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W. Charlotte Class Presents Scholarship

For the third consecutive year, the alumni of West Charlotte Senior High School's graduating classes 1941-45 will present some worthy West Charlotte High School senior with a \$500 scholarship.

The recipient of this award must maintain a "B" average and must be enrolled in an accredited college in the upcoming semester.

The 1941-45 alumni classes of West Charlotte are sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day disco, March 17 at the Excelsior Club from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Donations are \$3 and door prizes of \$25 and \$50 will be given away.

Every first Saturday in the month the 1941-45 alumni meet at the Trojan Club on LaSalle St. All graduating members of these classes are urged to attend. Sylvester Lee is president.

Home Safety

For The Elderly

Almost half of all home deaths are caused by falls, and more than 90 percent of those falls involve adults more than 45 years old. The North Carolina Medical Society says you can reduce the risk of taking a fall by following these simple precautions:

-arrange furniture so that there are clear paths between doors.

-pick up toys, shoes, newspapers and litter.

-use ladders or step stools instead of chairs for climbing.

-install railings on all stairways, even short ones.

-use slip-proof rugs.

-light dark and shadowy areas of your home.

-be careful of slick flooring and tiles.

-repair breaks and splinters in floors and stairs.

The term "home accident" is often a misnomer. What happens is usually predictable and preventable.



THE MARY JANE GIRLS

.....First female funk rock group

...As Mary Jane Girls

JoJo, Cheri, Candi, Maxi Step Forth

By Loretta Manago
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It took the imagination of superstar Rick James to envision the concept of the Mary Jane Girls.

Accredited for creating funk-n-roll (formerly punk funk), Rick James also wanted to establish the first legitimate female funk and roll group.

"My concept was to create female characters women could identify with musically. I wanted to

Auditions Set

Auditions for the musical production of "The Sound of Music" will be held at the Little Theatre of Charlotte on March 18-19 starting at 7:30 p.m.

There are many roles for men ages eight to 60 and women ages six to 60.

form a group that exuded the same sort of theatrics and fun that I'd established with the Rick James character," exclaimed James.

National tours, recording projects with Teena Marie, the Stone City Band, the Temptations and his own albums slowed the process to organizing this female group. But not for long. Late in 1982, the search began for the Mary Jane Girls.

James held auditions in New York and Los Angeles. After auditioning over 200 girls, four emerged as winners.

Based on the qualifications of talent, ambition, beauty, personality and singing ability, Jo Jo, Cheri, Candi and Maxi

stepped forth as the Mary Jane Girls.

Two weeks after the audition, Jo Jo, Cheri, Candi and Maxi were at the Record Plant in Sausalito rehearsing songs and recording. By the time the Mary Jane Girls had completed an album, they had also found a home at Motown Studios.

Jo Jo is a veteran funk-n-roller. For the past two years, she has been singing with Rick James. In the group, the Mary Jane Girls, Jo Jo is lead singer. An authentic Mary Jane Girl, Jo Jo describes her experience of working with Rick as "challenging and wonderful."

Next is Cheri. Described as the "baby in the group," Cheri has appeared in several off-Broadway shows

including presentations of "Wait Until Dark" and "The Bad Seed." Having studied dance, drama and voice, Cheri has also worked both in front and behind the camera on television commercials.

Candi's singing career began for her at the age of nine. At 25, Candi's experience includes work as a songwriter and backup work with Smokey Robinson, Johnny Bristol and Marilyn McLeod.

It was upon Candi's suggestion that Maxi decided to audition for the Mary Jane Girls. Labeled as the most outrageous member of the group, Maxi has studied singing and

dancing and apprenticed in various cabaret groups around the Pittsburgh area.

National Cable Viewers To Take Cancer Quiz

Millions of cable television viewers will take the National Cancer Quiz in April as part of a unique 60-minute program that could save many lives.

Aimed at promoting early detection and treatment of cancer, the show features medical experts who also advise viewers on ways to avoid a lifestyle that may increase the risk of cancer.

Actor Cliff Robertson, nationally honorary chairman of the American Cancer Society 1984 crusade, and moderator Bob Neal are among those on the program sponsored by the National Cable Television Association and ACS and produced by Turner Broadcasting System in Atlanta.

The program's quiz format promotes active participation by viewers.

Dick Gregory

To Lecture

Here March 18

Noted civil rights activist and social humanitarian Dick Gregory will lecture at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte March 18 in the McKnight Lecture Hall of the Cone University Center at 7 p.m.

The title of Gregory's presentation is "Social Problems: Social or Anti-Social?"

Gregory has been active in social issues for many years and is well known for his protest fasts.

The lecture is sponsored by the University Program Board. Costs are \$1 for UNCC students; \$1.50 for UNCC faculty and staff; and \$3 for the public. Tickets are available at the Cone Center Candy Counter.

For more information, call Anthony McCants, 597-2521, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., week-days.