



La Tivis Leeper



Mary E. Young



Veronica Rogers



Shelia Annette Grier



Marguerite Gilmore



Robbie Bridges



Gail Denise Welch



Valerie Denise Mobley



Sonya Lee

## "Miss Black And Gold 1980"

### Pageant Set For Friday

Beta Nu Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will hold its annual Miss Black and Gold 1980 pageant 8 p.m. Friday, June 13, at the West Charlotte High School Auditorium.

In 1977 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. launched its million-dollar campaign to support the NAACP, National Urban League, and the United Negro College Fund. Beta Nu Lambda is promoting the Miss Black and Gold 1980 in support of the campaign. George T. Dunlap Sr. is the president of the local chapter.

Pageant participants are high school seniors in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area. They are Marguerite Gilmore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Venable of Carysbrook Lane. She attends West Charlotte High School and plans to study pharmacy after graduation. A. Rudolph Hendricks chairs her sponsoring group.

Sonya Evette Lee, a graduate of West Charlotte High plans to attend UNC-C and major in business administration. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Robert Lee, Jr. A. Leon Miller is chairman of the members sponsoring Ms. Lee.

Daughter of Bobby J. Mobley and Mrs. Bertha L. Mobley is Valerie Denise Mobley of Broadview Dr. She is a graduate of Olympic High School and plans to study business administration at Hamilton College. Purscell Bowser is chairman of her sponsors.

Another contestant is Mary Eileen Young, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Young of Knollcrest Dr. Ms. Young, graduate of Harding High School, will pursue a

career in modeling and dancing. Charles Harvey is the chairman of her sponsoring group.

A West Charlotte graduate, Veronica Rogers is the next participant. Ms. Rogers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Fant of Heatherbrook Ave. Ms. Rogers will attend Kings College and seek a Fashion Merchandising degree.

Robbie Bridges of Lakewood Ave. is a graduate of West Mecklenburg and plans to study computer science at CPCC. James Roberts is chairman of her sponsors. She is the daughter of Mrs. Lottie B. Hopkins.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Grier of Syracuse Dr. is contestant Shelia Annette Grier. Ms. Grier is a West Charlotte High School graduate who plans to major in political science at UNC-CH. Thomas Asbury chairs her sponsoring group.

Talmadge McDow is chairman of the group sponsoring LaTivis Leeper daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Davis Leeper Sr. Ms. Leeper is a graduate from West Charlotte High School and will pursue a career in fashion merchandising at Livingstone College.

Gail Denise Welch of Winchester Drive is a graduate of Harding High School with plans to attend Winston-Salem State University. There she will study computer science. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Burch. David Grier is the chairman of her sponsors.

Lesley Bellinger is the chairman of the Miss Black and Gold pageant.

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first black fraternity, was founded Dec. 4, 1906 at

Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. Beta Nu Lambda Chapter was founded in 1939 in Charlotte by Louis E. Levi, Eugene S. Potts, Dr. A. J. Williams and Thomas Watkins.

#### Women's

#### Revolution

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have to agree with anything. When and if the male decides to leave, she'll help him pack.

Consequently, today's women, by being independent, have become a threat to men.

However, the marriage conflict is due to men. Because today's men are unwilling to accept the fact that this is a new day and that women are to be worked with and not dominated.

Fortunately, I think the trouble is no more than an adjustment. Once this transition period passes both men and women will settle down and work together once again. Slowly but surely today's men are getting used to not being spoiled. Eventually, he will come around.

I am, personally, proud of the women's revolution. What is least understood is that the new found independence by women makes them less vulnerable to hardship in the later years.

A female that is totally dependent on her spouse finds herself shortchanged in her later years if her spouse dies, flies the coop, or whatever. By not preparing themselves for a future for themselves they find out that if left by themselves they have no future. Being a mother, being a wife are all lovely things to be, but they aren't careers.



**Pooped partygoer** - Birthday celebrant Rashard Hill, 1-year-old last Sunday, just couldn't "HANG" any longer at a party given in his honor by his mother, Deborah Hill of 1719 Merriman Ave. Rashard, with party hat and baby bottle, "sacked out" after a busy afternoon

leaving grand parents Alvin and Betty Hill, and guests Lakema Young, Charlie Gallmond, Jr., Mekicalo Byrd, Chasity Bowers, Tomeka, Jade Curry, and Erika Curry, to "Go for themselves." (Photo by Jerry Curry)

## ECO Seeking Volunteers

By Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff Writer

"Of the more than 100,000 ex-offenders released from prison each year, 70 percent will return to prison - 30 percent within a year after their release." (H.E. Becker, *The Outsiders: Studies in the Sociology of Deviance*.)

The recently revived ECO (Ex-Convicts Organization) is attempting to change that by helping former inmates better adjust to prison life and prepare those who soon will be paroled.

Volunteers are needed. A meeting will be held Monday, June 16 at 7 p.m. in the ECO office located at 200 W. Trade St. in the basement of First Presbyterian Church to acquaint people with the new program. And an open house will be held June 17 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

"North Carolina has 81 prison units," according to Dennis Schrantz, ECO's director, "and one-tenth of all prisoners are from Mecklenburg County." Among the 1,200 Mecklenburg residents, 70 percent are black," he added.

#### Nellwyn McDuffie

#### Receives Law

#### Degree

Nellwyn Joan McDuffie was graduated recently from the North Carolina Central University Law School in Durham, N.C.

She is the daughter of Mrs. Jane Stovall McDuffie of 1428 Dean Street in Charlotte.

Ms. McDuffie completed her undergraduate studies at Spelman College in Georgia. She has won awards repeatedly for the Moot Court competition.

The Charlotte native also attended Charlotte Catholic High School and Garinger High.

She is presently preparing to take the Bar exam.

#### Cut Heating Cost

Closing off rooms that are seldom used will cut heating or air conditioning costs. The door should be well-sealed against air passing over the threshold.

"Inmates need contact with the outside world prior to their release," Schrantz emphasized.

His new program offers crisis counseling for ex-offenders covering employment, job objectives and readiness, and securing the basic necessities.

Schrantz predicted an ex-offender will lose three jobs during the first year because of his difficulty in coping with non-prison life.

Inmates soon to obtain parole can benefit from field counseling services and volunteer and family visitation.

"Most prisoners have no visitors nor do they receive letters," he said. "Contact motivates prisoners."

The old ECO program folded when CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) funds were not renewed.

Schrantz redesigned ECO as a project for a B.A. degree in human development and has since become its director.

A governor's special grant is financing the first five months. If the program is successful, federal funds are assured for an additional seven months, Schrantz said.

Tapping alternative funding sources is part of the new ECO program, thus reducing its dependence upon federal grants. The former counselor said he took old ECO's mistakes and "devised a program that could get funded."

What was wrong with the old ECO?

"It lacked policies and procedures. The agency didn't become a bureaucracy. It has to be a bureaucracy to get funding," he explained.

Schrantz is encouraging people to attend the meeting and learn what kinds of volunteer work are available.

He stressed, "it can fill a

need on their part to do something worthwhile... and extensive training is provided."

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