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## Tony Brown Warns:

# "If Black Children Are To Learn, Blacks Must Teach Them!"



LOVELY GLORIA COUNCIL  
...Harding High senior

## Gloria Council Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons  
Post Managing Editor  
Our Queen City...a place of glamour, charm and beauty. For some it's a haven of delight and for the lucky ones, it's a place to call home. Our beauty Gloria Council, originally a resident of Durham, moved to Charlotte last September and is presently finding that Charlotte is her type of city.

squad leader. She was also a member of the DECA, FHA, choir, Future Secretaries of America and the NAACP.

She has received awards in cheerleading; received basketball and volleyball trophies and was elected "Miss Tau Gamma Delta" when she was in the 9th grade.

In May she took second place in a fashion show held at McDonald's during a school fund raising event sponsored by the Houser and Grier Association.

Now in Charlotte she has found comfort in visiting the church of her choice, Salem Baptist Church where Rev. Anthony J. Wright, "I'd like to join the Usher Board soon," she confided.

Among the thrills of life for Ms. Council include the music of Teddy Pendergrass. "He reminds me of one of my uncles who used to sing with a band. Pendergrass can really sing."

"Love Boat," including its romantic short story episodes is our beauty's favorite television program.

The person she most admires is her mother, Grace Council. "She is the only person I have to look to. No one will treat me like mother does," she deduced.

## Disagree With CMS Officials

# Black Coaches Express Varying Degrees Of Concern

By Mac Thrower  
Post Staff Writer  
"It's obvious that blacks are kept out of head coaching positions...You can count the number of black head high school football coaches in North Carolina on one hand. This situation exists—and nothing is really being done about it—because people are so used to seeing blacks play and whites coach."

(Rudy Abrams, former West Charlotte coach) "That's a crock of bull...I can't find any evidence of racial discrimination in the hiring of coaches in our system. I'm certainly concerned that we don't have more black coaches, especially in football. But we're not going to hire people because they're black."

(CMS Supt. Jay Robinson, reacting to complaints from black coaches.) The opposing views of Rudy Abrams and Supt. Jay Robinson reflect a contrast as vivid as that found in the colors of the world of American athletics: Blacks, appearing in ever-

## Voting Age Blacks Increase

The number of voting age blacks rose 44 percent from 12 million in 1970 to 17 million in 1980, according to a report from the U.S. Commerce Department's Census Bureau.

North Carolina has the seventh highest percentage of black voters in the nation (20 percent), ranking behind Mississippi (31 percent), South Carolina and Louisiana (27 percent), Georgia (24 percent), Alabama (23 percent), and Maryland (21 percent).

New York in 1980 had the largest number of voting age blacks (1.6 million) followed by California, Texas and Illinois. The increase in the black voting age population is due to the lowered voting eligibility to 18 years in all states, and the growth of the black population, up to 17.5 percent from 1970, the Census Bureau reports.

In 1980, blacks comprised 10.5 percent of the total voting age population nationally, with 53 percent living in the South. In 1980 9.8 million blacks reported being registered while 8.3 million reported voting in the 1980 election.

The report notes that women are the majority of the voting age population in all states except Alaska, Hawaii, Nevada and Wyoming.

Copies of the report, "Projections of the Population of Voting Age for States: November 1982," Series P-25, No. 916, are available for \$2.25 each prepaid from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.



J.A. Patterson, head Bishop of the Pentecostal Church of God was in Charlotte recently and was presented with a Key from Charlotte's Mayor Eddie Knox. Bishop Patterson is the founder of the All Saints University located in Memphis,

Tennessee. He was presented with a \$1,000 scholarship from Bishop Sherman of Charlotte and his congregation of Pentecostal Temple. (Photo: Jim Black Photographers)

## Hopes Of Black Elderly Are Being Cut To Shreds

Special To The Post  
Social Security, food stamps, Medicare, Medicaid, housing, rent subsidies and employment are all being cut to shreds—and so are the hopes of the black elderly," says Samuel J. Simmons, president of the National Caucus and Center on Black Aged, Inc. (NCBA).

Careful research conducted by NCBA, shows that recently enacted budget cuts, and those proposed for Fiscal year 1983, will have a devastating impact on the minority elderly, particularly the black elderly.

Simmons is troubled by the implications of the proposed cuts. He asks, "What are poor, elderly blacks supposed to do? They stand to lose their only means of survival: Social Security,

food stamps and medical assistance all face drastic cuts. For many black seniors, these proposed cuts may mean life or death."

Statistics show that in 1979, the black aged were three times more likely to be poor than the white aged; their median income average three-fifths to two-thirds that of older whites. In 1980, almost 800,000 (38.1 percent) of aged blacks were poor and 310,000 (25 percent) were marginally poor.

Simmons adds, "For aged black women the picture is even bleaker. In 1980, four out of five, or 81.9 percent, of all aged black women were poor or marginally poor."

NCBA says the reductions in Social Security under the Omnibus Budget

Reconciliation Act will probably hit black seniors harder than any of the other proposed cuts. With the repeal of the minimum monthly Social Security payment, generally \$122 per month for future beneficiaries, blacks becoming eligible in 1982 will lose at least \$38 million over the next three years. Instead, they will receive benefits based on their actual earnings.

According to Simmons, "The Social Security payments to some aged blacks could be as low as \$6 a month, since historically they held the lowest paying jobs."

As a result of the proposed FY 1983 budget, food stamp benefits could be drastically cut. An estimated seven out of eight

## Brown Urges Blacks To Support Black Businesses

By Karen Parker  
Post Staff Writer  
A filled congregation at Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church of more than 1,000 worshippers took a short history quiz Sunday during the morning service.

