



STANLEY F. MACKEY  
...Myers Park senior

## Charlotte Student

### Experiences Navy Life

ABROAD USS AUSTIN AT SEA - When Charlotte, N.C. native Stanley F. Mackey returns to Myers Park High School this fall, he'll have some unique experiences to discuss with his classmates.

The 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Mackey Sr. of 334 Fairwood Ave., Charlotte, Mackey recently had a first hand look at the life of seagoing U.S. Navymen.

Mackey was one of five junior and senior high school students who participated in a five-day seagoing "field trip" aboard the Norfolk, Va.-based amphibious transport dock USS Austin.

Sponsored by the Navy Recruiting Command in Washington, D.C. the trip gave the students the opportunity to observe the diverse capabilities of the Navy amphibious ship and its crew.

Designed to combine the functions of several amphibious ships, the USS Austin has the features of a troop transport, attack cargo ship, helicopter carrier and dock landing ship.

Capable of carrying over 700 combat-ready Marine troops and approximately 2,500-tons of heavy equipment, the Austin has a crew of 26 officers and 400 enlisted men.

"Originally the cruise was supposed to be a field trip for NAACP Youths of the Year from North Carolina," explained Naval Reserve Lieutenant Commander Herman Norman, the group's escort officer during the five-day trip.

"However," he noted, "Stanley Mackey was the only

member of the group who had been named a Youth of the Year candidate. The other

four youngsters were chosen on the basis of their standing within the North Carolina NAACP Youth Conference."

The "Youth of the Year" award is presented annually by the North Carolina chapter of the NAACP. Based on outstanding individual achievement and merit, the award honors the outstanding youths in the NAACP Youth Conference.

Mackey, who is playing an active role in organizing an NAACP chapter in his Myers Park community, says he feels being nominated for the "Youth of the Year" award was "quite an honor."

"I wouldn't have gone on the cruise if it hadn't been for the Youth Conference," he said. "I wouldn't have missed going on this trip! It was really interesting."

The five students, riding the USS Austin while it conducted routine operations off the Virginia Capes, had the opportunity to man the ship's helm, try on battle helmets, explore the ship from stem to stern and associate with the ship's crew.

"I had a really good time," recalled the Myers Park High School student. "Seeing the way a ship operates at sea was really interesting."

Although the likeable North Carolinian says he hopes to attend Louisiana's Grambling University after graduating from high school next year, he added: "The trip may not have made me decide to join the Navy but it taught me a lot that I wouldn't have learned if I hadn't been there."

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## Dr. Elizabeth Koontz

### Enthralls Livingstone Audience

Salisbury - "A part of the job today is to address issues. We cannot put our hopes into buildings and edifices alone - they can be destroyed by powers beyond our control. Hope must be put into the building of the spirit and the mind."

With that idea as her theme, Mrs. Elizabeth D. Koontz, Assistant State Superintendent for Teacher Education for North Carolina addressed an estimated 2000 persons gathered at Livingstone College at the 14th quadrennial Christian Education Convention of the A.M.E. Zion Church.

Mrs. Koontz, a Salisbury, North Carolina native, is an internationally known educator with experience as a public school teacher, presidencies of the National Teachers' Association and of the Association of Classroom Teachers. Additionally under the Nixon Administration, she served as



Dr. Elizabeth D. Koontz  
...State superintendent  
the Director of the Women's Bureau of the U.S. Department of Labor and has had numerous other responsibilities relative to women's rights and education. Mrs. Koontz is an alumnus of Livingstone College with a Master's degree from Atlanta University

in Atlanta, Georgia.

Elaborating on her theme of building the mind and spirit, Mrs. Koontz implored the young people in the audience to set realistic goals and objectives. "There is something special about you now because you are young, she said. But, there will not be anything special about you in the future unless you do something special," emphasized Mrs. Koontz.

Referring to the recent severe damage caused by lightning to one building on campus, Mrs. Koontz said, "of course that was a loss but Livingstone College did not lose its greatest resource - people and it is people in the long run that are important."

She stressed the role that discipline plays in achieving goals. "Discipline is a part of learning she asserted. And, without it there will not be much learning."

### YWCA Sets Registration For Fall Classes

Registration for fall classes at the YWCA begins Sat., Aug. 26, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and continues Mon., Tues., and Wed., Aug. 28, 29 and 30, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The fall term begins Sept. 11, for 14 weeks thru Dec. 16, except for shorter-term arts and crafts, music, games, lifestyles and special interest classes, and workshops. Fees

have been adjusted to specific length of term.

Main-in registrations may be made before Aug. 26, except for tennis, tumbling, swimming, and gym activities, including basketball and volleyball teams and leagues.

These require registration in person at the center where the class will be given. Tennis and gym classes will be held

at the Park Road Center, 3420 Park Road, swimming classes at either the Park Road or Trade Street Center, 418 East Trade Street.

For more information, call 525-5770, the Park Road Center, or 333-7553, the Trade St. Center.

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