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Tina Wells  
.....Wants to be a lawyer

## Paternal Influences Impact Tina Wells' Life

By Jalyne Strong  
Post Staff Writer

"I want to be a lawyer and a stockbroker," claims 16 year old Tina Wells. "My goals are not fantasies they are realities."

Some may say a remark like this is called "boosting yourself up." But Wells has an infectious confidence and hearing her speak you'll have "no doubt she intends to realize these aspirations."

"There is nothing I can't do," she interjects.

Wells says her assuredness can be directly attributed to her relationship with an understanding and encouraging father, Gregory Allan Patton. "My father is my idol," she admits. Adding that her grandfather, Connie Allen Patton, is also very important to her, she says, "They are the inspirations in my life. They make me use 100 percent of my mind. All they ask is that I do my best."

Heeding this advice from her paternal influences, Wells intends to make an impact in life. For now she will complete high school with plans for attending Howard University in the future.

Soon to become a sophomore at West Charlotte High School, she transferred from West Mecklenburg. During her year at West Mecklenburg, she was involved in the Drama Club and FHA (Future Homemakers of America).

Her involvement in the Drama Club allotted Wells the opportunity to do one of the things she likes best. "I like to express myself creatively," she reveals. She says she draws and about acting she elaborates, "I like becoming someone else. I enjoy having the many personalities of the parts I play."

Wells also appreciates music, stating, "There's not a record that comes on the air that I don't know."

But communicating with people tops her list of favorite activities. "I like to meet people and engage them in conversation. I'm always talking and I'll talk to anybody."

"I judge people on morals and class. Those are the types of people I place on pedestals...people who possess common sense and beautiful personalities," Wells states.

Wells claims she dislikes the social stratification of the United States. Commenting, "We are based on classes really, the poor, middle class and the rich," she concludes, "I'd prefer it if we were all equal."

Employed at the University Park Baptist Church nursery, Wells relates she loves children. She attends United Presbyterian Church.

About life, Wells has a positive outlook to say the least. "I like to stand out," she expresses. "I feel that I am original and extraordinary. I want to accomplish my goals by myself." But not forgetting her father's guidance, she adds, "or with the help of my idol."

## Bishop Willie Davis Scholarship

## Fund Banquet Set For Saturday

By Teresa Simmons  
Post Managing Editor

The Ninth Annual Bishop Willie Davis Jr. Scholarship Fund Banquet will be held at the Radisson Plaza downtown, July 28, at 7:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Charles Hart, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Berkeley. Founded by Arthur Davis, member of Mt. Zion Holiness Church in Charlotte, the scholarship fund banquet provides several scholarships for students who have maintained high grade point averages throughout their high school careers.

The scholarship fund is named after Charlottean Bishop Willie Davis Jr., pastor of Mt. Zion Holiness Church, located at 2800 Tuckaseegee Rd. Last year four students received \$400 or \$500 scholarships from the fund.

"We try to get a number of people to pledge \$50 for the following year," Arthur Davis commented. "The

Admiration and respect in a genuine fashion can only be shown if deserved. One member of Greater Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, C. Miller Harris, has rightfully observed that the respect and reverence attributed to her minister, Rev. Norman Kerry Sr., was gained because of the minister's dedication to the Word of God.

Within the 20 years Rev. Kerry has pastored Greater Mt. Sinai many have come to know him as a "man of God."

Ms. Harris remembers what particular Sunday morning services hold: "The members and congregation shift attention to Rev. Kerry as he enters the pulpit on Sunday morning for regular worship services. The room falls silent as a voice speaks the familiar words, 'The Lord is in His Holy Temple; let all the earth keep silent before Him.' The presence is a much admired and respected man of God."

Last Sunday Rev. Kerry received warm, sincere respects of love from members of the church, friends and family. He has spent the last 20 years pastoring the growing church. In 1975, when city redevelopment threatened the survival of the church, Rev. Kerry physically searched the city for a new location. He was led to 1243 West Blvd. Church officials and members worked diligently and the mortgage of \$250,000 was met in the span of four years.



Rev. Norman Kerry  
.....A servant of God

There have been times when members left the church. Finding a new location was one of those times.

"The uncertainty of the situation caused many members to leave," Ms. Harris reminisced. "As God is

still in the prayer answering business, many of the members returned and several hundred new members were added."

By 1976 there were nearly 1,000 members. Inactive organizations were revitalized and new ones emerged.

Four young men have been called into the ministry and ordained as associate ministers at Greater Mt. Sinai also.

A few years ago a church directory was published. Within its covers Rev. Kerry expounded upon his spiritual aspirations, not only for his congregation but for the city of Charlotte as well:

"We want our church to be the friendliest church ever, for people are our main business. Strangers will find a welcome. New families will find a home, and old timers will not be forgotten. Sick persons can be visualized as we remember them in prayers. In the past year and a half we have been busy getting situated in our new home and some essential items important to our ongoing Now we can properly turn our zealous attention to the needs and feelings of people."

