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DEANN CUNNINGHAM

...Takes path to success

Miss DeAnn Cunningham Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Teresa Simmons
Post Staff Writer
Whatever the future holds for our beauty, DeAnn Cunningham, it will certainly hold a variety of spices. Seasoned with ambition, ingenuity and just the right amount of love for mankind, the life of Cunningham can only take the path to success.

Music has always been a hobby of Cunningham's. She has won numerous awards and honors in the field of music, also. She was named National Piano Student, sang with the Charlotte Youth Auditorium, was named National Honor Student for Music at Bennett College and Who's

Who in Music at Bennett College. With the philosophy, "Live to the best of your advantage, for tomorrow is another day and we fear the unknown," Cunningham has realized that the essence of the "spice of life" is exactly what you make it.

Here Friday Night

Bond To Share His Insights On Politics

Georgia State Senator Julian Bond will share his insights on politics and its role in black society February 24 at 8:15 p.m. in McKnight Lecture Hall of Cone Center at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Bond's prominence at the 1983 Democratic National Convention in Chicago symbolized the new political changes occurring within the Party and throughout the nation.

He co-chaired the challenge delegation from Georgia at the convention. He fought against the hand-picked delegation and consequently made his name familiar across Party lines.

Bond was the first black in American history to be nominated for vice president. He also seconded the nomination of Senator Eugene McCarthy for President.

Today, Bond continues to lead the battle for civil and human rights in his native South.

Nail Joins

Presbyterian Staff

A 1983 Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Deans Nail has joined the Presbyterian Hospital staff as public information specialist. She was also a Morehead Scholarship finalist.

Miss Nail is a native of Charlotte and is a graduate of East Mecklenburg High School.

"I am one who wants my career to be one I enjoy," remarked our beauty. Her immediate goal is to complete her college education at the University of North Carolina. Presently she is employed as a receptionist at Future Security Services. She plans to continue her major field of Computer Science with a minor in Music this fall.

A North Mecklenburg graduate, Cunningham is the daughter of Julia and Johnny Cunningham. "My mother is the person I most admire," Cunningham stated. "She has spent many years teaching me. She is self-employed and I admire that."

Our beauty has one sister, DeAnn, and two brothers, Chris and Von. Cunningham enjoys the music of jazz artist Pat Metheny and the Earth Wind and Fire interpretations. What she doesn't like in this world is inflation and the color barriers.

She attends Smallwood Presbyterian Church where she has been involved in the Presbyterian Youth Group and a member of the choir. She has also served on many committees of the church.

You can win more friends with your ears than with your mouth.

Hunt Approves State Affirmative Action Plan

Blacks Form Legislative Lobby Staff

Several statewide black organizations have joined together under the banner of the Coalition for Progressive Legislation in an attempt to build a legislative lobby staff to promote and protect the interests of the black community.

"The Coalition was born out of a frustration felt by many blacks that the interests and concerns of blacks were not getting the attention that they should from legislators," said Irving Joyner, Chairman of the Coalition and President of the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers.

For several years blacks have attempted to obtain the enactment of specific legislative proposals without success, e.g., elimination of the second primary, and minority set aside requirements for State agencies. "Despite the presence of 12 black legislators there exists a real need for us to develop a concerted effort to press for our needs and a legislative lobby is the most effective way of doing that," adds Joyner.

The Coalition will kick off its legislative lobby effort at a gala fund raising banquet in Raleigh, N.C., that will salute the achievements of the 12 black legislators presently in office.

David "D.G." Martin

Plight Of Public Housing Tenants Disturbs Congressional Candidate

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
David (D.G.) Martin has a lot on his mind. He appears disturbed about the plight of public housing tenants, and is even more concerned about the nation's actions in the areas of national defense and the national budget.

A Democratic candidate for North Carolina's congressional ninth district, Martin stated, "no candidate is willing to talk much about the budget."

