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Cynthia Moore
Dean's list student

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Moore's Background

Propels Her To Success

By Russell Clark
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"I feel my purpose in life is to be the best at whatever I set out to do," says Cynthia Lavon Moore, a senior communications major at UNC-Greensboro.

"Like dealing with people and I would like to get a job as a personnel director at a major corporation when I graduate," projected this weeks beauty.

The 21-year-old Arles is a 1983 graduate of Harding High School where she flexed her leadership abilities and walked away with numerous accomplishments. Her senior year, she was president of the executive council, Miss Harding, Second Runner-Up in the Carousel Pageant, Head Varsity Cheerleader, member of the science club, Spanish club, debate team, Keylites and a Delta Sigma Theta Debutante.

A common sense person, Cynthia's background has propelled her to success in college. As a freshman in 1983, she was the first black to be crowned Miss UNC-G, and she was also Miss Neo-Black Society. She is also a talented actress. "In my junior year I played Ruth in Raisin in the Sun which was put on by a theater class at UNC-G. I really enjoyed the part because Ruby Dee played in the

original version and she is my protege and one of my sorors," enlightened Cynthia, a sister of Delta Sigma Theta and a Dean's List student maintaining a 3.6 grade point average.

The daughter of Woodrow and Barbara Moore of Charlotte, she was raised by her loving grandparents, Pascal and Ella Mae Moore of the Todd Park Community. "My grandmother has been a big inspiration to me and I admire her very much for giving me support in all of my endeavors," she pointed out. "I am very close to my family and they have been a big influence in my life," related Moore who has an older brother Reginald, and a younger sister, Nikki.

A member of New Zion Baptist Church, everything is going well for this weeks beauty, but there has been stumbling block in her path. "By attending a predominantly white University I have faced some prejudices and I have learned to fight my battles with prayer," says the assertive beauty who wants to be a positive role model for the younger generation. "I think I would like to get involved in the Big Sister Little Sister Agency so that I could encourage young girls to aim high and not settle for less."

When not busy, she enjoys a variety of hobbies which include going to the movies and outdoor activities. She also likes to listen to jazz to unwind at the end of a hard day.

After graduation on May 10, she plans to land a job in the Greensboro area and eventually work her way back to the Queen City.

"Ultimately, I would like to earn my masters degree and to own and manage my own business. I describe myself as a thankful, ambitious, out-going person who is determined to leave a mark on the world."

Finally Laid Bare

Racism Takes New Form

Their faces were contorted with rage, their bodies wracked with hate. As we marched in protest, over 2,000 strong, through the streets of predominantly white Howard Beach in Queens, New York, we saw racism in its newest form. No longer hidden behind the fluffy lace curtains and neat row houses, the obscene racism that had driven Michael Griffith to his death on a Queens highway had finally been laid bare.

Now, all major charges against the young men who killed Michael Griffith have been dropped. One of them admitted beating Griffith—even stating during the attack, "Let's go back and kill him." Yet they are now all free, reminders of the racism which pervades not only a community, but the criminal justice system as well.

Let us remember the circumstances of the Griffith death which the court so conveniently dismissed. Michael Griffith and two companions were chased by a mob of approximately 12 whites as the three left a pizza parlor in Howard Beach. The mob then repeatedly beat the three black men with baseball bats and tree limbs. Calling them "niggers," the forced Michael Griffith onto the highway where he was struck by a car and killed. The car was driven by a man whom one of the victims identified as a member of the mob.

These are the facts of the case, but they do not tell the whole story.

For the whole story can only be seen on the faces of those who live in Howard Beach. We saw those faces as we marched: the families sitting on stoops. For in this community hate is passed on from generation to generation, from the adults to the young people who screamed, "Go back home, niggers, you don't belong here!"

If Howard Beach tells us anything it tells us this: in New York City, the nation's so-called melting pot, racism is a way of life. A black man who works in the Howard Beach area told a reporter he always wears his uniform home as identification because if he didn't he would be attacked. White security guards routinely patrol the area to ensure that blacks, as one guard noted, "get through properly."

However, it would be a mistake to see Howard Beach as an exception in New York City. Back in 1982, three black Transit employees were brutally beaten in Brooklyn by a mob of whites as they left a doughnut shop. One of them, Willie Turks, was beaten to death and left to die on a sewer grate. In 1983 three black employees at a Veterans Administration hospital were attacked by white youths hurling bricks and bottles as they left work. That same year young Michael Stewart was beaten to death in a subway station by 11 white Transit policemen. Then, in 1984 white members of a SWAT team shot to death

a 66-year-old black grandmother during an eviction in the Bronx.

These are just a few of the racially motivated incidents which have plagued the whole city of New York in recent years. The tolerance of the black community has been pushed far beyond any rational limit. If we are to deal with this anger constructively we must begin to build strong local, grass-roots organizations, city-wide, to keep the pressure on. Local organizations are needed which can confront racism proactively, rather than scrambling to react to each incident after it occurs.

