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LOVELY ANTIONETTE PATTON

...Myers Park sophomore

Miss Antionette Patton Is "Beauty Of The Week"

By Teresa Simmons
Post Staff Writer
Antionette Patton didn't know that Michael Jackson would win eight Grammys when she mentioned that he was her favorite entertainer.

"I like everything about him - his voice, the way he talks, and the way he looks," Patton stated.

A Myers Park Senior High School 10th grader,

**John White
Chosen Alumnus
Of The Year**

John White, a 1986 CPCC graduate, has been chosen Alumnus of the Year by the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges. John, a photographer for the Chicago Sun Times, won the 1982 Pulitzer Prize for Photography.

John enrolled at CPCC to become an artist. One of his courses included a required unit in photography.

When the instructor saw John's work, he said, "John, you are not an artist, you are a photographer."

John bristled. He continued to take pictures and slowly began to realize that his instructor was right.

"What really touched me," he recalls, "is that my instructor had greater vision for me than I had for myself." That individual attention sowed seeds for his success.



Beauty may get you in the door, but it takes brains to keep you there.

our beauty has dreams of becoming famous herself. "I'd like to be a model. I enjoy beautiful clothes and I think I have the personality for the profession."

There is another aspiration embedded within our beauty's heart as well. "I would also like to attend UNC-Charlotte and enter the field of Health Occupations and become a nurse."

The daughter of Ruth Patton and the late Felix Patton, our beauty has one brother, Anthony Patton. She is a member of Myers Chapel FBH Church of God where she ushers.

Patton's hobbies include dancing and modeling. Her favorite subject in school is Fashion Merchandising and Health. "Good Times" is to Ms. Patton, one of the most enjoyable television programs currently on the air. "It's a funny series and

it shows the humor that black people really possess."

Born under the sign of Aquarius, Ms. Patton believes strongly in the lessons taught by the Bible, including "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

She is also concerned about the tragedies of war and hopes that all adverse conditions of the world could be changed for the better. Ms. Patton is anxiously awaiting election. Even though she will be too young to vote, she hopes that a new President will be elected.

Being an exquisite young lady has its values. From having excellent taste in music and fashion to having a well-rounded view of the world at 16, our beauty has the making to face the world on any terms and come out a winner.

Auto Thefts Continue To Decline

Special To The Post
First the good news: Thieves stole 11 percent fewer vehicles in North Carolina in 1983 than in 1982 for the third annual decline.

Now the bad news: Thieves still stole 8,565 vehicles - cars, trucks, trailers and motorcycles - and that affects your insurance rates for comprehensive insurance which covers auto theft.

"We are pleased that vehicle thefts continued to decline but the 1983 total amounted to millions of dollars and the insured losses affect future insurance rates," said D.T. Bennett, president of the N.C. Insurance News Service. Bennett is a Greensboro-based resident vice president of the Harleysville Insurance Company.

"The theft losses could be cut even more because the majority of thefts occurred because people left their cars unlocked and the keys in them," said Bennett.

As might be expected, the state's most populous county - Mecklenburg - led in the total number of vehicles stolen with 1,194, an increase of five vehicles over the number stolen in 1982.

Clay, Gates and Jones Counties did not report a single vehicle theft in 1983.



MRS. INEZ PARKER

...Will always be remembered

Mrs. Parker Dies:

Family And Friends Mourn Loss Of A Great Educator

By Teresa Simmons & Karen Parker
Post Staff Writers

A peculiar emptiness settled on the campus of Johnson C. Smith University and throughout the Five Points Community, as faculty, staff, students and community residents learned about the death of Inez Parker.

While everyone admits Mrs. Parker will be missed, they know her con-

tributions to the University and its surroundings are everlasting. JCSU basketball coach Bob Moore, Mrs. Parker's nephew, stated, "I know if anybody loved Johnson C. Smith University, it was Auntie," coach Moore affectionately referred to Mrs. Parker.

"She was well-respected in all of the school's departments," he added. The "coach" always looked to Mrs. Parker as a "second

mother. The only problem he had with her was getting her away from the campus. "I live in Huntersville, and I'd ask her to come home with me for a weekend." But, Moore fondly recalls, "auntie" refused to leave her small apartment just around the corner from the college's main campus she loved so dearly.

