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Vivacious Anita Word
...Independence junior

Anita Word Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Simmons
Post Staff Writer

Even though Anita Word is an 11th grader, independence is a recurrent concept within her thought patterns.

"That's probably why I admire my aunt, Abbie Butler, so much," Ms. Word expressed. "She does what she wants to on her own. She is an independent person."

The television program "Laverne and Shirley" also exemplifies our beauty's desire to experience full independence. "I enjoy watching the program because I like the way they are on their own," she continued.

In addition to pursuing life fully upon her free will, our beauty also takes others' feelings and emotions into consideration. As a Gemini she describes herself as a nice person and "...one who would be a good friend."

"My mother, and grandmother, Mattie Butler, have taught me a lot. Both of them have helped others a great deal."

Our beauty is the daughter of Joe and Alice Word.

YWCA Presents Black Woman Series

A series of forums on "Black Women: Her Struggles and Images" is planned, with the first to be October 21, 7-9 p.m., YWCA Trade Street Center. The community dialogues are being co-sponsored by the YW, UNCC Afro-American Studies Program, The Charlotte Chapter of the National Council of Negro Business and Professional Women, WomenReach, Inc., the Black Women's Caucus of Charlotte-Mecklenburg, and the Afro-American Cultural Arts Center.

Five programs are planned. At the first session, discussion will be led by guest speaker Dr. Myriette Ekechukwu, Assistant Professor of Afro-American Studies at UNCC and President Africanist.

There is no charge for the forum and no pre-registration is necessary.

TURTLE-TALK



A wise man acknowledges his mistakes. A fool will defend his.

Support Growing For Carthan

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Drunk Driving Is National Malady

18-25 Are Biggest Offenders

It happens to men and women of all backgrounds. Doctors, congressmen, lawyers, judges, housewives, businessmen, laborers, students.

They get drunk and they drive.

And they kill or injure themselves or others. The statistics are so large - and have been repeated so often - they are almost ignored:

-Half of all North Carolina traffic deaths in 1980 were caused by drunken drivers.

-More than 19,000 persons suffered bodily injuries in 1980 in accidents involving drunken drivers.

-Nine thousand property damage accidents were caused by drunken drivers.

-More than 82,000 persons were arrested in North Carolina in 1980 for driving under the influence (DUI), more than any other state except Texas and California.

According to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Section of the Department of Human Resources, North Carolina has more than 200,000 adult "heavy escape drinkers" and 65,000 "heavy" drinkers under 18. The same source says more than 350,000 North Carolinians have at least one DUI arrest on their records.

Percentage-wise, young adults - 18-25 - are the biggest group of offenders. They constituted almost half of the 82,930 DUI arrests in 1980.

In a 1981 report, the Governor's Crime Commission flatly says the North Carolina arrest rate for DUI is 1,400 per 10,000 population - more than twice the national average of only 600. "The high See 18 On Page 16



The Rose of Sharon, a Missionary auxiliary of St. Paul Baptist Church will present its 7th Anniversary Program Sunday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Guest minister will be Rev. A. B. Sutton and his choir. Rev. Sutton is pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church. The above members of the Rose of Sharon cordially invite the public to attend this well planned program. Rev. Paul Drummond is pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, located at 1401 N. Allen Street.

Black Votes May Tip November Election Balance

Special To The Post

The Black vote will have enormous potential power in the November elections, according to Eddie Williams, president of the Washington-based Joint Center for Political Studies and a seasoned observer-analyst of political trends.

Williams' optimistic outlook was reported in a column in the New York Amsterdam News by William Raspberry, syndicated columnist for the Washington Post.

Although Williams isn't guaranteeing immediate Congressional gains, he believes the prospects are good both for increasing

the number of Blacks in Congress and for increasing Black influence on white candidates.

To support his position, Williams points out that:

A Black state representative in Mississippi has won the Democratic nomination in the majority-Black Second District, which means that Mississippi may be sending a Black to Congress for the first time since Reconstruction.

