admirer of Telly Savalas - the bald actor who is commonly known as Kojak. "I like that bald head and his demanding personality," Tabbie qualified.

Tabbie is looking forward to the Bike-A-Thon that's to be sponsored by Ebony Group and Company this week end. She said that providing she doesn't have to work on Saturday, she'll definitely be there. She hedged that she's not sure how far she'll be able to "hang," but that she is determined to make an effort.

Tabbie has two poodle puppies - Kiya and Eurippus. She said that they are good company and keep her occupied. "They sort of take the place right now of the kids I don't have," she said.

Singing, bike-riding, going to the movies, bowling, and sight-seeing are Tabbie's most popular hobbies. She said that the last movie she saw was "Rocky." "It was different from what I had heard it would be," she said. Rocky, the character, really appealed to our Beauty because "he acted more like he was Black."

Hats off to Tabbie Jennings and our luck goes out to her as she boards her bike this Saturday and tries to keep up with all of the people who will go out and participate in the Bike-A-Thon.

Post Office Employees Oppose Plan

Gaylord Freeman, chairman of the Commission on Postal Service (CPS), announced early last week that recommendations had been sent to the Carter Administration and the Congress that call for a reduction in postal service in order to limit operating costs. The announcement received strong opposition from AFL-CIO postal worker unions.

Freeman said four independent firms surveyed the postal situation and "predicted that the Postal Service in its present form simply cannot survive unless postal rates rise beyond a politically and publicly acceptable level or unless subsidies are greatly increased."

The Letter Carriers, the Postal Workers and the Mail Handlers' division of the Laborers all expressed sharp criticism of the CPS recommendation.

J. Joseph Vacca, president of the Letter Carriers, and James B. Lapenta, director of Laborer's Mail Handlers division, were both quoted in the AFL-CIO NEWS as saying the CPS recommendation represents the same conclusions that have been drawn by the same people since passage of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970. The labor leaders concluded that the recommendation really means reduced service and higher costs instead of greater efficiency at the same cost.

Ms. Doris Asbury To Direct Summer School Program

Doris Asbury has been appointed director of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Summer School to be held at Harding High School where she currently serves as assistant principal.

The summer school at Harding is aimed toward students of junior and senior high school who need make-up credits for promotion or want to take extra courses they cannot fit into their regular school schedules.

Several courses at the school are high-interest courses in art, creative writing and other subjects geared to intensive concentration for six weeks," Ms. Asbury explains. Over 1000 students are expected to attend the school.

Students may earn a semester's credit in three weeks or a



MOTHER OF YEAR MRS. JOSEPHINE FOMAN
...With husband, children, and grandchildren

Mrs. Josephine Foman Is Post's "Mother Of The Year"

By Melvetta Wright
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The remarkable institution of motherhood is worthy of all the praises that will be bestowed upon it this Sunday and all mothers everywhere should be recognized for their dedication, diligence, and hardwork.

We at the Post feel that in

honoring Mrs. Josephine Foman as "Mother of the Year, 1977" we are paying tribute to a woman who exemplifies all of the finer qualities of motherhood.

Having reared four children of her own, the eldest being 31 years old, Mrs. Foman's spirit apparently hasn't been daunted by what sometimes may

have been a harrowing experience. Of her four children - Barbara Ann McKenzie, Juanita Oliver, Jacqueline Gunter, and Charlene Foman - three have given Mrs. Foman the pleasure of being a grandmother. Charles Foman, Mrs. Foman's husband of 32 years, said that she loves to have the grandchildren visit her "Every time one's about to be born, she can't wait until they get here," he said.

"The Greatest Woman In The World" is a phrase that has been used by her children to describe Mrs. Foman. "They look at her more as a big sister," Foman said. "They bring all their problems to her and try to keep her happy at the same time."

Mrs. Foman is a woman who has combined marriage, rearing children and a career so successfully that she has been able to excel in all three.

Recently promoted to head of the sportswear department at Montaldo's, Mrs. Foman has been there for about 16 years. Mr. Hood, manager of Montaldo's said, "She's absolutely tops. She's a very personable, smart woman. The customers are crazy about her. She's been excellent all of these years."

Thanks go to George Foman and the children of this happy union for making it even more of a pleasure for us to recognize Mrs. Josephine Foman as "Mother of the Year, 1977."

Major Companies Fear Discrimination Suits

By O. Imani Uhuru Aka
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Being black and a college graduate may have its distinct advantages.

Most major companies in the nation are involved in a push to place qualified black college graduates and post degree graduates in various positions in their different divisions. Once employed, the individual must quickly learn the ins and outs of power positioning in order to raise his salary level and to avoid the deadend job.

The people most likely to give an informative perspective of the job situation for college graduates are the employment agencies. There is only one such agency in the Queen City that specializes in minority placement. Hatchett & Cunningham Associates are located on the 7th floor of the East Independence Tower at East Independence Boulevard and McDowell Street.

We asked W. Bill Cunningham if his agency had encountered any feed back from people his agency had placed in jobs? "We haven't had any complaints of a specific nature," he replied. "There is not much of a discrimination problem because we specialize in helping companies in their affirmative action programs. The thing is to match the right person with the right job, based on that person's education and training. Another thing you must consider," he continued, "are the many variables involved, such as a person's grade point average while in college. This means bucks to them when they are seeking employment. Mastering interview techniques is also worth money. Another marketable factor are the schools you attend. All these are important when you go out on the job interview. Finally, companies will bring individuals in to work for them on certain levels, most of the time on an intermediate level, and the salary involved is, as I said, based upon many variables."

On the other side of the coin, is the position held by the employer. We accompanied one recruit to an employment interview, which took place in upstate New York.

There the manager of Corning Glass Incorporated's Research Division, Howard Weethall, gave the Post a very candid view of management's position on the particulars involved in the placement of minority recruits. "A bachelor's degree, regardless of being in science or arts, insures a person of an interlevel posi-

tion and that's about it." We were also informed that "further study and agreeable job progress aids an individual toward a better position." Weethall maintained that, "The biggest problem is placing someone and then having them become dissatisfied with their situation. The next thing you know, we'll have a discrimination suit on our hands. That's why we try to place people who have an overwhelming desire to achieve. Not only does it benefit the individual, but it benefits the company also."

Finally the Post talked with one Corning employee who maintained a bit of disillusionment with the job upgrading function of the corporate personality.

The employee told us, "I was brought in with the promise of advancement, but I was put into research and development and everything I discovered was taken away from me, with someone else's name being placed on my discoveries." Continuing, he said, "I've been here a long time. When I came, there were only twenty blacks here, so I became involved in an affirmative action program. What I noticed was that many who were involved with me were being fired for various reasons. Things have changed slightly since then, the company is now in a rush to hire."

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State Department To Sponsor Parent Conference

A regional parent conference on services for handicapped children will be held Saturday, May 7 at the Radisson Plaza. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the program runs through an evaluation at 4 p.m.

The conference is one of eight regional meetings scheduled in the state sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Counties included in this region are: Gaston, Cleveland, Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Union, Anson, Stanly and Lincoln.

Parents will be informed about services directly available to handicapped children. Participants must be parents of exceptional children and must pre-register by April 20. Lunch and \$10 compensation will be provided each parent participant.

For pre-registration information contact Lynell Stevens. Telephone (919) 733-3005.

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