

Attorney Marnite Shuford Opens Office In Equity Bldg.

By Jeri Harvey
Post Staff Writer

Attorney Marnite Shuford recently opened offices in the Equity Building, 701 E. Trade Street. Ms. Shuford is a 1974 graduate of Indiana Law School in Indianapolis, Indiana, where she studied on a full scholarship.

A native of Concord, the young lawyer moved to Charlotte in her teens and was among the first black students to be bused to North Mecklenburg High School. Graduating second in her class in 1968, she received a scholarship to Earlham College in Richmond, Indiana, where she planned to major in biology in preparation for a medical career. However, the events of that period, i.e. the assassinations of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Bobby Kennedy and the general unrest of the country, caused her to change directions, she explained.

Another factor was her experiences at North Mecklenburg which she described as "really a segregated school within an integrated school." In spite of her scholastic achievements, she said she never felt a part of the school. These things and the encouragement of neighbor, Julius Chambers, the noted lawyer, were added reasons for her deciding upon a law career.

Ms. Shuford worked with Legal Aid in Charlotte under a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellowship in 1975 and part of 1976. Duties



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there involved working mainly with consumer law and bankruptcy cases. In 1976 she became an assistant attorney general in the Child Support Enforcement Program for Mecklenburg and Union Counties, leaving in November 1977 to run unsuccessfully for a judgeship.

Among Ms. Shuford's affili-

ations are membership in the Black Political Caucus, secretary of the Board of Trustees of Legal Aid, and vice-president of the Black Lawyers Association. She is listed in Who's Who Among Black Americans, Who's Who Women in the World, and is a member of United Memorial Presbyterian Church. Her parents are Dr. and Mrs. John Stinson.

Mrs. Patterson Hosts WH Garden Club

Mrs. Williet Patterson, 1204 Campus St., was hostess for the April meeting of the Washington Heights Garden Club. Mrs. Lois Scott presided.

Plans were made to plant shrubbery at Oaklawn Elementary School as a part of the club's civic project. It was also decided to worship with the Council of Garden Clubs at Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday

in May. On April 18 the club will have their annual garden tour, beginning at the home of Mrs. Maude Smalls, 2433 Booker Ave. and ending at Mrs. Nancy English's home on Ovie St., where refreshments will be served.

In June a length of dress material will be raffled off. Hostess for that meeting will be Mrs. Carrie

Pitts, 2221 Booker Ave. Members who attended the last meeting were Mrs. Edith Choate, Mrs. Williet Patterson, Mrs. Maude Smalls, Mrs. Nancy English, Mrs. Essie Stovall, Mrs. Cora Gaither, Mrs. Lillian Jordan, Mrs. Lillie Carter, Mrs. Jessie Lee Hamlin, Mrs. Jannie Pride, and Mrs. Viola Allison. Refreshments were served following the meeting.

Hall Elected President Of JCSU Student Government

By Dianne Simpson
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"I am a constant stressor of unity I feel that unity is the basis for reviving the Johnson C. Smith that once was, and is a take-off point for the Smith that should be." This audacious statement was constantly enunciated throughout Wanda Hall's campaign that led to her outstanding victory as the president of JCSU's Student Government Association for 1978-79.

Wanda Hall, a rising junior with a major in history is Johnson C. Smith's third female SGA president since the University's very first existence. The first female president was elected during the early 1900's and the second one, Gail Dry of Charlotte held

office for the school term 1972-73.

Wanda, who ran against two distinguished males for the office of the presidency, unannouncedly swept the votes. When asked why she wanted to run for such a taskful position of JCSU's president of SGA, Wanda commented, "I feel the presence of an apathetic atmosphere amongst the students on campus. There is an undercurrent of concern. It is this undercurrent that caused me to run in the first place."

Wanda feels that by being a female she will encounter many problems concerning the many functions that her position entails. However, she looks upon herself as being "two beings—human and female. I feel that the human part of



Wanda Hall
...Rising junior

me can do the job as effectively as any other human being. But I feel that the female in me will add class to my administration." Wanda goes

on to say, "I don't feel that anyone should try to stereotype people and their abilities based on their sex. Any type of successful accomplishment is made only through the efforts of hard work and self-discipline."

Wanda is a very optimistic individual with strong ideas. As for the basis of her philosophy of wanting to achieve she stated that she owes much to a quote of Jesse Jackson which states, "It is not your aptitude, but your attitude that determines your altitude." "I see that," expressed Wanda, "there is a need for change in the attitudes of many Smith students. I realize that a complete change cannot happen overnight, but I want to be the one who will at least start it."

Wanda feels that her few accomplishments in life were so obtained because of her strong beliefs in Christ. And as far as her future role of SGA president is concerned, Wanda feels that with Christ's

many blessings, "My administration will be one of the best that Smith has ever had."

Wanda, a transfer student from Erskine College in Due West, S.C., was born in Sumter, S.C. but is presently a native of Philadelphia, Pa. At Smith she is a member of the History club and a member of the Student Christians' Association. She presently serves on the board of Christian Education at St. Paul Baptist Church at 17th and Allen Streets. As for past-time favorites Wanda enjoys playing chess, shooting pool, knitting, swimming, and debating. She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. James Hall, Jr. of Pa.

Wanda has been asking the students support her during her campaign throughout the year. She strongly hopes that all of Charlotte-Mecklenburg county and surrounding areas will also solicit their support and prayers for her for Johnson C. Smith University.

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Delivering mail, escorting patients in wheelchairs or helping them pack to go home, talking with anxious families in surgical, emergency and critical care waiting areas, running the Gift Shop, writing letters, and making beds—these are just a few of the countless jobs performed by volunteers at Mercy Hospital.

There are always plenty of jobs, but not always enough volunteers to go around.

Throughout the month of April, the hospital's Auxiliary is hoping to increase its membership of volunteers by promoting "Think Pink" Month. The slogan was suggested to call attention to the volunteers' pink uniforms.

During the "Think Pink" campaign, Auxiliary members are wearing pink paper carnations wherever they go—to the store, church, garden club, and while working at the hospital. By calling to the attention of others the need for hospital volunteers, they hope to increase Auxiliary membership by 75.

There are currently 130 members for the volunteer organization.

Last year, adult volunteers donated 13,500 hours of service and raised over \$6,000 to benefit Mercy Hospital. They will donate \$10,000 to the hospital in May.

"The qualities we're looking for," says Auxiliary President Mrs. Barbara Perriello, "are a desire to be of service to others, combined with compassion, understanding, and a willingness to work." She adds "Volunteering is probably one of the most rewarding things anyone could ever do."

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