

# Arnie Epps: An Outstanding Student

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Lifestyles Editor

Arnie Epps is one of the many outstanding students in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School system.

Epps, 18, is a senior at Independence High School.

This weekend he will receive the Annie W. Hood Scholarship from the Negro Business and Professional Women's Club and the "Most Outstanding High School Student Award" from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Chapter of Las Amigas. He has also received the Fieldcrest Foundation Scholarship.

He is the recipient of a four-year scholarship from UNC-Chapel Hill, where he will major in political science and communications.

"I want to major in political science because I feel the community needs a positive image. I love people and I want to give back to the community some of what has been given to me," said Epps.

He has already started giving back to the community by becoming involved with numerous community activities and groups.

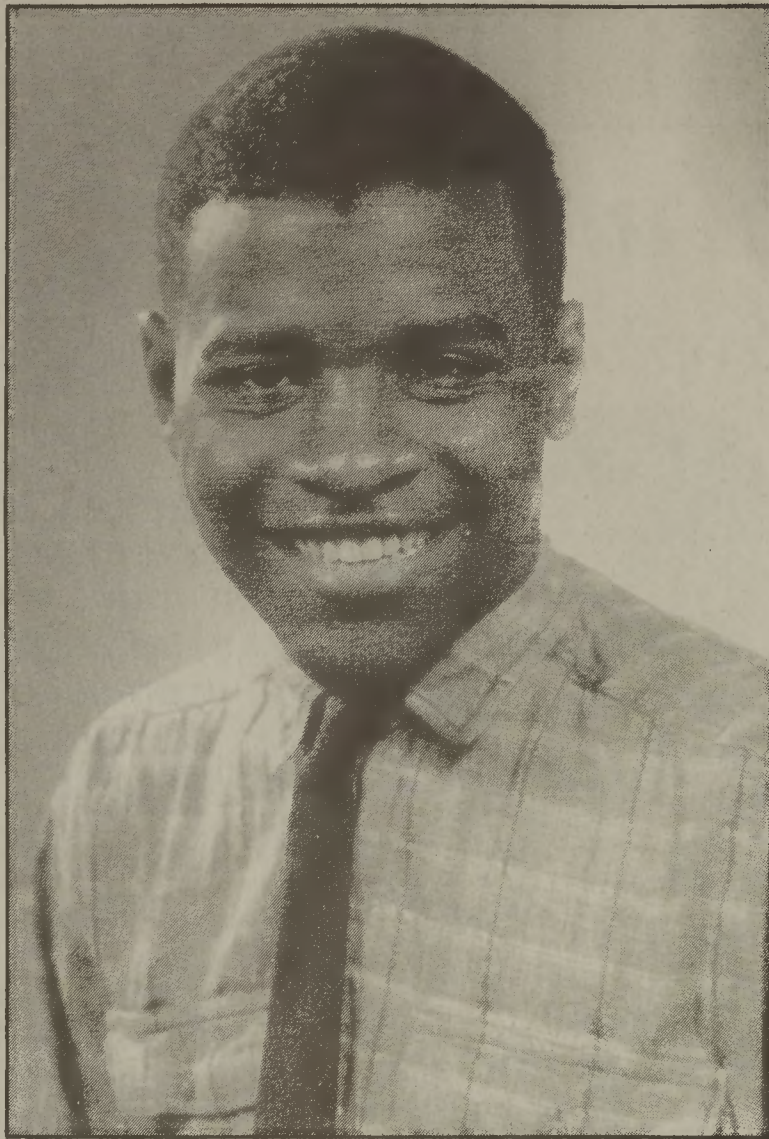
Touring with "Positive Images," a group of Charlotte-Mecklenburg students who visit other schools to sing and give positive reinforcement, gives him an excellent opportunity to help his peers.

Currently, he is working as an intern in the community affairs department at WBTV. Carolyn Mints, director of community affairs, says she has developed a tremendous sense of pride and respect for Epps.

"I have observed his responsibility where his civic duty is concerned. At such an early age, he has an interest and understanding in local government and foreign affairs," said Mints.

Epps is co-president of his senior class, president of the Order of the Patriot, a member of SADD, the Charlotte Choir Boys and he's on the NAACP Student Executive Board at Independence High, just to name a few of his affiliations.

Over the past three years he has won first place in several oratorical contests, including the Optimist Club, Las Amigas and



Epps

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Charlotte-Mecklenburg Baptist Association.

Last year Epps was among 21 students who were chosen to visit China for nine days.

"It was a great experience. Sometimes I was nervous because some of the people had never seen black people before and they would come up and touch me, as if they were checking to see if I was real," said Epps.

The China trip also gave him a greater appreciation for our country.

"Sometimes we forget that we are a blessed nation. I now have a different outlook on life

and I realize how good we have it.

