

From Case Western Reserve

Ms. Amos Receives The J.D. Degree

Gena Renee Amos, a native Charlottean, a 1977 graduate of Independence High School, and a 1981 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, received the J.D. degree from the Case Western Reserve University School of Law in Cleveland, Ohio.

For the first time in 15 years, the law school graduates participated in two commencement ceremonies. A university-wide ceremony was held in the Case Quadrangle and a private law school ceremony was held at Severance Hall at 11 a.m.

During her three years at Case, Ms. Amos participated in various extracurricular activities. She served as a student member of the law school Admissions Committee, where her main responsibility included reading the admissions files of prospective applicants for the class of 1989. As the only minority student member of the committee, she read all of the incoming minority files and made recommendations concerning minority enrollment to the head of admissions.

Said Ms. Amos, "I took this position very seriously because it is essential for the presence of minority students to become more visible. It is also extremely important for minority students to have a support system because it helps to make the rigors of law school somewhat more bearable. Of approximately 244 students, there were only three blacks in my class, and I would have appreciated the benefit of a minority support system."



Gena Renee Amos
.....Law school graduate

For two years, Ms. Amos also served as the treasurer of the Black Law Students Association (BLSA). This year the Case Chapter of BLSA hosted the Midwest Regional Convention, and Ms. Amos served as convention chairperson.

Some of the activities held during the three-day convention included various workshops on topics such as the conservative trend of the Supreme Court, the situation in South Africa, tips on taking the bar, and alternative job opportunities for attorneys. The keynote speaker at the luncheon was Judge Carl Stokes, a former mayor of Cleveland. Judge William Booth, head of the American Committee on Africa, was the

keynote speaker at the convention banquet. The highlight of the convention was the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition, a competition where students are given the opportunity to display their oral advocacy skills before judges and attorneys. The best team won an award and advanced to the national competition that was held in San Francisco this year. Ms. Amos was a delegate to the national convention in San Francisco.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin O. Amos and the granddaughter of Mrs. Lizzie C. Peace. Ms. Amos' future plans include taking the Virginia Bar Examination in July and practicing law in the Tidewater area of Virginia.

John White Award

Mary Hicklin won the first John White Photography Award for students at Central Piedmont Community College.

Hicklin's photo essay, "Bedroom to Boardroom," was chosen for the honor at the CPCC Art Division Student Art Show at Queens Gallery. The award includes a \$200 prize donated this year by First Union Bank.

The award was established in honor of 1982 Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer John White, a graduate of CPCC who decided on a career in photography at the encouragement of a CPCC instructor. Receiving honorable mention awards of \$50 each were Sydney Charnley for her photo essay titled "Special Olympics - Special Love" and Raymond Grubb for an untitled series of photographs on a mime in action.

Judges from CPCC's Art Division, The Charlotte Observer, and The Charlotte News made their selections based on visual impact, continuity, technical quality, and presentation.

Contributions for future awards will come from Eastman Kodak and Colorcraft Corp. of Charlotte.

The art show, including the photo essays, will continue through May 31 at the Queens Gallery on The Plaza and McClintock.

Gantt Is Far More Than

A "Ceremonial" Mayor

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as mayor require his presence at City Hall on Mondays and Fridays. In addition to the two days each week, the mayor often attends breakfast meetings ("You'd be surprised how much business gets done over breakfast."), luncheons, and evening sessions, addressing groups, giving input, or listening to his constituents.

POLITICAL CHILDREN
Although he laughingly remarked, "All of my kids are political children; they've taken my political role in stride," Gantt makes a point of reserving some nights and weekends for his family. As much as possible, 5:30-7 p.m. is reserved for dinner at home. Conversations with his wife, Cindy, an accountant, tend to take place very early in the morning or late at night. "We don't try to take this role too seriously," he related. "I have to remember my top priorities are God, family, and my professional undertaking." His role as mayor is important, but "not all-consuming." It is this balance that keeps the job invigorating, he said.

Spending Mondays and Fridays at City Hall leaves Gantt three days a week to devote to earning a living. As a partner of Gantt, Huberman Associates, an architectural firm in Charlotte, Gantt asserted, "The only thing I love better" than the mayor's position "is architecture." In truth, there is much common ground between the two. In addition to the designing and building in the abstract sense that is involved in making a city a good place to live, knowledge of the physical require-

ments, such as roads, buildings, etc., and the ability to visualize mean that an architect brings practical assets to the job of mayor. Gantt, the only elected mayor in the country who is an architect, has been asked to speak at a gathering of architects in San Francisco next week. "Maybe architects are natural at organizing, developing, and building cities," the mayor reflected.

It has been widely assumed that Mayor Gantt will seek another term of office, although he as yet has made no announcement to that effect. With his obvious love for the job and the zest with which he has tackled it, it is probably safe to assume that he will run again. When will the mayor announce his intentions? Smiling, he replied, "Before it gets too hot this summer." With the weather Charlotte's been having, his announcement could come any day.

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