

ton Takes Commitment Of Study To Heart



TAMARA HOUSTON
Musical Wiz

Tamara is an excellent worker. "She is one of the first sixth graders to give a solo recital. From the very beginning she has been a willing and hard worker." Ms. Houston is one of two sixth graders to be featured in solo recitals next month.

Ms. Houston is an achiever in school as well as at the piano. On the achievement test she scored 99. Her ambition is to work with computers

and become a piano artist. She is also a member of the safety patrol at Baringer Elementary School, plays the flute in the band, is a teen member for the fire safety bowl sponsored by the fire academy and attends New Bethlehem FBH Church where Rev. J. R. Caldwell pastors. At church Ms. Houston sings in the Youth Choir and the Combined Choir.

She was the first place winner in the Book Fair

Poster contest and received the Sportsmanship Award from Pinewood Elementary School.

Ms. Houston has also received trophies in softball, Bible memorization contests; and certificates in Bible courses as well as for safety patrol and general music.

She has two brothers, Sammie Jr. and Michael.

Sitting at the piano, Ms. Houston becomes an illu-

sion of raw talent. "But talent won't take you far, you have to sustain it with 95 percent work," Mrs. Jones preached. "It's not just talent, it takes work, time, energy, thought and effort."

With this type of backing and support, Ms. Houston will always be able to achieve the rating of superior. She'll always be one to strike the correct chord towards perfection.

Cheryl A. Simmons, Managing Editor, often lifts or mellows the mind as well as the heart. For those who have the gift of deliverance, the discipline of practicing and perfection is a must to achieve full potential.

Tamara Elizabeth Houston, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sammie L. Houston Sr., is one individual who has taken the commitment of study to heart. A dedicated student, little Ms. Houston will be one of the youngest ever to perform a solo piano recital under the guidance of teacher-mentor Clara Jones. The recital will be held Saturday, June 2, at First Baptist Church, 1801 Oaklawn Ave., at 6 p.m.

Ms. Houston, a 12 year old sixth grader at Baringer Elementary School, finds playing the piano exhilarating. "It is both relaxing and fun," she commented.

"Tamara has been under my instruction since 1980," Mrs. Jones stated. "She has an excellent memory, fine expression and lots of life," Mrs. Jones continued. "Each year in the national or International Piano Playing Auditions, Tamara has scored superior ratings - the highest possible."

This year Ms. Houston entered the International competitions. She memorized 15 pieces including selections like the Russian Dance and Valse Noble by Schubert.

Mrs. Jones confided that



Cheryl A. McCullough
...Looks to next milestone

McCullough

Receives B.A.

Degree

As Cheryl Ann McCullough begins to look forward to pursuing another milestone of earning her master's degree in Speech Pathology and Audiology, she now reflects on her most recent accomplishment.

Ms. McCullough recently received her Bachelor of Arts degree in English from Johnson C. Smith University.

While at Smith Ms. McCullough was on the Dean's List. She graduated with a 3.2 average, qualifying her as a cum laude graduate. She was affiliated with the Sigma Tau Delta National English Honor Society and the Pi Delta Tau Education Honor Society.

Some of her honors include being named a Duke Scholarship recipient, an Outstanding Young Woman of America and one of the Who's Who Among Students in America.

To assist Ms. McCullough in her future scholarly endeavors, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. recently awarded her with a scholarship.

Ms. McCullough is the daughter of John and Ann McCullough.

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