The series of mass meetings being planned by and for the black youth of New York City is a good start. The first such meeting will be held in a black church and this is as it should be. For the black churches, particularly, must assume a more active role in this struggle.

As always there are those who will now try to minimize the horror of the Howard Beach murder by defaming the character of the victims, or by ferreting out the so-called "good people" of Howard Beach. And as he has always done, Mayor Koch continues to portray these incidents as isolated incidents and not symptomatic of the deep-seated racism of the entire city. These tricks will not stop us from remembering what caused this horror, for the Big Apple has been shown to be racist to the core.



Dr. Martin L. King Jr.

Martin L. King Observances Set

The Charlotte Community Relations Committee in conjunction with the Charlotte Area Clergy Association and the Christian Ministers Fellowship Association will be sponsoring a brief memorial service for the late civil rights leader Dr. Martin L. King Jr. on Thursday, January 15 at noon. The program will take place at Marshall Park in front of the King statue. Rev. Arthur Kartheiser, assistant pastor at St. Martin's Episcopal Church will lead the call to worship. Rev. Harold S. Diggs, Rev. Martha Jane Raddells and Rev. J.T. White will participate in the program. In addition to the call to worship, prayers of unity, peace and brotherhood will be offered. Statements by other groups will be made. Also on January 15, the Minority Programs Coordination Committee will be sponsoring a candlelight march in memory of the late Dr. Martin L. King Jr., beginning at 12:30 p.m. in McKnight Lobby of the Cone University Center-UNCC. Dr. Gregg Davis, David Frye and Phyllis Covington will provide brief remarks at the march.

NAACP To Meet

The regular monthly meeting of the South Iredell branch of the NAACP will be held at the Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church USA Sunday, January 11, 5 p.m. All members and interested persons are welcome to attend. Installation of the newly elected officers will be held at this time.

Funeral Directors

The Western District Funeral Directors of F.D. & M.A. of North Carolina will be sponsoring a funeral service continuing education course on Tuesday, January 13 beginning at 9 a.m. Registration begins one-half hour earlier. The course which will take place at McDonald's Cafeteria will feature guest speaker Leonard Nester, who is the chief of the mortuary service division.

A native of Virginia, Nester is a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Embalming and is a licensed embalmer and funeral director in the state of Virginia. He also holds a National Funeral Service license. Subjects that will be covered in the one-day course will include "Search & Recovery of Remains", "Excavations Facilities & Equipment", "Scientific Identification of Remains", "Documenting the Excavations", "Preparation of Remains", "Casket Use & Requirements", and "Air Force Standards & Facility". Cost of the course is \$75. For information contact Don Davis at 394-1111.



The Association for Sickle Cell Disease for Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Inc. received a contribution of \$1,000 from the Charlotte Local #600 of the International Association of Fire Fighters. The donation was presented by Marvin Wilson, president of the Charlotte Fire Fighters Association, and Robert Reynolds, of the Board of Trustees of the local group. The Charlotte Fire Fighters Association is a brotherhood of local fire fighters which has as one of its major goals the generation of funds through the promotion of special events/activities reflecting the efforts of local membership. Each year the group promotes and sponsors two major events to support bona fide local charities. Funds for the 1986 contributions were derived from a basketball game between the Washington Redskins and the Miami Dolphins, also a show featuring Beach Music from the 50s.

Teen Pregnancy Statistics Are Alarming

Statistics can be boring but the statistics on teen pregnancy are alarming. This year more than 25,000 girls in North Carolina between the ages of 13 and 19 will become pregnant. Seven out of 10 pregnant teenagers will not see a doctor or go to a clinic during the first three months of pregnancy. In fact, over 1,000 of the infants born in North Carolina in 1985 were born to women who never saw a doctor during their pregnancy. The North Carolina Medical Society is worried about them. Besides the tremendous emotional

strain of parenthood, the infant may not receive proper medical attention. In 1979 adolescent mothers gave birth to 16,725 babies. Over 2,000 of these babies never saw their first birthday. Proper medical care during and after the pregnancy may have saved some of these babies' lives. There are over 450 obstetricians in North Carolina, caring for pregnant women, following the progress of a pregnancy, advising their patients about diet, exercise and the dangers of smoking, drinking and other drugs. They also monitor the

baby's growth, watching closely for signs of trouble or distress. Trouble occurs most often in teen pregnancy. The adage, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," certainly applies to teenage pregnancy. The North Carolina Medical Society wants teenagers to make responsible decisions about sex and pregnancy, and to know all the facts involved in having a healthy baby. If you have a question about pregnancy, contact the North Carolina Medical Society, or better yet, ask a doctor.

TURTLE-TALK

As long as gray hairs can be counted they don't count.