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## Thousands Of Children Are Getting Into Trouble



ANTOINETTE HARRISON  
...Alexander Graham student

### Antoinette Harrison

### Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns  
Post Staff Writer

Already ninth grader Antoinette Harrison has mapped out what she hopes will be the fulfillment of her dreams. After graduation from high school her first step will be to join the Navy.

While in the Navy she aspires to take training in the medical field. "I'm in the ROTC now at Alexander Graham Jr. High and I'd like to go into the Navy for four years - I've always wanted to see what it is like. I'll probably start training to become a doctor or a nurse there also."

Ms. Harrison has a far reaching and unselfish soul. Her philosophy at her tender age of 14, exemplifies her thoughtfulness. "My philosophy of life is to share with others," she commented.

She resides with her grandmother, Florence Harrison, who is our beauty's most beloved person. "She helps a lot - she helps me make tough decisions."

Ms. Harrison's favorite teacher at Alexander Graham is Londell McClary, a gym teacher and her homeroom teacher. According to Ms. Harrison McClary is a teacher with a sense of

### Small Business Workshop Set

A small business workshop on "Personnel Planning-How To Locate and Retain Good Employees" will be held February 24, 25 and 26.

This three night workshop from 6:45-9 p.m. is being sponsored by the Charlotte Business Development Center and Jordan and Associates.

The workshop will cover how to project personnel needs of small business, how to recruit effectively recognizing and maintaining good personnel, how to know who you are hiring, and making the new employee part of the company.

Attendees will gain an insight on the personnel practices of large and medium size businesses, and how to tailor them to their individual needs.

A \$6 registration fee will include materials. Classes will be held at the CBDC, located at 129 West Trade Street.

### City Offices Will Be Closed Monday

All offices of Charlotte City government will be closed on Monday, February 16, in observance of George Washington's birthday. Regular business hours will resume at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, February 17.

Due to the holiday the City Sanitation Division will operate on a four day work week. There will be no garbage collection on Monday, February 16. Collection will be provided on Tuesday-Thursday for locations normally served on Monday-Thursday and on Wednesday-Friday for regular Tuesday-Friday collection. There will be NO curbside trash collection during the holiday week. The York Road Landfill will be open on a regular schedule 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.



Dr. Sehwan Kim confers with Stephen Newman at the Charlotte Drug Education Center. (Photo by Bernard Reeves)

### Local Student's Drug Use Surpasses National Average

By Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff Writer

Among junior and senior high students in Mecklenburg County, drug use has surpassed the national average.

These findings were part of a 1969-79 survey completed by the Charlotte Drug Education Center on alcohol and drug abuse by students in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

Questions measured use of alcohol, cigarettes, marijuana, amphetamines, tranquilizers, cocaine, inhalants, barbiturates, methaqualone, hallucinogens, PCP, opiates and the needle.

In the 1977 survey for example, 60.5 percent of Mecklenburg County youths tried alcohol compared to 52.7 percent as the national average. Marijuana had local popularity of 40.9 percent compared to 28 percent for the nation. This trend continued with the other drugs.

"The more urbanized an area is, the more drug use exists," according to Dr. Sehwan Kim, program evaluator and research scientist at the center. He characterized Charlotte as

### CBA Programs Serve More Than 25,700 Young People

Special To The Post  
RALEIGH - Every year, thousands of children in North Carolina are at risk of getting into trouble with the law. Some of them actually do. What happens to these youngsters?

"A good number of them come into contact with our agency in one way or another," says Robert Atkinson, assistant director for institutional services with the N.C. Department of Human Resources' Division of Youth Services.

"The vast majority of children at risk or in trouble with the law are served by local community programs. Approximately 245 community programs receive funding from the Division of Youth Services," said Atkinson.

In fiscal year 1979-80, more than 25,700 young people were served by community-based alternative (CBA) programs.

Atkinson says that children who commit more serious offenses may be sent to one of the state's five training schools by the courts, but only after community programs have been exhausted or deemed inappropriate.

There were 876 training school admissions in the Tar Heel State in fiscal year 1979-80. The schools are operated by the Division of Youth Services.

According to Atkinson, most children who are at risk or in trouble with the law don't get that way by themselves. There are some contributing factors.

"Case history over a number of years shows us that some children live with a single working parent and are often unsupervised and neglected. The youngsters sometimes witness parents abusing each other and the children are abused, too. They essentially lack good examples to follow. They're rarely rewarded or encouraged for their efforts," said Atkinson.