Even before this point in history, Rev. Kerry felt the need to stretch out his hand and heart to people in need of spiritual rebirth.

"It was through prayer, hard work and dedication that the Rev. Norman E. Kerry Sr. earned the trust of his congregation," continued Ms. Harris. "With the Grace of God with him, after 20 years, he continues to lead and to be looked upon as a source of strength for his members."

During the program last Sunday in honor of Rev. Norman Kerry, members showed their love and respect.

Friends and other ministers were present and relatives were present to give hugs and kisses. The guest speaker was Rev. Tommy G. Davis of Shiloh Institutional Baptist Church.

## Charlotte Business League, Coors Present Check To Johnson C. Smith

By Teresa Simmons  
Post Staff Writer

The Charlotte Business League and Coors co-sponsored a Golf Tournament recently with proceeds to benefit students interested in Business Administration.

The business league and Coors presented Johnson C. Smith University and Junior Achievement with checks to "...develop and nurture youth in the business arena," stated Charlotte Business League member Diane Jones.

A \$1,400 check was presented to Johnson C. Smith University's newly developed business department. Junior Achievement received a \$500 check in its efforts to promoting opportunities for youth experience in business.

On the 20th of June the business league and Coors sponsored a Golf

Tournament at Raintree. The checks were presented at the monthly luncheon of the Charlotte Business League at McDonald's Cafeteria.

The League was established in 1978 with the main purpose of helping to eliminate what the organization saw as the isolation of the minority business community to create and stimulate interest in minority economic development and expand opportunities for minority firms to reach highly projected potentials. President of the League is Wesley Clement; vice president is Omar Leatherman; secretary is Tom Bauldin; treasurer is Roosevelt Maske.

The speaker at the luncheon was Phil Berry. He was introduced by Clayton Lovell.

Al Kneeland, representative of

Coors, presented the check to JCSU representative Gloria Duval. J. Bernard Johnson, Charlotte Business League member, presented the check to Junior Achievement representative Yvonne Johnson.

## Mayfield Memorial To Observe Annual Laymen's Day, July 29

Mayfield Memorial Baptist Church will observe its annual Laymen's Day on Sunday, July 29. The day's observance will begin with a Laymen's Day Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. Special chef in charge will be Tommy Sadler Sr., who claims to be very knowledgeable in the culinary arts. The Sunday School, which is held at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday, will be staffed by all men.

At the 11 a.m. worship service hour, an all-male choir will lead the congregation in telling of the love of God in song. All-male ushers will serve as hosts for the worship service.

One of the highlights of the occasion will be the recognition of the 1984 "Mayfield Memorial Man of the Year" who was decided on by the congregation through a secret ballot. The ballot read, "For the man who has, in my opinion, striven most for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; who has worked to promote its prosperity and spirituality; who has sought to sustain its worship, ordinances, and disciplines; who has given cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations, I cast my vote for Mr. ...."

Guest speaker for the 11 a.m. service will be Rev. Dr. Charles S. Hamilton of Augusta, GA. Dr. Hamilton received his public school education in Cedartown, GA. He received his B.A. degree from Morehouse College of Atlanta, GA, his



Dr. Charles S. Hamilton  
.....Guest speaker

M.Div. from Morehouse School of Religion of Atlanta, GA, his S.T.M. from the Morehouse School of Religion of the Interdenominational Training Center of Atlanta, GA, and his D.Min. from the Colgate Rochester Divinity School of Rochester, NY.

Dr. Hamilton is Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church of Augusta, GA. He has served as instructor of Religion at Paine College in Augusta, GA, Dean of Instruction at Morehouse School of Religion. He is affiliated and associated with many city, county, state, and national civic and religious bodies throughout the USA.

The public is cordially invited to share in these activities.



Dr. Charles Hart

.....Banquet speaker  
scholarship this year will be awarded in different amounts de-

pending on the students' grade point averages."

The speaker at this year's banquet, Dr. Charles Hart, is a native of Charlotte and received his early public education graduating from West Charlotte Senior High School in 1959. He earned the Associate in Arts degree from Carver Community College in 1961; the Bachelor of Theology and the Doctor of Divinity degrees (honoris causa) from Teamer School of Religion.

Dr. Hart has pastored Mt. Zion Baptist Church since June 1, 1975. Under his leadership the congregation has erected a new edifice costing over \$1 million. It is the first church in America to install a solar heating system. But more importantly Dr. Hart is directed to win souls for Christ - a task he holds close to his heart. Dr. Hart is married to the former Shirley A. Alexander of Spartanburg.

TURTLE-TALK



The best time to hold on is when you reach the place where the average person gives up.