

What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

HOMECOMING 77... The eyes are cloudy, the voice a little hoarse, the body feels very listless, and the head is still a little woozy. These are definite symptoms for homecomingitis.

Last weekend friends, alumni and students gathered to help Johnson C. Smith celebrate their annual Homecoming. The spectrum of events for this once a year happening began Wednesday, November 2, with the crowning of SANDRA CATHCART "Miss JCSU Alumna 1977-78" and moved, in what appears now to have been a blink of an eye, through the crowning moments with Roy Ayers Ubiquity and Spirit Feels in a mighty jazz concert, Sunday afternoon, November 5.

Many fun-filled things happened during the blinking of that eye.

Friday night - November 4, the plaza level of Charlotte's Civic Center lit up with the fantastic sounds of the Magnificents Band, playing for Johnson C. Smith's first annual Homecoming Ball. The dance was a rip-roaring success and it afforded MR. AND MRS. LONNIE GIL- LIAM from Asheville a chance to meet old friends and find out what was going on as they prepared for the heavy weekend.

The Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter sponsored a disco breakfast in the ball room of the Radisson Hotel from 1 til 4 a.m. Thanks to CLAY WHITE AND OBIE PATTERSON this disco-maniacal affair reeked of good food, good music and a good early morning time had by Ernest Wade, Francis Debeuneur, Bobby Smith, James Ardrey, Michael Graves, Shirley Covington, and Steven Boyd, just to name a few.

DIANE LYLES looked very charming as she settled into the white Sting-ray that was to ease her through Smith's largest Homecoming parade to date. There were 165 units in the parade that started at Sycamore and Trade Streets and slowly journeyed down Trade Street to Memorial Stadium. Ruby McCloud, Nancy Foad, Bernice Barrett, Pat Gaines, Fred Spicer and Gwen Orr were just a few of the people that lined the streets to watch the beautiful girls and decorative floats, last Saturday afternoon.

8,000 people sat in the light rain and watched Smith beat North Carolina Central University, in their Homecoming football game. Betty Carol Ligon in town from Atlanta, Georgia was very surprised for she didn't expect the football team to look as sharp as they did.

Soul food, featuring ribs, chitterlings, greens, black-eyed peas, sweet potatoes, and other mouth watering morsels were on order at many homes around the city after the game. The food tasted better and the beverages went down easier because of Smith's victory.

Mr. and Mrs. James Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. Archie Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Ardrey, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Hayes, and Mr. and Mrs. Charley Cox were just some of the couples that prepared meals for friends.

Saturday night it was back to the Civic Center for the annual Coronation Ball sponsored by The Charlotte Chapter of the Johnson C. Smith Alumni Association. B.S. PLAIR'S BAND rendered the music for an enthusiastic yet tiring mass of homecoming celebrants.

Across the hall in the Civic Center, an equal mass of fun seekers were getting into MICHAEL HENDERSON and the CROWN HEIGHTS AFFAIR at the Victory dance, sponsored by the Student Government Association. Both dances were jammed with people like Caroline Thomas, Rob Laney, Albert Welch, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Fewell, Mr. and Mrs. Carol Douglas, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kennedy, Shirley Gates, Robbie Thompson, Vinson Thompson, Mable Crawford, Sydney Ingram, and Constance Rafferty.

Even though the hours spent at the Civic Center, surrounded with gaiety, were quite delightful, the time had come to eat again. THE GALLERY on East Morehead Street sponsored a disco breakfast that was a well-needed oasis. Milton Jordan provided the rap to go along with the music he played for Gordon Miller, Delores Whiteside, Calvin Moragne, Ralph Hill, Brenda Simmons, Mary Sikes, and Cynthia Brown.

