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College bound

## Annual Cotillion Serves More Than Purpose Of Presenting "Queens"

The 21st Annual Cotillion sponsored by the Charlotte Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Inc., will be held 9 p.m., March 23, at the Park Center.

On this night the reigning '84 queen of the ball, Jacqueline Faulkner, will pass on her crown.

Each week The Post will feature several of the young ladies vying for the crown. The Cotillion serves more than the purpose of presenting a queen of the ball, however. It will also be a time for the presentation of over 40 young ladies to society.

Daisy Spears Stroud, vice president of the chapter, explains yet another goal of the Cotillion: "Our Cotillion is but one way of carrying out our mandated theme - 'Delta's Impact on the '80's: Black Youth and Black Women.'" Though we touch only a small percentage of Black youth, it is our fervent hope that each of the young ladies will reach out and touch one other person.

Regina Laverne Clinton will be among the young high school seniors participating in the Cotillion. Ms. Clinton is the daughter of Reginald and Carolyn Clinton of West Blvd. Her hobbies include skating and crafts. She is affiliated with the Pep Club, Project Aries and the Pep Club at South Mecklenburg High School.

Tammi Michelle Coleman is a Harding High senior and the daughter of Ray Coleman and Myrtle C. Caldwell. Ms. Coleman enjoys reading, dancing, computers, and twirling her band rifle. She is a



Carole Currence  
Honor student

member of the Honor Society, French Club, class officer on the Student Council and enjoys participating as a Keynote and Impertator.

She has received several honors including a Cheerleading trophy, Honor Society trophy, awards in academics, and Impertator trophy and awards in several extra-curricular activities.

Andrea Monique Currence is a student at South Mecklenburg High School where she is a Red Cross representative and office assistant. She is also a school bus driver. Ms. Currence's ambition is to attend college and become a computer

processor.

She is the daughter of Mason and Louise Currence. She enjoys ballet, tap, jazz, swimming and skating.

Reading, dancing and music are interests of Carol Amelia Currence. The daughter of Sylvester and Cora W. Currence she attends North Mecklenburg Senior High School. She is a member and officer in the school's Student Council, a member of the National Honor Society, the Civinettes, and her church youth group. She is also involved in Inroads.

She has been named to "Who Who Among American High School Students," received the United States Student Council National Award, a Service Award and is a member of the Inroads Pre-collegiate Program.

### Senior Classes

The Thora W. McElroy Senior Center is offering various classes and workshops this winter. Among them are a beginners' exercise class, ceramics, yoga, intermediate bridge, social dancing, and swimming (at the YWCA Uptown Center), all starting this week; creative crafts, starting January 15; first aid, beginning February 11; and crocheting and knitting, starting February 14. Other classes planned for February include quilting, a current events program for men, and a humanities class. For information on any of these activities, call the Center at 334-3053.

## Drivers Need "Clear Advantage"

Special To The Post

Chicago - Motorists need all the help they can get. According to a National Safety Council spokesman, drivers need a "clear advantage" every time they slide behind the wheel.

These words characterize basic traffic accident prevention issues as viewed by Richard Tippie, director of transportation safety, National Safety Council. As Tippie points out: Issue One - Alcoholic And Drug Abuse: Studies show that alcohol is a factor in more than half of all traffic crashes. Yet the problem remains - individuals take chances and misjudge risks drastically when under the influence of alcohol and drugs.

A clear head and sound thinking are absolute musts in traffic; and use of safety restraints is a clear defense against unpredictable actions of another driver who may be drunk.

Issue Two - Poor Acceptance of Safety Restraints: Less than 14 percent of all motorists actually use the safety restraints built into today's vehicles even though 90 percent believe they're a good idea. Safety restraints when properly used can reduce serious traffic injuries by 50 percent and fatalities by 60 to 70 percent - a clear advantage!

Issue Three - Dangers of Winter Driving Conditions: Tippie's duties at NSC include administration of the Council's Committee on Winter Driving Hazards. Committee skid testing has developed clear information to give drivers important advantages during winter driving conditions. As summarized by Tippie, basic concepts include:

- For stopping ability equal to dry

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pavement stops, speed on glare ice should be reduced to about one-third of those under ideal conditions.