Tony Brown, host and executive producer of the popular "Tony Brown's Journal," posed three questions: (1) Can you name three Afro-Americans who made significant contributions during the Revolutionary War? (2) Who invented the traffic light? (3) Who chopped down the cherry tree and could not tell a lie?

According to Brown, "it did not matter if no one thought of Crispus Attucks, Benjamin Banneker, or Charles Drew for the first question." He expressed, "few people probably knew Gary Morgan, also a black American, was the answer to number two." As long as you knew George Washington chopped down the cherry tree and could not tell a lie about it, you probably received an 'A' in high school history," Brown exclaimed.

The community activist serving as guest speaker for Mayfield Memorial's annual Laymen's Day program was stressing the concept "people need to know where they have been to know where they are going. If black people grow up loving their culture and knowing their origin, they shall always be able to survive," he added. "Success is knowing who you are," he insisted.

With concern, Brown pointed out, "Each black generation is finding it more difficult to love its race because of pluralistic society." He believes children are the future; they are what they are taught. Apparently, the American school system is not the best source for educating the young black populace.

"If black children are going to be educated in America, blacks will have to teach them," Brown warned. What do they need to know? The educator informed his audience that black children need to understand where their place is in the world's future. "If our children are taught to consider themselves second class or minorities or unable to learn, they will behave accordingly," Brown noted.

To illustrate the power blacks have and should be working to maintain, Brown stated: "Black Americans earn \$150 billion annually which is equivalent to the 14th largest nation; 52 percent of all blacks own their homes; and black families spend \$120 billion annually on goods and services."

"Without blacks in America, Wall Street will collapse," Brown assured. He continued, "We're an economic power and we need to support black businesses. Other races can be taught to respect us. They may not like us, however,



Tony Brown  
Noted TV analyst

they do relate to wealth, Brown projected. Then he advised the congregation not to worry about Reagan or anyone else. "You're not on their agenda, and they are not concerned with supporting black people. We must compile our own agenda." See BLACKS on Page 3

## Potts Knows About The Joys Of Winning

By Karen Parker  
Post Staff Writer  
Sandra Potts knows all about the joys of winning. She was recently crowned Miss Charlotte Charm 1982.

Her talent was a two and one-half minute, self-choreographed dance routine to "Ease On Down The Road." The rhythm and steps to the popular song of the Broadway play, "The Wiz," was enough to convince the seven judges Sandra was deserving of the Miss Charlotte Charm title.

The 22-year-old was also selected as a semi-finalist in the state pageant, competing against representatives of cities and counties throughout North Carolina. Sandra did not compete, but was special guest at Statesville's Miss Ebony Pageant on August 14.

Asked what fears she experienced most as a pageant contestant Sandra explained she does not fear something she enjoys doing. Pageants are obviously one of her specialties since she was a runner-up for the Miss North Mecklenburg High School title, a finalist and Miss Congeniality in the Miss Black N.C. Galaxy Pageant. In 1978 Sandra was the Homecoming Queen at North Mecklenburg.

A Business Administration major at Central Piedmont Community College, Sandra admits she has not had any formal training in dance. Her talent has been achieved through the ability to realize and improve her objectives with self-reliance. However, she does plan to take lessons soon to learn to play the steel drums.

Beaming, Sandra commented she "thoroughly enjoyed being guest queen and emcee at the Miss Ebony Pageant."



Rev. George Battle  
Aware of criticism

increasing numbers on the courts and playing fields; whites, firmly entrenched on the sidelines, in positions of authority as coaches.

This series of articles has focused generally on the lack of black head coaches in the major sports of football and basketball at all levels—from professional to high school. We have focused in particular on the high schools of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg system—where blacks occupy three out of 99 head coaching positions in football and



Greg Richardson  
Poses question

basketball. Varying degrees of concern have been expressed by black coaches in the area; varying degrees of denial of the validity of that concern have been voiced by CMS officials.

One black coach in Charlotte, who asked not to be named, placed the responsibility for the scarcity of black head coaches in Charlotte-Mecklenburg directly on the shoulders of high-placed officials in the system.

"Nothing is going to be done," he remarked, "until

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those in authority decide to do something."

The man with the most authority in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System, Superintendent Jay Robinson, has never been accused of harboring racial prejudice: He has taken strong and well-publicized action to ensure racial balance in area schools and is considered a major exponent of the value of integrated schools. He is also a man who has never been accused of lacking the clout to make changes when he feels a problem exists.

Robinson alternately revealed concern and anger in his response to allegations that black coaches have not been given equal consideration with whites for head coaching jobs locally. "I believe in affirmative action at all levels," Robinson stated, "but I'm not going to reserve a coaching position for a black candidate, though."

"I'm concerned that all

10 football coaches (at Charlotte-Mecklenburg high schools) are white," he added. "I'm also interested in seeing more black applicants."

Robinson's assertion that few blacks apply for head coaching positions was described by several black coaches as an "excuse" that has been repeated over the years by CMS officials.

The competition for head coaching jobs in football and basketball is "tremendous" according to Robinson—with many applicants being turned down.

"We hired coaches at two schools this year (Myers Park and West Mecklenburg) and I've talked to Dave Harris (CMS Athletic Director) and the principals and I'm convinced they made the right decisions in both cases. The man hired at Myers Park, according to the people in Hanover County (Wilmington), was the best coach they ever had. And the new coach at West Mecklenburg has tremendous

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## TURTLE-TALK



While they're still discussing the 3 martini lunch, there are many who would just like to be able to afford the lunch.