South Carolina Democrats have nominated Ken Mosely, a Black college professor, to challenge six-term Republican Rep. Floyd Spence.

Georgia's Fifth District

(Atlanta) seat, currently held by the "Fairly liberal" Democrat Wyche Fowler, has been targeted by Julian Bond, who has said he may run as an independent if he does not win the Democratic nomination.

"The South is emerging as a crucial battleground for Blacks in this fall's election," contended Williams.

Even where no Black candidate is running, Black voters should have substantial influence, said Williams, citing the latest Census Bureau statistics showing Black Congressional districts, many of

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Angela Davis Organizing Activities In 27 Cities

Angela Davis, co-chairman of the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression (NAARPR) reported Monday that "NAARPR branches, labor unions, churches, elected officials, student groups and others are organizing activities in 27 cities as part of the October 19 National Day of Protest Against Legal Lynching in the South."

"We will speak with one united voice to demand that the governmental conspiracy to take the life of Mayor Eddie Carthan in Mississippi be halted and justice be done," Davis said.

NAARPR Assistant Executive Director Frank Chapman described developments around the October 19 protest day: "The Detroit Branch of the NAACP has passed a resolution in support of the October 19 protest and stated that its members will participate. In Los Angeles the District Council of the International Longshore and Warehousemen's Union has passed a resolution supporting the protest. The Los Angeles County Bar Association - Human Rights Committee has called for a Justice Department investigation of the Carthan case and authorized its Chairman Attorney Mario Vasquez to attend the trial in Mississippi. In Washington, D.C., national and local organizational leaders and elected officials are organizing a delegation to U.S. Attorney General William French Smith. These are just a few examples of the movement that is growing."

"In addition, the National Conference of Black Mayors has come out in full support of Mayor Carthan, who has been an active member of that organization. Conference President Mayor Johnny Ford of Tuskegee, Alabama has written to U.S. Supreme Court Justice Byron White: "Eddie Carthan is not a criminal. His assault conviction came as a result of his lawful response to the illegal occupation of Tchula City Hall by two armed men. These men claimed to be appointed law enforcement officers, based on nothing more than a telephone conversation with Mr. Carthan's political opponents on Tchula's Board of Aldermen. They obviously had not been empowered by any legal authority to bar the Mayor or any other duly elected or appointed officials from City Hall. Expelling these armed intruders was a responsible and courageous act consistent with his role as mayor. It is shocking and deplorable that for this Eddie Carthan has been imprisoned, when in fact his only crime has been his refusal to knuckle under to political and economic coercion."

Concluding the address, Angela Davis reported: "On October 19, Mayor Carthan and his brother Joseph Carthan will go on trial on fraudulent charges of murder, armed robbery and conspiracy. If they are convicted they will go the gas chamber, victims of

the mechanizations of the plantation owners and the Mississippi and federal governments.

"It is not enough," Davis continued, "to experience feelings of outrage at the escalating attack on Black leaders and on human rights in general that has accompanied the advent of the Reagan Administration. It is time to act, time to organize."

For more information on the October 19 National Day of Protest Against Legal Lynching in the South, contact the National Alliance Against Racist and Political Repression, 27 Union Square West, No. 306, NYC 10003; 212-243-8555.

Dropout Problems Targeted

Job Placement Centers (Dropout Prevention Centers) are expected to be established in at least 100 high schools throughout the state.

Eight of the centers were in operation last year and proved effective, according to the State Department of Public Instruction.

Governor Jim Hunt targeted North Carolina's dropout problem as one of his major concerns during the two years remaining in his term. Through the Job Placement Centers, educators are working to keep students in school through a variety of programs - strengthening basic skills, reducing class size, extending the school day, improving guidance and support services, expanding vocational education programs, etc.