- If you can stop your car in 150 feet on glare ice from 20 mph and you double your speed to 40 mph, your stopping distance stretches out to some 600 feet (braking distance varies as the square of the speed).

- Temperature changes greatly affect the slipperiness of ice and packed snow. Temperature near freezing (32 degrees F.) on glare ice can result in braking distance as much as 260 feet (about 14 car lengths) from a speed of only 20 mph - twice the distance at zero degrees!

- For pulling traction - improvement ratings on glare ice are: snow tires - 18 percent; studded snow tires - 218 percent; reinforced tire chains - 630 percent. On loosely packed snow comparable ratings are: snow tires - 51 percent; reinforced tire chains - 313 percent.

- Radial tires, per se, are no substitute for snow tires. Their performance depends on tread configuration - when a radial tire has a snow tread, it performs as a snow tire; when it has a regular highway tread, it performs as a regular highway tire.

- When the other tires are radials, snow tires used on the drive wheels must be of the radial design also to avoid handling problems.

- When special traction devices are used on rear drive wheels only, as is customary, the cornering

capacity of the vehicle is not materially improved.

- A sub-compact car will stop in a shorter distance in a panic stop on ice than a compact car, which in turn is likely to require a shorter distance than a standard car.

- However, the lighter cars have notable difficulty getting underway again, particularly at warmer ice temperatures.

Tippie urged drivers to keep test information handy and benefit by the clear advantages summarized to cope with winter conditions.

"Remember, however," he warned, "no matter what traction aids or techniques you use, in no instance is the resulting performance even close to that on a dry or even a wet pavement!"

### Generous Offer

Radiator Specialty Company of Charlotte has established a \$25,000 scholarship fund at Johnson C. Smith University, as announced by CEO Herman Blumenthal.

The fund will be used to help finance the higher education of Radiator Specialty employees and/or their children. Funds are available to both active and retired employees and/or their children.

Radiator Specialty will support the fund with additional contributions in future years.

"We are grateful to Mr. Blumenthal's generous offer and excited that a Charlotte business is placing its confidence and support in the institution with a program that stands to benefit both Johnson C. Smith and its employees," remarked school president Dr. Robert L. Albright.

### JCSU's Who's Who

The 1985 edition of "Who's Who In American Universities and Colleges" will include the names of 15 students from Johnson C. Smith University.

Students selected are based on academic achievement, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success. Leaders from 1,500 institutions are selected from all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries.

JCSU students honored include: Angela L. Battle, Lenoir, N.C., a senior computer science major; Teretha Brown, Gray Court, S.C., psychology (graduated from JCSU in December, 1984); Andre J. Ganther, Chesapeake, Va., senior computer science; Ella Mae Hairston, Martinsville, Va., junior, English; Ronnise C. Handy, Suitland, Md., senior, accounting-business; Charles E. Head, High Point, N.C., senior, general business; Darryle B. Hood, Charlotte, N.C., senior, biology-chemistry; Debbie A. Kearney, Henderson, N.C., senior, biology; and Keith A. Lipscomb, High Point, N.C., psychology.

Also, Walter A. McAllister, Clarkton, N.C., senior, communications arts; Charles F. Minnis, Scotch Plains, N.J., senior, general business; Angela R. Pitt, Tarboro, N.C., senior, communication arts; William S. Scipio, Lumberton, N.C., senior, communication arts; Tammerá Vallier, Chicago, Ill., senior, computer science; and Carmelita D. Williams, Washington, D.C., physiology. Ms. Williams also graduated in December, 1984.

### Health Talks

Are you an older adult who wants to know more about your health? Beginning this month, the Thora W. McElroy Senior Center will sponsor a series of once-a-month health talks by prominent doctors or health care specialists about health concerns for older adults.

The first talk will be on Wednesday, January 16, at 1:15 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, between 8th and 9th Streets on N. Tryon. Dr. David Citron will speak on "Sleep Disturbances." The lecture is free and open to the public.

There will be a luncheon at 12:30 preceding the lecture. The cost for lunch is \$2.50. If you plan to attend the luncheon, please call 334-3053 for reservations.

Another health-related service of the Senior Center is its health suite, which is open Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is staffed by a registered nurse who can assist those 60 or older with blood pressure screening, first aid, and health information, as well as other health-related tests.

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