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Donna Sullivan
...Freelance Model

Donna Sullivan Passes Modeling Knowledge On To Teenage Girls

By Russell Clark
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About two years ago, a young lady wrote a letter to the City of Charlotte requesting to teach.

After the letter fell in the hands of the right people, Donna F. Sullivan pinpointed her own modeling class for teenage girls.

"I wrote the letter because parents in the community wanted me to teach their daughters how to dress well and to take care of themselves," interjected Sullivan, who conducts classes on Thursdays at the Naomi Drenan Center.

"The girls come from all over Charlotte and they are racially mixed. At the end of the 16-week program, they receive a diploma, roses and some get trophies for their performance in class," emphasized Donna, who has been modeling since the seventh grade.

"I was inspired to pursue modeling by Yvette Alston who was a teacher at Randolph Junior High when I was in the seventh grade," informed the fashion-conscious beauty.

The 25-year-old Charlottean has been very active in the modeling business. In the 11th grade she was President of the Belk Teen Board, but it was not until she took a six-month course at Barbizon Modeling School that her career flourished. "After completing the course they called me back to instruct," she pointed out.

began. "One day, they asked me to go to Rock Hill to take some pictures. At the time I was also working at the Showroom Boutique and some ladies came in and told me that my picture was on a billboard down the street advertising the school. There were five billboards with my picture on them which really boosted my modeling career," reminisced Sullivan, a 1979 graduate of East Mecklenburg.

Voted as the best dressed female in her senior year, she has been recognized for her neat appearance. "In 1982, I was a finalist in the Miss Skinny Beauty Contest sponsored by WGIV and Boardwalk Records. "There were five girls selected out of 50 and I represented North Carolina. We won a trip to Hollywood and we also appeared as dancers on Soul Train," she enlightened.

The thoroughly trained beauty also has experience modeling with the EBONY Fashion Fair. "A girlfriend of mine told me about the opening and I auditioned for the position. I traveled to 10 different cities with them doing promotional work and they offered me a permanent job but I turned it down because I was young and I didn't think that I was ready for such a big step at the age of 20. I could still obtain the position with the traveling road show, but I'm happy and content here in Charlotte," she pointed out.

Presently, she is employed by Duke Power full time, but she is still still working as a freelance model. "I model for Belk, Ivey's, Lucille's Vogue, and T. Edwards in their run-way modeling shows."

Now everything is going smoothly for Sullivan, but there has been stumbling blocks in her career path. "I slowed down a lot after my sister Roslyn Houston was killed in an automobile accident on her way back home to Atlanta. After this, I didn't do anything. I lost weight and I felt like giving up. But I finally realized that I couldn't because my sister would want me to continue,"

she revealed. The daughter of John and Zelma Sullivan of Charlotte, Donna is also the proud mother of a two-year-old son, Montez Sullivan. "Giving birth to a son was another trying time in my career, because I didn't think I could balance a career and a family," she voiced.

Just when her career seemed to be on the ropes, she rebounded like a fighter in the closing seconds of the final round. "I landed a job in the Belk's Serenade to Autumn Fashion Show at Owens Auditorium where I met Bill Blass. Meeting this famous designer was one of the highlights of my career and it inspired me to continue modeling."

Although many people have had difficult times along the road to success, Donna believes she can share some of her experience through teaching teenage girls.

"By teaching them what I've learned, I can help them stay out of the streets and help their parents save money. "It cost my parents \$900 for me to go to Barbizon, but my classes only cost \$20 for 10 weeks," she noted.

Many people often ask her to teach guys but she prefers to stick with the females. "When people ask me, I refer them to Terry Straite who has his own modeling program. He is a good friend of mine and has also inspired me in the modeling business."

"She not only teaches the girls how to model, but she also shows them how to style their hair, apply make-up, and how to carry themselves," reflected Linda Moore, cultural arts specialist for the City. "She is an excellent teacher, and her class has become very popular at the Naomi Drenan Center."

When not working, Sullivan enjoys spending time with her son and his father Herbert L. Watson.

"I describe myself as a friendly, stubborn, loving person who is dependable and enjoys challenges."

Festivities Crank Up JCSU's Homecoming

By Russell Clark
Post Staff Writer

Music, sports, and lots of spirit - these are a few ingredients which make Homecoming a time to remember.

The week of festivities opens this Friday at Johnson C. Smith University with a Halloween Carnival in the Student Union. Saturday the Coronation of Miss JCSU, Theresa Crunkleton will be conducted in Biddle Auditorium at 8 p.m.

To thrust the campus into a greater spirit of homecoming, a series of pep rallies will be held. From the Senior Pep Rally on Monday to the Cheerleaders Pep Rally on Friday, these activities should generate plenty of enthusiasm on the historical black campus.

To celebrate the anticipated victory over the Winston-Salem State Rams, a tentative concert has been scheduled following the game featuring two big name groups.

"We are still in the process of negotiating a contract with the performers," revealed Dr. Bernard Franklin, who serves as Student Government Association (SGA) advisor. "Our SGA President had a death in his family and has been out of town, but if the concert is cancelled we will channel our funds to the Annual Bull Fest coming up in March."

The JCSU SGA is very pivotal in homecoming activities. They came up with this year's theme, "Pieces of a Dream," and they also help student organizations afford floats for the parade.

"The SGA serves as the nucleus for students," Franklin commented. "They do a lot of things financially for student organizations, and they also have allocated about \$500 to Miss JCSU for her duties. Last year they spent about \$3,500 at homecoming, but if the concert goes over, it will cost them about \$15,000," he enlightened.



Dr. Bernard Franklin
.....SGA advisor



Montini Davis
.....JCSU senior

"I will be very disappointed if the concert is cancelled," replied Montini Davis, a senior computer science major from Sumpter, SC. "I remember when we had Roger Troutman and Zapp along with Shannon and it turned out very well," she reflected. "It's my senior year and I would like to end homecoming on a good note."

Preparing for the parade and being active is what Sharon Mobley looks forward to. "I think it's going to be very nice because of all the activities. In high school, I didn't get a chance to help prepare for homecoming events, but now I'm very excited about it," mentioned Mobley, a 1986 Garinger graduate, and Miss Freshman Class Beauty. "Smith is very different than I thought it would be, but I'm going to make the best out of my time here," says Mobley who will be featured on the Freshman Class beauty float in the parade.



Sharon Mobley
.....Freshman Class Beauty



U.S. Congressman Charles Rangel (center) gets to the point while campaigning for D.G. Martin last weekend.

(From left to right) Martin, Rangel and Ron Black of WPEG.



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