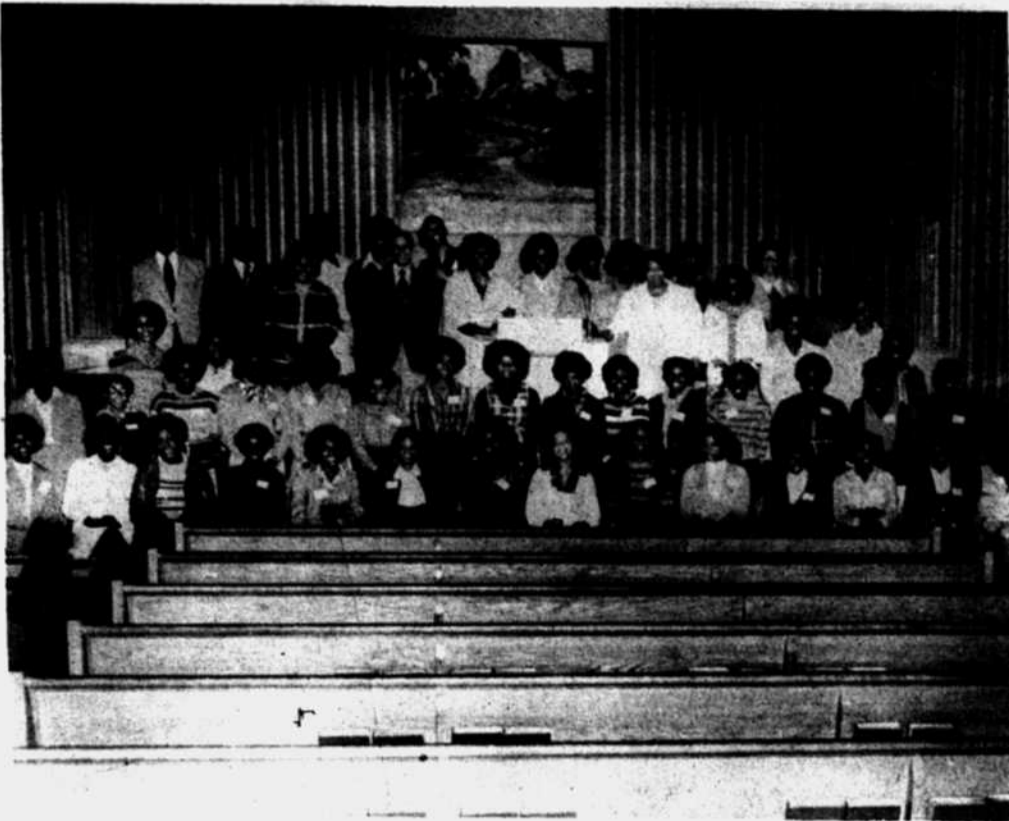
Hartley-Woods gymnasium housed the jazz show featuring the local gospel SPIRIT FEELS and the evening's stars ROY AYER'S UBIQUITY. According to ED MOORE it was a very fitting finish to a glorious weekend.

All types of salutations go out to Smith's Homecoming Committee, HAROLD WINSTON - Chairman, Lewis Dowdy, Mrs. O.D. Dixon, Hattie Farrington, Rosalyn Jones, Vivian Nivens, Dr. Calvin Hood, Gerald Blakeney, Minnie Maxwell, Mrs. Titus Ledbetter, Joseph Major, Joyce Crisp, Syzette Bass and Dorothy Ferguson for a job well done.

Now please don't bother me til the second Tuesday of next week or until the Lone Ranger comes on, whichever comes last. I am suffering from a severe case of homecomingitis.



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DELTA SIGMA THETA SORORITY'S

...prospective Debutantes

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Meets Prospective Debutantes

By Jacquie Levister
Post Staff Writer

An enthusiastic group of prospective debutantes, their parents and members of the local chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority met on Sunday October 30, at University Park Baptist Church for an orientation and get acquainted session.

As has happened in Charlotte for the past 12 years, high school seniors, referred by school counselors or contacted by members of the sorority, will participate in preparatory events that culminate at the Cotillion with a coronation of a queen.