Well, D.G. meant no candidate but himself. Not only has he developed some solid ideas about the nation's budget, but he also admits his workable solution is not the most favorable with everybody.

In his announcement speech, Martin commented, "I will support radical and perhaps unpopular steps to address this problem unless better proposals are made." While the Charlotte attorney is



David Martin

...Ninth District candidate open for suggestions, he presently believes the best way to diminish an out-



Spring doesn't begin until March 20, but you'd never know it by observing the free-spirits of the youngsters above. All residents of the west side of town, one can only suspect that when the sun shines, it wraps everyone in a sensation of warmth. (Photo By Teresa Simmons)

Black Law Officers Donate Check To "Shakeeka" Funds

The Charlotte Chapter of the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association met recently.

At the meeting NSLEOA members agreed to contribute \$300 to James and Ernestine Richardson, the parents of Shakeeka Richardson, the two year-old girl who died from biliary atresia. NSLEOA members also decided to donate \$100 toward the project for the erection of a marble monument honoring city law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty. Finally, the organization pledged to offer monetary, spiritual and other needed support to assist the Afro-American Cultural Center's transition to the former Little

Rock AME Zion Church. Founded in 1952 in Durham, N.C., NSLEOA was established to unite black police officers in the state in an effort to discuss and compare the unique situation of the black officer.

According to law enforcer Frank Coley, "The need for a black professional, fraternal and family oriented organization was essential for the black officers due to segregated conditions that excluded black officers from obtain-

Presbyterian Surgery Center Approved

Presbyterian Ambulatory Surgery Center has

received state approval, and construction is expected to start within 90 days.

The 12,000-square-foot multispecialty outpatient center will be built on Fourth Street across from Presbyterian Hospital's Diagnostic and Treatment Center. The location provides easy access to existing hospital facilities for acute care backup, if needed, as well as for convenience for surgeons and patients.

Completion of the \$2 million facility is targeted for June, 1985.

"Presbyterian's 20 year track record of experience as a pioneer and regional leader in outpatient surgery and the projected 30 percent savings to patients make the new center a major step in the cost containment battle," says Presbyterian Hospital Senior Vice President Jeffrey Miller.

The new center will have four operating rooms for both general and local anesthesia, a recovery room and diagnostic facilities such as a pre-surgical laboratory, radiology and electrocardiographic testing.

Presbyterian's outpatient surgery department has been a model in the Southeast for other programs.

The executive order does not eliminate or modify any laws or regulations creating special preferences for veterans.

Hunt: Equal Opportunity For All

Governor Jim Hunt has issued an executive order approving the state's Affirmative Action Program and requiring all Cabinet departments to carry out the state's commitment to equal employment opportunity for all citizens.

"State government has a special responsibility to ensure equal opportunity for men and women, blacks and whites, Indians, the handicapped -- all our citizens," Governor Hunt said.

"We cannot and we will not be a land of true opportunity until we are known as the land of equal opportunity," he said. "That's why I am approving this comprehensive state Affirmative Action Program and requiring all of my Cabinet departments to abide by it."

The Affirmative Action Program, which was adopted by the State Personnel Commission and approved by the Governor, requires all Cabinet department heads to:

-Submit to the Office of State Personnel for approval an annual affirmative action plan designed to carry out the state's affirmative action policy. Annual reports will be due on October 1 of each year.

-Provide training on equal employment opportunity-affirmative compliance to all managers, supervisors and others who take or recommend personnel actions.

-Provide for an annual internal evaluation system to hold managers accountable for the progress or lack of progress of the department's affirmative action program.

-Adopt and carry out a reduction-in-force mechanism to ensure that any reduction of employees does not reduce the proportion of protected group members in the current workforce and preserves the gains that have been made in affirmative action.

The program also provides for semi-annual reports to be submitted to the Governor by the Office of State Personnel on each agency's compliance with the state's affirmative action policy.

The N.C. Human Relations Council will advise the Governor and the Office of State Personnel in the implementation of the program.