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Gloria Heath
 ...Anticipating graduation

Classical Music Soothes Reserved Gloria Heath

By Jalyne Strong
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This week's beauty is Gloria Heath, a graduating senior of Myers Park High School. Gloria says she's "very much" looking forward to her June 4 graduation. It will be the day that marks the beginning of the time when, as she explains, "I'll be out on my own. And what I do from then on will be based on my own decisions."

She has already decided to pursue a career in child development. Gloria's planning to attend Central Piedmont Community College to take courses and earn an associate degree.

For a person like Gloria, who believes "children are the most beautiful things on the face of the earth," a career in child development is apparently a compatible profession.

Gloria is a person of diverse and interesting likes. She's a nature lover, for one. "I love being outdoors near the lake," she relates. She doesn't however, like city parks too much. "They're too crowded," she disdains. "I like to be by myself, like out in the country."

She is also a classical music buff. "I enjoy listening to classical music. It's very relaxing and it's capable of taking my mind away from everything into a whole different world," Gloria describes. This week's beauty states that no one

actually introduced to her the style of music. "I just grew to like it on my own," she reveals. She's started off her classical music collection with the recording of "Hobbes on Classic" by the Philharmonic Orchestra.

In the area of music, Gloria also prefers the songs of Amy Grant ("she's a religious singer who's up to date about it"), Chuck Mangione, and country and some pop music. She has a high disregard, she emphasizes "for the stuff they play on WGIV and WPEG." "It's ignorant," Gloria assesses.

Getting back to classical music, this young lady also confides that the soothing music helps her accomplish another pastime-writing. "While I listen to the music I enjoy writing poetry and short stories," she tells.

Gloria's self-description depicts a reserved type of person. She admits, "I don't talk too much to others. However, I take friendships very seriously," Gloria maintains. "A friend is forever."

"I also believe in family life," she adds.

As a matter of fact, the idea Gloria thinks about most often is having her own family and a house in the country. Ten years from today she's hoping she'll be a good wife and mother, owning a day care center.

In her family, Gloria's the eldest of two girls. Her younger sister is Angela, 14. They get along well. Gloria says and she's happy about being the oldest. "It's what God meant me to be," she smiles.

The person she most admires is her grandfather, Emory Moore. "He's my best friend," Gloria relates. "No matter what I do, he's always there beside me and he never criticizes me."

This serious-minded young beauty offers the following advice to others her age: "Keep your head on straight and don't let others influence your decisions about what you want to be."

Gloria attends St. Michael's and All Angels Episcopal Church.

Or Faces Closing

Shaw University Needs \$750,000 By June 30

By Loretta Manago
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Last week during a meeting of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Dr. C. C. Craig, executive secretary-treasurer for the convention and coordinator of the Shaw University emergency drive made a fervent plea to Baptist ministers to come to the aid of Shaw.

At that meeting it was decided that this past Sunday would be called "Shaw Day" and that a special contribution would be asked of Baptist congregations across the state, from which \$15,000 was raised.

Here in Charlotte Black Baptist ministers met at First Baptist Church-West recently. Their meeting represented one of 10 associational meetings that were being held simultaneously throughout the state. The issue at hand was tackling the \$750,000 debt Shaw University has accumulated.

It was the same issue that the Fred Lorenzo Brewer Jr. chapter of Shaw University National Alumni Association confronted when they met last week. They were handed letters signed by the university's president, Stanley Smith imploring 400 alumni and friends to contribute



Cedric Jones
 ...Local alumni president



Elizabeth Randolph
 ...Trustee member



Dr. J. B. Humphrey
 ...Shaw graduate

\$1,000, asking another 400 alumni and friends to contribute \$500 and requesting that still another 400 alumni and friends contribute at least \$250.

Cedric Jones, founder and president of the local alumni chapter commented, "At our meeting we

decided that we (alumni) would meet again at the WBT Studios on Monday, June 2 at 7 p.m. Then, we would develop a plan of execution. But in the meantime, we're making pleas to the entire alumni, to give sacrificial, generous contributions." With that plan of action, Cedric

Jones also added that the alumni will be seeking donations from business firms and organizations. "We hope to get companies to match the contributions given by the alumni or if there are a number of employees in a certain company See SHAW On Page 17A

On Saturday, May 31

Black Community Eagerly Anticipates WestFest

By Jalyne Strong
 Post Staff Writer

It's been eagerly anticipated. And on Saturday, May 31, at 9 a.m., WestFest, the first festival celebration of Northwest Charlotte, begins.