Once a child has a court hearing and is found to be undisciplined or delinquent, the judge has several options. Depending on the seriousness of the offense, the judge may:

- dismiss the case;
- continue the case;
- place the child under the protective supervision of a court counselor;
- place the child in the custody of the department of social services.

In cases where the child is found to be delinquent, the judge may:

- place the child on probation;
- require full or partial restitution;
- impose a fine;
- order the child to participate in a CBA program;
- order the juvenile to perform supervised community service;
- place the child in detention for a specified period of time;
- commit the child to training school.

"We have any number of programs within our training schools to help troubled youngsters get on the right track. And we're like to think we have a fairly good success rate with the children in training schools. Last fiscal year, for example, our recidivism rate was down to 20 percent," said Atkinson.

"That means that only one fifth of the youngsters were returning to training school after their release. We don't currently have any figures, however, on the number of children who may eventually end up in the adult correction system. But we hope to have this information in the future," he concluded.



Benjamin Hooks  
Executive Director

### Hooks Assails Reagan's Advisers

NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks assailed President Reagan's advisers' charges that the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission has created "a new racism in America" by emphasizing affirmative action quotas.

In a statement from NAACP Headquarters in New York, Hooks said he hopes President Reagan will "ignore their advice and strengthen, rather than weaken, the enforcement of powers of that U.S. agency."

Racism, he declared, is still too much a part of American life to be given aid and comfort by stripping agencies designed to contain it, of powers of enforcement.

"It is a sad thing in America today," he continued, "that so many people confuse steps taken to ensure equal treatment under law of respect for jobs, school admission policies and other initiatives in our lives - affirmative action - with quotas." A process he describes as "blindly playing a numbers game."

The Reagan advisers' views are part of an EEOC transition team report prepared by Reagan aides, portions of which appeared in columns in the "Wall Street Journal."

### McKoy: "Pistol Is Not The Answer To This Problem"

By Susan Ellsworth  
Post Staff Writer

First she filed complaints to have her lawyer repudiated. When that didn't work she wrote to those who might listen, exclaiming lawyers protect lawyers, even the corrupt one, at the client's expense.

For Mrs. Thelma McKoy drawing attention to dishonesty among some lawyers brought police surveillance and no legal action.

She filed grievances against her former attorney, Thomas Downer for conspiring to commit fraud against her, but the State Bar said he did not violate the Code of Professional Responsibility.

Mrs. McKoy sent letters to city, county and state officials. No one said they could help.

After she wrote to County Commissioner Ed Peacock, he did not answer her letters. In them, Mrs. McKoy, a retired West Mecklenburg High teacher, complained how the State Bar protects lawyers, citing her own case where charges were dismissed without action taken

### Second in a series

suspicion and concern for Ray who was seeking reelection. Fearing that negative publicity about lawyers might cost him votes, Ray (a lawyer) contacted County Police Chief Charles Abercrombie and requested her watched, she said.

The climax came with an April 5 incident in Marshall Park. According to Mrs. McKoy she was searched without a warrant by plain clothes officer Michael Crowell of the Mecklenburg Police Department during the dedication of the Martin Luther King statue.

He said Peacock had ordered her put under surveillance "because I did not like the way an attorney had handled a legal matter for me, and that I would have to be searched," she wrote in her affidavit.

She then said the officer demanded she open her purse "and let me see if you have a pistol."

Mrs. McKoy said Ray authorized the move in Peacock's name. After the incident a county official said Peacock was in New Orleans and knew nothing about the surveillance.

When Mrs. McKoy later spoke with District Attorney Peter Gilchrist, he informed her he had advised requesting a surveillance. County Attorney Pat Hunt said she was placed under surveillance for "using the word pistol in her letter."

The North Carolina Civil Liberties Union in an April 80 letter to Mrs. McKoy said that a search without a warrant is a violation of the See PISTOL page 2.

### Task Force On Drugs, Alcohol To Meet

The Task Force on Drugs and Alcohol will meet Friday, February 13, at the YMCA on Morehead Street at 7:30 a.m.

The Subcommittee on Law Enforcement and the Courts has scheduled its future meetings every other week on Thursday, at 5:30-6:30 p.m. at 1924 Wachovia - Center

### Post's Black History Edition Will Be Published Thursday, Feb. 19

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A woman doesn't mind seeing a man make a fool of himself so long as some other woman isn't helping him.