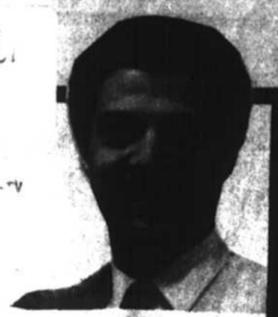




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Brenda Williams
.....Enjoys swimming also

Softball, Basketball Bring Pleasure

To Lovely Brenda Williams

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

This week's beauty is 16-year-old Brenda Williams, a rising junior at Harding High School.

During the school year, Brenda is one of the high-stepping flag girls at her school. She recently returned from a four day camp for young ladies involved in this activity, held at Winthrop College. "We were taught routines and how to march," describes Brenda about the conference. "Also there was a leadership meeting for flag girl captains."

She found the workshops very enjoyable but now that she's back home, this young lady had decided it's time to look for work until school starts.

"I'm looking forward to going back to school," Brenda admits. She says she likes school "about as much as anybody else."

But Brenda particularly enjoys the fact that school offers the opportunity of meeting people and being with her friends. "I haven't seen my friends in awhile," she reveals. "And I miss some of my teachers, too."

A serious student while school is in session, Brenda announces that she makes good grades. It's important for her to keep high marks because, hopefully, this week's beauty would like to be accepted at Duke University. "I want to study medicine and become a doctor," she notes as her aspirations. Brenda decided that this particular health service was the profession for her after she completed an internship at a local hospital. "I liked what I saw," she relates.

With several years to go before she'll have to undertake the arduous task of a medical student, Brenda still has time for leisure. She enjoys playing softball and watching basketball games at Johnson C. Smith University for fun. She also likes to take a few laps in a pool when

when she has a chance.

Part of her regular routine is to attend Bible Study every Monday and Wednesday nights at her church, Solid Rock Ministry, on Tuckaseegee Road.

"Sort of shy," is the way Brenda generally describes herself. Yet on the other hand she also says she's very friendly. "Around my friends I'll talk a little bit," she smiles.

Brenda comes from a fairly large family. She has two brothers and four sisters and she is next to the youngest. "I like having a big family," she comments. "I never get bored and there's always someone around to talk to."

Her mother, Ella Williams, is the person Brenda most admires. It appears that Brenda's mother has a success story that her daughter's

proud of. "After graduating from high school my mother didn't go to college, she had two children," Brenda tells. "Then, even with her children, she decided to go back to college. She graduated and now works as a paralegal."

These days Brenda thinks about her own future success alot. She's planning on doing well in a medicine career.

Her ultimate desires are, she reveals, "To be as happy as I can be and for my family to be happy also."

A teenager who's concerned about some of the things she sees going on among her peers, Brenda has a little advice for other girls her age. "I see a lot of girls getting pregnant," she points out. "I advise that young women not let boys interfere with their future. They should think first before getting involved."

Smith Observes Commencement

Johnson C. Smith University will observe its 119th Summer Commencement on Saturday, July 26, at 10 a.m. in the University Church.

The Summer Commencement address will be delivered by Dr. Bertha L. Maxwell, director of Afro-American and African Studies, at UNCC.

Dr. Maxwell graduated cum laude from Johnson C. Smith in 1964. She received her Masters of Education from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in 1967 and her Doctors of Philosophy from the Union Graduate School in 1974.

Very active in the community, Dr. Maxwell serves on the American Red Cross, Board of Directors; Big Brothers, Inc., charter member and Board of Directors; Charlotte Arts and Science Council, Board of Directors; WBT Black Advisory Board; and several other advisory, community and organizational boards.

Born in Seneca, SC, Dr. Maxwell resides in Charlotte. She has two children, Tawanna Annette Maxwell



Dr. Bertha Maxwell
.....UNCC professor

and Shirley P. Harris. Johnson C. Smith University is a four-year, historically black, private institution founded in 1867.

NCUC Approves Telephone Discount

The North Carolina Utilities Commission has approved a pilot plan established by the Federal Communications Commission that will offer a \$2 discount on monthly telephone bills to Mecklenburg County recipients of Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC).

Southern Bell will administer the one-year pilot program in Mecklenburg County. The trial is also in

effect in Halifax County, through Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Co., and in McDowell County, through Continental Telephone and Telegraph Co.

Under the plan, customers with telephone service listed in their names and who receive either AFDC or SSI can get a credit of \$2 each month. This will offset the \$2 subscriber line charge, which became effective June 1.

