

Charlotte Post's Top 10 Seniors From CMS Schools

By Chase Vance
Post Staff Writer

"I like sketching and jogging," said Joel Emery McCollough, discussing his hobbies. Joel, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammy McCollough of 3615 Marvin Road in the Grier Heights section of the city is the 1978 Charlotte Post Newspaper "Senior of the Year."

Ranking 20th in his class of 580 students at East Mecklenburg High School, he made 1090 on the College Boards and is being recruited by Georgia Tech, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Columbia University and Stanford University to enroll in their Schools of Engineering.

Joel takes advanced English, advanced analysis, advanced Biology, advanced World History and advanced physics.

He heads our list of Top Ten Seniors who have accomplished much over their three years of high school.

Davidson College, the only college to which he applied is where Johnnie Lee Leazer, Jr., of North Mecklenburg will major in pre-medicine. Ranking 12th in his class of 430 students, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Leazer of Huntersville made 1600 on the

College Boards. Activities at his school that he participates in include Chess Club, Key Club, Stage Band, Concert Band, Orchestra, Honor Society, Latin Club, and Swim team.

The Morehead and Governor's School nominee was named to Who Who's in American High School students.

Bicycling, motorcycling, swimming, water skiing, chess and reading are his hobbies. West Charlotte High's James Carlton Hughes is in

the enviable position of deciding whether he will attend Harvard Dartmouth, UNC-Chapel Hill, Vanderbilt or Duke. He has been accepted at all.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hughes of 1700 Woodvalley Drive is interested in law and political science.

The 17 year old ranks 16th in his class.

At his school he is President of the Order of the Lion and in the Senior Senate.

In 10th grade, he was named the outstanding sophomore of the year and attended

Governor's School. He was also in the Honor Society and junior marshal.

He was the state winner of the Century III Leaders Contest and represented the program in New York City.

North Mecklenburg's Jeffery LaRoy Crump was one of big reasons his Vikings basketball team won the Southwestern 4-A Conference tournament.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Crump of 4425 Meridian Drive, he ranks 46th in his class of 415 students.

The 17 year old was a member of the Science Club and in the marching band in addition to playing basketball.

He attends First Baptist Church and was named as an athlete of the month at his school.

Fishing and listening to music are the hobbies of the young man who plans to attend Winston-Salem State or the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

West Mecklenburg's Susan Camille Torrence is 17 and ranks in the upper five per cent of her class.

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Joel McCollough
East Mecklenburg

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Election Board Supervisor

William Culp Expects Heavy Voter

Turnout In Tuesday's Election

By Sidney Moore Jr.
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CA Misleading Public

"It's my contention that Carolina Action is misleading the public and does not represent the Charlotte community," said Jack Turbidy, public affairs director for Allstate Insurance Company.

Carolina Action attacked the insurance company for its feeble excuses in refusing to notify drivers who have been placed in a recently established reinsurance facility, according to a recent statement. The facility, sometimes called a high-risk pool, allows the company to charge certain drivers a higher rate.

The consumer group requested that all Allstate customers who have been ceded to the facility be notified in writing and given a reason for their being placed in the facility.

Several encounters between Carolina Action and Turbidy have occurred as a result of discussion on this issue.

"I'm just sick and tired of it all," said Turbidy. He said his company is the victim of a "witch hunt."

Concerning notification to clients about the reinsurance facility, Turbidy said Carolina Action complaints that there is none "is a lie." He explains that such notice is included with the renewal notice sent to clients 28-days before their payment due date.

Turbidy also said the bill with notice includes the exact per centage increase and a reason for being placed in the high risk pool.

Carolina Action is trying to

get the company to mail notices separate from bills. They think consumers would understand that they are being charged more if notices are separate, their statement implied.

"We think thirteen cents isn't too much for us to ask from Allstate," said Action member Bob Morgan. "After all, they're making a lot more from good drivers that they decide to call high-risk. We just want them to give policyholders their due—let those who are in the facility decide if they're in there for just cause. But people can't even act until they're informed by Allstate and the other companies."

As a representative of the company, Turbidy claims that separate notices are not necessary and that including notices with bills is less expensive. Initial news stories about Carolina Action requests pointed out that separate mailing costs would have to be passed on to the consumer.