The State Department of Public Education reports, "research indicates that students who drop out of school have no goals, no purpose to make their education seem important and useful to their lives. Students who drop out of school are disproportionately found in non-academic and non-vocational instructional tracks that provide little direction and/or focus."

"Students need academic and personal goals to make their educational experience meaningful and real," State Superintendent Craig Phillips pointed out.

The program objectives of the centers are to provide job placement full- or part-time, temporary or permanent), job counseling, job skills development, job search assistance, and support services where needed. Staff from these centers will serve as advocates for high risk students. They will coordinate each student's activities and refer them to state-funded remediation programs, vocational programs and special alternative education programs as needed.

Seventy-six academic enrichment programs will become Job Placement Centers this year.

Boycott Outcome In Doubt

PUSH Vs. BUSCH Fight Heats Up!

By Mac Throver
Post Staff Writer

Jesse Jackson, the leader of Operation PUSH, has declared economic war on Anheuser-Busch, Inc., charging that the giant of the beer industry has not returned a "fair share" of its profits to the black community. On September 4, PUSH held news conferences in 33 major cities calling for a boycott by blacks of Budweiser products. "Bud is a Dud," Jackson declared, as he urged blacks across the nation to "withdraw their dollars" from Budweiser in an effort to force the nation's largest beer producer to negotiate an agreement with PUSH.

The development of PUSH's "selective patronage" program to achieve "black economic empowerment," the evolution of the dispute between PUSH and Anheuser-Busch, and the early response to Jackson's call for a boycott against the "King of Beers" have helped to crystallize the issue of economic development in the black community. Jackson's program has been character-



Jesse Jackson
...Boycott leader

ized by black leaders such as Tony Brown as "begging" for support from corporate America. And although Jackson has successfully concluded agreements with Coca-Cola, USA and Heublein, Inc., (the owners of Kentucky Fried Chicken), Anheuser-Busch

has strongly resisted his pressure and has apparently successfully minimized much of the initial impact of the boycott. Thus, the desirability and effectiveness of negotiating with major corporations has come into question among blacks, as has Jackson's



Cicero Grier
...Local businessman

position as a "spokesman" for Black America. Over the past year, Operation PUSH has centered its efforts on an "economic justice" campaign "designed to renegotiate the economic relationship between corporate America...and Black America." As a result of this campaign, PUSH was able to conclude agreements with Coke and Heublein promising: 1) Greater black representation on the Boards of Directors; 2) Increased percentages of black employed, both in entry-level and decision-making positions; 3) procurement of

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black-owned goods and services-black banks, lawyers, accountants, media, advertising agencies, construction; 4) increased contributions to black-oriented charities and educational institutions.

The signing of these pacts was attended by considerable media attention, and Jackson was applauded in some circles for undertaking a bold new initiative on behalf of blacks. The expectations created by these agreements have, however, already led to an angry and disappointed response from black businessmen who expected to substantially benefit from these corporate commitments: Ernie Pitt, for example, the publisher of a black-owned newspaper, The Winston-Salem Chronicle, has denounced the advertising policies of Coca-Cola USA as "racist" because, Pitt alleges, Coke has not lived up to its pledge to PUSH to increase its advertising in the black media. Jackson insists that PUSH will monitor the pro-

gress of Coke and Heublein in complying with the pacts, and that PUSH will report publicly on its findings.

Despite the success of his negotiations with Coke and Heublein, Jackson met immediate opposition from Anheuser-Busch. The St. Louis-based firm has consistently refused to meet with PUSH's negotiating team, saying that its present "minority economic development program" "represents a significant investment in the black community. We have deposited \$10 million in black banks, agreed to spend a million dollars annually in advertising in minority media and expand our support to black institutions," Wayman F. Smith III, an Anheuser-Busch vice-president, said in response to Jackson's charge that Anheuser-Busch failed to adequately invest in black-owned enterprises. Smith, who is black, is leading Anheuser-Busch's public relations counter-offensive against the PUSH boycott.

According to research See PUSH on Page 16