On this day, Beatties Ford Rd. will be closed to traffic from Keller Ave. to LaSalle St. and all WestFest activities will be centralized in this area. For a full nine hours, visitors will have the opportunity to participate in races, or contests and games. Or they may listen to the various sounds of a full line-up of outstanding local gospel or contemporary (reggae, jazz, blues, soul) music groups and bands, or treat themselves to some laughs by witnessing the comedic routines of two local comedy artists.

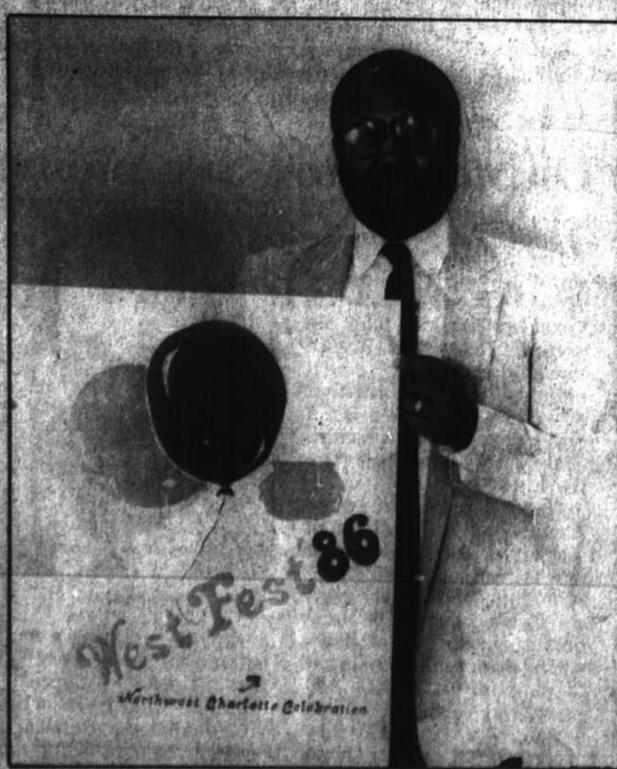
WestFest '86 has arrived and there's something for everyone.

The first scheduled event of the day will be WestFest 5000 Meter Road Race, organized by Ahmad Daniels of Alternative Lifestyles, beginning at 9 a.m.

Following the race, at approximately 10:15 a.m., on a soundstage set up on the corner of LaSalle and Beatties Ford, the official opening program of WestFest will take place with City Councilman Charlie Dannelly acting as master of ceremony.

A representative from the United House of Prayer will deliver the invocation for the program and the Charlotte Contemporary Ensemble will render song. Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt will be present to give a proclamation on behalf of WestFest and the purpose of the occasion will be expressed by WestFest organizers Cal Thornton and Sam Young. The program will culminate with the bestowing of awards to the WestFest Road Race winners.

Meanwhile, those interested in competing in a Bar-B-Que contest will have to start cooking at 10:30 a.m. when the fires will be lit. The Bar-B-Que contest site will be located near LaSalle Public Library. Con-



Coordinator Sam Young
 ...Shows off WestFest poster

located all around.

But the extraordinary line-up of various entertainers appearing on sound stages all day during WestFest is sure to be the primo attraction.

Featured on the Gospel stage will be: The Charlotte Contemporary Ensemble, Bill Crawford and the Modernaires, the Mighty Clouds of McCullough, The Perpetual Hope Gospel Choir of Our Lady of Consolation, the Junior Harmonettes and the Anointed Ones; to name a few.

Naughty Boyz, The Lee Person Group, The Michael Porter Trio, and Pizazz, among other local groups will entertain on the Contemporary Stage. Also on this stage, Comedians Lionel Norman and Willie Stratford will appear. And, an African dance group will perform.

"People from all over the community have gotten into the spirit of WestFest," enthuses Sam Young. And this statement surely reflects the pulling together and camaraderie of the people who've helped with the structuring and planning of this event.

From the inception of the idea, the festival has been organized and run by volunteers who have donated their time, expertise and talents to make this event a success. For example, the WestFest logo, appearing on posters and T-shirts was designed by prominent local artist Tommie Robinson and all musical groups and entertainers appearing for the festival are doing it freely.

"We are pleased with the response," assures Young.

There will be a party for WestFest volunteers on Friday, May 30, 7:30 p.m. at the McCrorey YMCA on Beatties Ford Rd.

WestFest, Inc. is a private, not-for-profit corporation that is organized to have WestFest festival each year with the principle of making it a bigger and better celebration of Northwest Charlotte.



Write in on your heart that every day is the best day in the year.