Allstate does not just decide to make this or that driver a high risk, said Turbidy. The designation is made only if tested underwriting procedures are followed. Such factors as how the car is used, driving experience, miles the car is regularly driven, highway construction in the area the car is used, traffic conditions and law enforcement are considered.

Turbidy explained that Carolina Action may question these procedures, but that his company is not the place for such questions.



Students at Johnson C. Smith University took advantage of the break from bad weather Thursday to talk about football prospects. Quarterback Curtis Johnson, right, explained that the appointment of a new coach has

brightened player attitudes. The sociology major for Cleveland, Ohio talked with Physical Education majors Pearl "Pinkey" Wilson, center, of Baton Rouge, La., and Calvin Rumph of Orlando, Fla.

50,000 Will
Cast Votes
Here Tuesday

By Sidney Moore, Jr.
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If Elections Supervisor William Culp is right, about 50,000 people will vote for various candidates in the Tuesday, May 2, election.

Board of Education candidates will be elected on a non-partisan basis in the election. Democratic candidates will be named by a primary election and many winners will have to face Republican opposition in November.

Republicans do not have a primary, Culp said, but many of them are expected to vote in the School Board race. This is also the case of unaffiliated voters, who likewise cannot vote in the primary.

The anticipated turnout is about 30 per cent of the total registered voter population in Mecklenburg County. There are 165,000 eligible voters.

While 30 per cent might seem like a low figure, it exceeds the turnout in the last such election in 1974. Then, 23 per cent of the voters went to the polls on election day.

Reasons for the increased percentage, according to Culp, are the four school board seats available and the presence of a local candidate in the U. S. Senate race.

In addition to news coverage of the race, the elections board has been preparing the public for the election. It has recently distributed sample ballots to banks, libraries and other public places. Such ballots will also be available at the polls, said Culp. About 25,000 ballots were printed.

Voters will go to 109 polling places on Tuesday. Some sites for the polls have been changed, but affected voters should have no trouble, Culp explained. Such voters have been notified by mail of the changes. However, anyone having problems should call the elections board at 374-2133 for information.

Polling places will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. About 550 workers will see that the election process runs smoothly.

City and county tax revenues pay for the election. Culp estimated that the cost this year will total about \$45,000.

In addition to this election, Culp and his staff are working on budgets and ideas for elections yet to come.



LOVELY ADRIENNE FRANCE
...Sociology major

Adrienne France

Is Beauty Of Week

By Dianne Simpson
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The exqu岸iteness of this 5'9", 21 year old female whom you see before you is that type of beauty of sheer artistry.

The lovely Adrienne France is this week's Post Beauty of the Week. She is a native of Martinsville, Va. She has lived here in Charlotte for four years because of her attendance at Johnson C. Smith University where she will be graduating in May.

At Smith Adrienne is a Sociology major concentrating in the area of social work. She stated that the reason she chose Sociology as a major is because of her love for people. "I love helping people, especially young people," Adrienne continued, "I in terms learn more about myself and is able to cope with so many frustrating situations."

Adrienne works part-time as a saleslady in Belk at Eastland Mall. At the present she is doing internship at Northeast Jr. High under the direction of Mrs. Eva Martin Bullock. At Northeast Adrienne is fulfilling the duties of a school social worker giving assistance to 7th, 8th, and 9th grade students.

After graduating from Smith this coming May, Adrienne hopes to work for possibly a year before going on to graduate school. Although she

isn't sure as to which school she wants to attend, Adrienne says that it may be Atlanta University. However, she is definite that which ever school she attends she will major in Criminal Justice.

Adrienne declares that she is a true Cancer and possess all of the qualities that have been characterized as those of Cancer women. These Cancer's qualities, as Adrienne notes, are being very understanding, sensitive, always there to give advice when needed, very loving and care-free, moody at times and very sweet.

For past-time favorites Adrienne likes to travel, loves listening to jazz music, playing basketball and just mingling with people.

As for pets Adrienne has a little dog named Joey. "I like my little dog because it provides company for me."

At Smith, Adrienne is the Historian of the Beta Upsilon Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. While working closely with her sorors, Adrienne helped sponsor tutorial programs giving assistance to students in the immediate area of Smith.