Events planned for this year's participants are scheduled on a monthly basis. The next affair will be an evening of "Fun and Games," a party for vying contestants and their marshal, to be held in November.

A pajama party for the young ladies is to be held in December. "Last year the girls that participated in the Cotillion stayed at the Downtown East for their party.

Although the plans have not been finalized I do anticipate that this year we shall return to the Downtown East," reported Mrs. Daisy Stroud, Cotillion Publicity Chairman.

Three clinics will be held, on one per month, starting January and ending in March that will help each girl in her preparations for the big event.

The clinics are valuable tools used to introduce to some and strengthen others in the areas of charm, modeling and make-up usage and application. The February clinic will feature a consultant from Flori Roberts (make-up line) who will give each participant a personal analysis of skin type and make-up application techniques.

During the month of March a luncheon and fashion show is planned that will spotlight cotillion participants as models. According to Mrs. Stroud, "the luncheon is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Radisson Plaza."

The grand finale on April 7, at the Park Center, will see all the young ladies as winners. The one crowned will be

one who has solicited the most sponsors. However, there are no losers. Each young lady will leave the Park Center with new friends and an invaluable amount of experience and personal growth.

This year the cotillion is co-chaired by Doris Guess and Sandra Caldwell.

The success of this project, the only fund-raising event sponsored by the sorority, is beneficial to the entire community. Proceeds are donated to such organizations as the United-Negro College Fund, The Sickle Cell Anemia Foundation and the chapters 5 Point Community Projects Committee.

The chapter is headed by Mrs. Rogerline Lee and receives total participation from all local members. It is through such commitment that the community as an entity benefits.

Board Members Attend Convention

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Members of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education attended the Eighth Annual North Carolina School Boards Association Convention, held in Wilmington recently.

Those who attended were Board chairman Philip Berry, Carrie Winters, Superintendent Jay Robinson and Board attorney William Sturges.

Berry noted that the Convention, "will help all of us who govern our local school systems."

"We gain both a better understanding of substantive issues and programs and an increased ability to deal with issues in a responsive and equitable manner," he added.

"At the local level," according to Mrs. Winters, "we often feel isolated or dictated to by higher authorities."

Conventions and seminars of this kind give us a better understanding of where our responsibilities begin and end," she continued.

"Through these experiences we can discuss new ideas and programs which might be applied or adapted to our local situation," Mrs. Winters added.

"This is only one of many services offered by the School Boards Association to help local boards and board members to be more effective leaders," Berry explained.

"The association also enables those of us at the local level to have an input into decision making at the state and national levels," he added.

Among those speaking to the more than 400 board members, superintendents and their spouses during the convention were Assistant State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dudley Flood and former national PTA President Carol Kimmel.

At its general business session Saturday morning, the association elected officers and approved resolutions and a Legislative Program for 1978.

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Black Woman Named To Top Position

WASHINGTON--Joan S. Wallace, an educator and psychologist, this week was named assistant secretary for administration of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

Dr. Wallace is the first black woman to be an assistant secretary at the department. Her appointment was made by Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, with the concurrence of President Carter.

In her new post, Dr. Wallace will oversee the department's management programs, including personnel, data processing, equal opportunity, operations, administrative law and other administrative ser-

ices. Born Nov. 8, 1930 in Chicago, Ill., Dr. Wallace obtained her bachelor's degree in sociology from Bradley University, Peoria, Ill., in 1952, her master's from Columbia University, New York City in 1954, and her Ph.D. in social psychology from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., in 1973. She also attended the Harvard Institute for Educational Management, Boston, Mass.

Dr. Wallace this fall became director of the School of Social Work, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. Before that--since August 1976--Dr. Wallace was vice president of


Morgan State University, Baltimore, Md. At Morgan State she was responsible for the University's community affairs, public information, affirmative action, federal relations, institutional development, and alumni affairs activities.

Dr. Wallace has written a number of publications or reports dealing with social work and black culture, she has been a consultant to a dozen institutions and organizations, and she is active in professional organizations.

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