"Money Equals Power, Power Equals Freedom"

By Jalyne Strong
Post Staff Writer

As Martin Luther King Jr. is universally remembered as the leader of the Civil Rights Movement in America, his speeches on this subject have been immortalized. We all remember segments, at least, of his "I Have A Dream" address. For example, King affirmed, "...I have a dream that one day little black children and little white children will walk hand in hand..."

But the point is, though statements such as that have resounded long after this civil rights leader's death, for some reason other quotes of King's have not been picked up on, or generally repeated, nor stressed. Certain things he felt strongly about have been obscured. For one, he once lamented, "What good is it to be allowed to eat in a restaurant if you can't afford a hamburger?"

In hindsight, it appears that when M.L.K. began to speak in this vein, he was felled by an assassin's bullet. However, fortunately, another black man has picked up the gauntlet of this concern and is feverishly, though eloquently, spreading the message to blacks across America.

When Tony Brown, newspaper columnist, talk show host and lecturer, addressed the approximately 300 attendees at last Saturday's North Carolina Black Leadership Caucus Conference held in Charlotte, he primarily spoke of black economic empowerment. The content of his speech, in summation, answered King's question: What good is it? According to Brown, No Good!

"The color of freedom is green," Brown exhorted. "Wealth equals power and power equals freedom."

"I hope the old black America is dying and dead and a new black America is rising in its place," Brown stressed to the expressed agreement of a very vocal audience comprised of many of Charlotte's black elected officials, com-



At the NCBLCC Conference held in Charlotte, Tony Brown (l) conversed with Conference participant Robert Nicholas before Brown delivered the keynote address on black economic empowerment.

munity leaders, businesspersons, and citizens.

Brown's speech began with a few statements about the economic situation of blacks in America which were uncomfortably true. "Koreans and Vietnamese don't speak one word of English," he pointed out, "and they own everything in your neighborhoods."

Apparently Brown was forcing this 99 percent black audience to question why such a situation exists. As the momentum of his speech increased he offered plenty of reasons.

For one, these groups have pride in their culture, Brown insisted. "They love what they are," he pointed out. Self-love has resulted in these races' political, economic and social progress in America.

Blacks, on the other hand, Brown contends, resist helping people of their group. The history of blacks in America has produced a "slave

master, dependent relationship." Worst yet, Brown condemned, "In the black community, poverty has been raised to a state of art. All we do is discuss being poor--being down--having nothing."

Attributing much of the economic backwardness of the black community to a warped mentality, Brown was not lenient in his attack on the problem. Yet his intentions were not to bog the audience down. An impressive speaker, Brown was not advocating self-pity. He has solutions.

The founder of a campaign called "Buy Freedom," to promote economic development and unity among blacks, Brown took the opportunity at the NCBLCC Conference (the theme of which was "Economic and Political Self Help") to present his case.

First, he presented the facts: American blacks earn \$200 billion. See Brown On Page 15A

Over 2,000 Baptists Expected To Attend Upcoming Convention

By Joe Brown
Post Staff Writer

Over 2,000 Baptists from across the State are expected to come together at the 102nd Annual Session of the Women's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina, auxiliary to the General Baptist State Convention, July 28-31, meeting in the Civic Center in Charlotte. The four-day session will be concentrated around the convention's theme for this year, "His Word: Our Way, Our Strength, Our Defense." Psalms 119:11.

St. Paul Baptist Church, 1401 N. Allen Street, under the guidance of Pastor Paul W. Drummond, will host what hopes to be one of the largest Baptist assemblies. Organizers of the Women's Baptist Convention have prepared a high-spirited program for the 2,500 delegates from across the state and local. Mrs. Luella D. Edwards is the president and Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie is the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. The Radisson Hotel will be the headquarters for the convention.

On Monday, July 28, at 9 a.m., the convention gets under way with registration at the Civic Center and an Executive Board and General Board meeting in the Colonel Tryon Room at the Radisson. At 6



Luella Edwards
.....Auxiliary president

p.m. there will be a Pre-Convention Banquet with guest speaker Mrs. Cynthia P. Ray of Brooklyn, N.Y., vice president of the Women's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc. and dean of education of the International Association of Ministers' Wives and Ministers' Widows. She is the widow of Dr. Sandy F. Ray. Tickets are required and donations are \$15. Early Tuesday morning devotion



Sallie Coffey
.....To give greetings

at 6:45 a.m., July 29, will feature a sermon by Dr. David C. Forbes, Sr. pastor, Martin Street Baptist Church, Raleigh. The day continues with The Ministers' Wives Fellowship Program at 2 p.m. with greetings by Dr. Priscilla A. Brodie. The highlight will be the Welcome Program, 7 p.m., at the Civic Center, with the host pastor

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