## World Offers Little Or No Hope For Bright Future

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In this day and age when so much despair and negativism abound young black people may look around them and decide that this world offers little or no hope for a bright future.

It takes a lot of hope and courage for our young people to pursue their goals without giving up. It is much easier to give up and blame our woes on society than to persevere despite all odds.

· However, · there are many energetic, ambitious young people here in Charlotte who are setting an example for others by pursuing their dreams.

One of these is Cedric Jones, 20, a graduate of Garinger High School. Cedric is studying at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) to become a chemical engineer. Cedric was motivated to become a chemical engineer when he was in the 10th grade and recruiters told him that only seven percent of the engineers in America are black. He then went through a summer progra at Georgia Institute of Technology in engineering.

Cedric attributes his parents' encouragement for being partly responsible for where he is now. "My parents are always open to allowing me to do whatever I wanted to do educationally. They said I should be able to get into any school that I wanted to go to," he said. Cedric suggests to other

aspiring youths that education is the key. "Study hard and work hard," he advised "even though you may not be able to see the value of a good education in the long range that will be the thing that pays off.

Cedric is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cedric Jones.

Crystal Mobley is another shining example. The 20-year-old sociology major is a student at UNCC. Crystal says she was in-

spired to go into social work because, "I felt a need to go out and help people and thought that social work would enable me to help people more in my community

In the meantime Crystal is making a name for herself in the fashion world. She is a member of the National Beauty Culturist and is sponsored by Betty Alsbrook. She has traveled to many exciting places doing fashion shows: Atlanta, New Orleans, Winston-Salem, Burlington and Charleston. In the works for 1982 is a possible chance to do a show in London. England.

This energetic young lady has been a cheerleader, ran track, been Miss Blue and Gray in high school, is Alpha Sweetheart of the Alpha Phi Alpha traternity and is a member of the Black Student Union.

Ms. Mobley's goals are to finish school, get her B.S. degree in social work and become a very successful businesswoman.

She urges the upcoming generation to stay in school, learn as much as possible and strive for the best in life.

Bernice Johnson graduated fro, Rutledge Business College with a degree in secretarial science majoring legal secretary work.

She completed a twomonth internship for attorney Julius Chambers then her interest turned to journalism.

Bernice told that due to her work on the high school's annual she had become interested in the

journalism field. Learning of an employnent opportunity at The Charlotte Post from her school she applied and was

Bernice reported that her objective now is to "grow with The Charlotte Post and expand my present responsibilities to report-

ing. Always working to do herbest she was on the Dean's List, co-head cheerleader, a member of the Honor Society, Miss Rutledge College and historian of Phi

Beta Lambda, an honor business society organiza-

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.Shining example

"I feel that young blacks

Bernice Johnson

Interested in journalism their ability to strive for the best possible and to

Bernice concluded by saving that she wants to make Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream a reality

Some people aspire to be musicians, others businessmen, some journalists but Graylen Hare is struggling to become a business

.Competition got Graylen

motivated to join the business field. He began a contest with his roommate Donnell Baker to see who could make the best grades in their business classes. But actually Graylen

says "money was the common denominator in my need to be more involved in look at themselves for their ispeaking of the monetary

That and having no talent in other fields." he admitted.

achievements and encouragements to his parents "I NAACP am very fortunate to have the love of my parents. they have given me unbehevable strength and showed me great courage

at times when I had given

up. Robert Bob Davis really helped me by point ing out the importance of education at a time when advice was much needed

Hare is very involved in community organizations He is a co-op student with IBM, vice president of the Student Government at

Barber Scotia College where he attends school. a member of Hidden Valley Optimist Club, Little Graylen attributes his League basketball coach and a member of the

> Hare hopes to one day own and operate his own business. He offers these words of advice. "Stay in school, get involved with computers, office machines, etc.

But most importantly he admonished. Never be heve anyone who says that

These young people are but a small sample of the many youth struggling to make their lives construc-

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