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MISS DIANE STRONG  
"Beauty of the Week"

## Strong Reveals Her Ambition To Become An Accountant

By Teresa Simmons  
Post Managing Editor

Diane Strong, a rising sophomore at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, confidently reveals that her ambition is to become an accountant. "In accounting I can combine my interest of dealing with people and love of the challenge of mathematics."

The determined 18 year-old has already made progress on her aspirations. She's begun her second year of summer employment with the prestigious accounting firm of Peat, Marwick Mitchell & Co. located in the First Union Plaza.

"After becoming a CPA," claims Diane, "I will pursue a position in accounting management. Possibly, the ambitious young lady projects, 'becoming a partner in the future.'"

A 1983 graduate of Olympic High School, Diane asserts "You should always be the best you can be." Her long list of high school accomplishments and honors illuminates

her philosophy. She was president of the Spanish Honor Society; a member of the National Honor Society; and a member of the Order of the Trojans. Diane received special recognition from the National Conference of Christians and Jews "as a builder of brotherhood." She appeared in The Charlotte Post as one of the Top Ten Seniors of 1983 and also The Charlotte News' All Star Scholars for 1983.

Diane is quick to credit special people in her life who have supported her many endeavors. She mentions an Olympic High counselor, "Mrs. Sue Johnson helped me realize that on my own I can reach my full potential. She also told me that whatever school (college) I ended up at, I could make the best of it."

"My brother, Edward, (28) and my sister, Jalyne, (26) are the people I most admire," Diane maintains. "I've watched them both achieve certain goals that have allowed me to know that I can succeed also. They continue to push me in my efforts and tell me when I am doing well," Diane confesses. "They also tell me when I may be wrong."

"My parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Henderson," adds Diane, "have always stood behind me."

Born under the sign of Libra, Diane comments the astrological trait of "being able to keep things in balance," applies to her. This week's beauty is a hard working individual with a keen eye on achievement. But, points out Diane, for fun she enjoys partying, dancing and swimming. "I dabble in singing," she laughs.

Expressing enthusiasm over being in The Charlotte Post, Diane states, "I really like the idea of being featured in the newspaper that is representative of Charlotte's black community."

As a conscientious young person, Diane voiced concern over the welfare of children. "I would like to see increased efforts made to end child abuse and to find missing children."

### In North Carolina

## Voter Registration Drive Targeted At Black Women

Atlanta, Ga. - Three Southeastern states are the focal points of an intensive drive to register black women voters and increase their awareness of politics. It is called the "Women's Vote Project" and it is supported by the Norman Foundation, the Muskiwinni Foundation and an Anonymous Donor on the recommendation of Joint Foundation Support.

Alabama, Georgia, and North Carolina were chosen as sites for this one-year program. Ms. Eleatha D. O'Neal, Project Director, says, "These states were chosen because black women have represented a significantly higher percentage of the black voting population there." Ms. O'Neal also said, "Black women have long been the backbone of community activities and political campaigns. The Women's Vote Project

### LSC Fighting To "Merely" Exist

By Karen Parker  
Post Staff Writer

If Terence Roche had been informed in 1980, that Legal Services Corp. would soon be fighting to merely exist, his reply would have been "Impossible."

Now the director of the Legal Services of Southern Piedmont, Inc. quickly admits the federal operation is being "wadded to death." The Charlotte office assists low-income people in civil suit cases in five counties. According to Roche, his establishment operated at the height of its funding in 1980. Now, four years into the Reagan administration, Roche noted Legal Services of Southern Piedmont, Inc. is struggling to operate a \$750,000 project with about \$568,000.

The number of lawyers in the Charlotte office has been cut from about 16 to 13. Without the Volunteer Lawyer Program, many of the civil cases would probably linger more than they do at present.

When Roche first saw the true signs given by an administration trying to wipe out Legal Services, Inc. he "squirreled away some money," hoping to stall a problem which he knew would eventually enter the doors of local, Legal Services, just as it has other offices across the country.

"We've spent all that money," Roche comments. See LSC On Page 13A



DR. MATTHEW J. WHITEHEAD  
"Distinguished JCSU alumnus"

## A. Leon Higginbotham Is JCSU Commencement Speaker

The Honorable A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., Circuit Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit, will address the 135 candidates for graduation from Johnson C. Smith University at the May 20 commencement ceremonies to be held at 2 p.m. in Owens Auditorium.

Judge Higginbotham is a noted jurist, educator and author. Prior to his current appointment by President Jimmy Carter in 1977, Judge Higginbotham,

served as a United States District Judge and visiting lecturer at Yale University, the University of Hawaii and the University of Michigan Law School. Since 1970, he has been an adjunct professor, Wharton Graduate School's Department of Sociology for the University of Pennsylvania and as a Lecturer in Law at the Law School. He is one of only six black Americans ever to reach the Federal Appellate bench.