Adrienne is a Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. Sweetheart, and is the 1977-78 Miss Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity, Inc.

Adrienne, the third child in a family of four, says that she owes much of her success in life from the influential aspects of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick and Jeanette France, her special friend Jerry Hudson, and through her dealings with the Sociology Dept. at Smith.

Adrienne, who enjoys quiet life, strongly believes in the quote, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

We, at the Post are deeply proud to have Adrienne as Beauty of the Week. We extend to her our deepest congratulations and hope for her all of the happiness and success that life can offer.

Davis Predicts Luther Hodges To Win

By Sidney Moore, Jr.
Post Staff Writer

"It's my prediction that Luther Hodges will be the Democratic nominee" for U. S. Senate, said Robert Davis, educator and head of the Black Political Caucus, "perhaps with a runoff with McNeill Smith."

Davis gives no credence to reports that name John Ingram and Lawrence Davis as second and third to Hodges. He said Tuesday that 43 per cent of the vote is undecided and many of these late decision makers will vote for Smith.

His organization did not endorse Hodges, however. Davis explained that many of the members were split on this decision. So to avoid confusion and disunity, the caucus decided not to put its weight behind either Senatorial candidate in the Tuesday, May 2, primary election.

As to the General Election in November, Davis said the Democratic nominee will probably be endorsed. He doubted that incumbent Senator Jesse Helms has any black support.

"Any black man who can support Helms has got to be crazy," said Davis.

In judicial races, Davis wonders if the community realizes that Richard C. Ervin, candidate for Judge of Court of Appeals is black. He was appointed to this position recently and has both Democratic and Republican opposition.

Ervin received an endorsement from the caucus.

The caucus also endorsed L. Stanley Brown, because of a recommendation from the Black Lawyers Association, Davis reported. Brown is a candidate for Judge of Superior Court.

Vivian Galloway, woman candidate for Sheriff was

endorsed. Fred D. Alexander, State Senator and veteran politician, was endorsed.

County Commission candidates endorsed were Bob Walton, L. C. Coleman and Liz Hair, provided she supports Walton.

"There are some strong Republicans running and some who have a good chance of winning," Davis said, even though the caucus endorsed only Democrats.

One person he preferred not to name, has made significant contributions to health care delivery to citizens on the West side, Davis said. He anticipates a tough battle by Republicans for the commission seat vacated by former chairman Peter Foley.

"I think Foley's untimely withdrawal will have its effect," said Davis. He explained that people will recognize his name and waste a vote that could possibly go to



Robert "Bob" Davis
...Black Caucus leader

one of the other Democrats.

For school board the caucus is backing George Battle, Dr. Rowe Anderson, Betsy Bennett and John B. McLaughlin. Four seats are vacant on the nine member-board. Three incumbents decided not to run this year

Offering "How To" Material

By Sidney Moore, Jr.
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National Parent Teachers Association (PTA) officials are offering "how-to" materials to community groups in an effort to ease the problem of young people who drink.

Since 1974, community-based educational programs promoting alcohol awareness have been conducted in 46

locations. From these experiences, study and research, the PTA has produced materials to help any group conduct one of eight model programs.

The aims of the programs are to offer youth "some positive alternatives to abusive drinking, stressing awareness of responsibility to oneself and others," said a statement for PTA. "This is a

major distinction from the 'scare' tactics of other anti-alcohol campaigns, that utilize authoritarian messages which patronize youngsters while promising disaster due to drink."

A second aim is "to encourage participation by all members of the community," the statement continued. "Though the project originally focused solely on the young drinker, it became obvious to participants in the early stages that no single approach would be as effective as one that would involve the entire community.

The result desired is to create "a knowledgeable group of young people who could take informed choices about alcohol," the statement said.

No local group apparently uses this program, however there are a few groups offering help to youthful alcohol abusers.

One such group is Randolph Clinic, 100 Billingsley Road Counselor Faye Tucker conducts a problem solving, self-help session for youth ages 15-23, who either have problems with alcohol abuse or have family members with such problems.

Sessions are held on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 5:45 to 8 p.m. Participants come to the clinic for each session at first, then twice a week, or once a week until they are released from

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DURTY-TALK
...To some women BATHING SUITS are more FITTING than PROPER