Other people had joyful recollections of Mrs. Parker as well. Dr. Belton worked with Mrs. Parker at JCSU for more than 30 years. "She was the motherly type instructor while in the English department," Dr. Belton stated. Mrs. Parker had a keen interest in her students, and would work beyond the required classroom time to help them." Dr. Belton continued, "She didn't just develop her students in English, but other areas as well. She had a personal interest in her students."

Describing her as one of who had a pleasant sense of humor, Dr. Belton said Mrs. Parker "never hesitated to speak out her convictions."

Mrs. Parker was the author of two books, both dedicated to her daughter, Amelia Parker. The first one, "The Biddle-Johnson C. Smith University Story" was published in 1975. It's about the history of JCSU. Two years later, "The Rise and Decline of the Program of Education for Black Presbyterians of the United Presbyterian Church USA," was published. This presents the background of black Presbyterian schools and colleges throughout the South.

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Group Views City-County Government

By Karen Parker
Post Staff Writer
The issue of government consolidation is again in the forefront in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Mayor Harvey Gantt and County Commission Chairman T. Odom recently announced the appointment of a broad-based, 25-member citizens committee to study and evaluate the feasibility of a consolidated government for Charlotte-Mecklenburg. Six blacks will serve on the committee. They are: Attorney Karl Adkins, co-vice chairperson; school principal Robert "Bob" Davis, Jr.; school counselor, Mary Gill; church spokesperson, Adelaide Hunt; Charlotte-Mecklenburg Youth Council director, Phyllis Lynch and Burger King franchise owner and manager, Nasif Majeed.

These community achievers along with others accepted the responsibility to study city-county government consolidation and to make recommendations back to the Council and Commission.

"The County Commission and City Council have concluded it is appropriate to once again review the possibility of a single government for Charlotte-Mecklenburg," Odom stated. "This issue should be examined carefully as to whether a unified local government is practical, politically feasible and timely for serious consideration by the public," he continued.

Mayor Gantt added, "The consolidation Study Committee represents people who are pro Charlotte-Mecklenburg, but may have different viewpoints on the question of consolidation. This way, the City Council and County Commission will have the benefit of a cross section of opinion representing City and County residents, the small towns, neighborhood leaders, business and financial experts, and the academic community."

The committee's evaluation work will include the following study areas:
1) An examination of present service delivery and a projection of whether such services can be improved in a single government. Conversely, which services are best left in the present format.

2) An analysis of cost savings, if any, under a single government format.
3) Evaluation of the public's perception of a single government and the real or perceived notion of greater or lesser accessibility, "bigness" or complexity. See Six On Page 11A

Dr. Mary Frances Berry Named Keynote Speaker For NAACP Dinner

Special To The Post

Dr. Mary Frances Berry, a commissioner on the U.S. Commission of Civil Rights, will be the keynote speaker at the 15th Annual Dinner sponsored by the North Carolina Committee of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF). The event, which will be held April 14 at the Holiday Inn (N. Tryon at Craighead), will begin at 5:45 p.m. - dinner will be served at 7 p.m.

Zoel and Esther Hargrave are again serving as chairpersons for the fundraiser.

Dr. Berry is known throughout the United States for her stand regarding Civil Rights. Formerly a U.S. Assistant Secretary for Education in the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, she was fired by President Reagan from her Civil Rights Commission post but was later reappointed by Congress to the position. Dr. Berry currently



Dr. Mary Frances Berry
...Civil Rights commissioner

serves as professor of history and law and is a senior fellow in the Institute for the Study of Educational

Policy at Howard University in Washington. She is also a member of the Bar of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Hargrave, in making the announcement of Ms. Berry's confirmation as speaker, said, "She is in a position to bring us a message." The committee is delighted that she accepted the invitation. Persons who wish to hear Ms. Berry should make their reservations as soon as possible," Hargrave said.

The Legal Defense and

CAF Job Finding Class To Begin

The Human Resources Development Program at CPCC will sponsor a job finding class beginning March 14. Areas to be covered include filling out job applications, proper responses to interview questions, dressing for work and job interviews as well as behavior expected of employees while on the job. The class runs for ap-

proximately two weeks in the afternoons.

The class fee is \$11 and will be waived for candidates who meet Charlotte Area Fund income guidelines. For more information on the class, contact Jeff Sechrist at 373-6969. People needing assistance with the class fees should contact the Charlotte Area Fund at 372-3010.