Higginbotham's nomination as a Commissioner for the Federal Trade Commission by President John F. Kennedy in 1962 established him as the first black to serve at the commission level of any Federal Regulatory Agency. Honors received include: Ten Most Outstanding Men in America (1964, U.S. Chamber of Commerce); National Human Relations Awards (1968, National Conference of Christians and Jews); The Russwurm Awards (1969, National Newspaper Publishers Association); Citation of Merit Award (1975, Yale University Law School); and the Martin Luther King Award (1976, The Educator's Roundtable).

Boards and associations include vice chairman, National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence (appointed by President Lyndon B. Johnson); Commission on Reform of Federal Criminal Laws (by appointment of Chief Justice Warren Burger); Commission of Correctional Facilities and Services (by appointment of Benard G. Segal, president of the American Bar Association); and the Committee of the Judicial Conference of the United States to Consider Standards for Admission to Practice in the Federal Courts. Judge Higginbotham has served on the Board of Trustees at Yale University, Thomas Jefferson University and the University of Pennsylvania.

Publications include "In The Matter of Color: Race and the American Legal Process; the Colonial Period" (1978) which won the Silver Gavel Award of See JCSU On Page 12A

### Healthcare For Blacks Program Set

By Karen Parker  
Post Staff Writer

Rev. Timothy McDonald of the national Southern Christian Leadership Conference recently reported 23 million blacks and poor Americans don't have hospital insurance.

Timothy is conducting hearings in 11 cities to present testimonies about healthcare insurance. After visiting Kansas City, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, Detroit, and Philadelphia, Timothy stated he's discovering "people are actually dying because they can't afford to go to the hospital."

The program known as "Healthcare for Black and Poor Americans" will be held in Charlotte, Tuesday, 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. in the Metro Center, 700 E. 2nd St. According to Timothy, doctors and other healthcare personnel will meet with Charlotte citizens and SCLC members to discuss what Timothy terms a "serious problem." He declared, "health insurance should be a right; not just for those who can afford it."

Rev. Dr. Joseph Lowery will be the convener for the hearings which are open to the public at no charge. Among the panelists will be Dr. Alvin Poussaint, a well-known psychologist and columnist. The hearing is co-sponsored by the Tarheel Council of Senior Citizens.

Timothy didn't indicate what he expects the testimonies to be like in Charlotte. However, he pointed out in the five cities which have already been visited, it wasn't until the hearings were held that many people realized their case was not an isolated one.

"In Kansas City, a young woman died because the medical staff wouldn't issue her any medication. She didn't have money for insurance to cover the expense," Timothy illustrated. Through the hearings, it was also discovered three or four million people are without insurance because they have been laid off from their jobs. "When these people lost their jobs, they lost their insurance benefits," Timothy stressed. "Now many of them won't have a place to go if they get sick, because hospitals won't admit them."

After Tuesday's hearing, it may be easier to determine if Charlotte hospitals, like some in the other cities, are closing their doors in the faces of non-insured people who need medical attention.

A spokesman insisted that's not the case at Charlotte Memorial Hospital. "We will admit anyone who needs to be admitted," she commented. See SCLC On Page 10A



Eleatha O'Neal  
"WVP director"  
wants to tap those resources and improve the participation of women in the total electoral process... from registration, to voting, to office-seeking."

tical process through political education; 3. Conduct exit interviews at the polls during elections to ascertain what motivates black female registration and turn-out; 4. Develop methodologies to transfer to other segments of the black community based on what is learned from surveys and experiences gained in the course of conducting the program.

The project is currently recruiting volunteers to participate in the community as county coordinators. Mini-workshops and forums will also take place for the enrichment of black women.

Recent trends nationwide show that voter registration is on the upswing among female voters. Black women, according to recent studies have consistent high registration and voter turn-out levels. In several states, voter registration among

black women surpasses that of black males.

Ms. Neal stated, "It's time for black women to become more visible in the political system. The Women's Vote Project will try to place these women in leadership roles through their voting power."

Increased political sensitivity among black women has been sharpened by federal budget cuts which have had a major impact on education, employment, health and welfare policies.

To launch the Women's Vote Project, a series of statewide conferences for black women will be conducted on: June 23 in Raleigh, NC; July 14 in Macon, GA; and August 4 in Selma, AL.

The Women's Vote Project is a program of the Atlanta-based Voter Education Project, Inc. (VEP).

### TURTLE-TALK



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