"Many of the people in China are very poor but the education level is very high. I saw some of the clay houses they lived in. It was really amazing," he said.

Epps is a member of Saint Luke Baptist Church and he's very active in church activities.

He is director of the Gospel Harmonettes, assistant director of the Young Adult Choir and a member of the Royal Ambassadors.

"The Royal Ambassadors is a male missionary society. We meet to discuss issues and the role of black men.

"I also enjoy singing and speaking at other churches," he said.

Having a strong belief in God, strong family ties and good friends are major elements of support for Epps.

Epps is the son of Clara Epps and he has a brother, Mack, 25, and a sister, Shauntay, 10.

"My mother has been a big inspiration to me. She always has something positive to say and she always wears a smile...that makes me feel good.

"Two other people who have been inspirational are Phillip Dunston and Al Rouso. Phillip is like a brother to me and he is a good Christian role model for young people. Mr. Rouso really cares about young people," he said.

Epps says he keeps things in perspective by, "putting God first in everything I do."

## Malcolm

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where in the world who will help us. And we have the duty to bring the U.S. government before the United Nations for its violations of these rights, he said.

--Malcolm gave us the gift of self-reliance. He told us to not be dependent on white institutions like the press or the employer of the political system. We should create and control our own schools, jobs, communities, media, nations and destinies, he said, using the physical and creative riches found within our own people.

We have plenty of work to do to get our freedom. We are fortunate that Malcolm X built such a good foundation. It is solid, level and wide. Malcolm did not finish building the house. He got called away. So now, we must gather up the strength and heart and intelligence and vision to finish the work he started.

A newsletter containing this article and other articles on Malcolm X is available free by writing *Sings of the Times*, P.O. Box 712133, Los Angeles, CA 90071. Sign of the Times is a syndicated column on Current Affairs.

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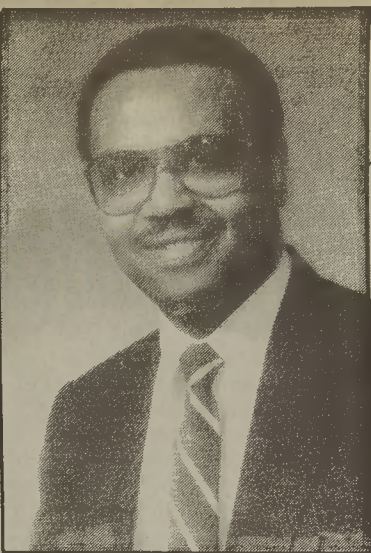
## Computer Prep School Graduation

Special To The Post

The Charlotte Computer Prep School will hold its first graduation on Sunday, May 21, 4 p.m. at the Friendship Baptist Church Community Enrichment Center.

Richard E. Barber, deputy secretary of the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, will be the guest speaker. Barber, a native of Trenton, N. J., is the founder and former chairman of the board of New World National Bank (now Heritage Bank), the only black owned bank in Pennsylvania.

He is former deputy executive director of the National NAACP in New York and he worked closely with the late Kelly Alexander, Sr., board chairman of the national NAACP. He served in the Carter Administration as regional administrator of the small business administration



Barber

of region three in Philadelphia.

A prolific writer, Barber is the author of Economic Emancipation Plan of African-Americans.

He is the son-in-law of Mrs. Refula Witherspoon of Charlotte.

The public is invited to attend the graduation ceremony. The graduates are: Loretta Geathers, Ida Dunston, Thelma Townsend, Wanda Hall, Gwendolyn Woodard-McCray, Louise Stinson, Rickye McKoy-Mitchell, Janet McMillan, Bernard Sturdivant, Mattie Sturdivant, Lillie Anne Walls, Christine Haynes and Carolyn Ginyard.

Registration for the next session, which will meet once a week, is underway. For additional information call 333-2375.

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## Pan-Hellenic's Founders' Day Program

The Charlotte Graduate Pan-Hellenic Council of National Pan-Hellenic Council, Inc., will hold its Founders' Day Activities on May 21 at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., at Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church.

Members of the eight Greek-Letter organizations and local council members will worship with the Simpson-Gillespie Church congregation at the 11 a.m. service.

At 5 p.m., the council will host an OPEN FORUM, the topic being: "Strengthening The Black Family Through Greekdom Outreach."

Forum Participants/Leaders are: Ms. Madine Falls, director, local Urban League; Mrs. Carol Ricks, psychologist of Charlotte; Mrs. Queen Thompson, dropout counselor, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools; Rev. John F. Epps, pastor, Simpson-Gillespie U. M. Church; Mr. C. Don Steger, City of Charlotte assistant manager and Mr. James A. Yancey, Mecklenburg County chief court counselor.

For further information, you may call Mrs. Barbara Atwater at 399-9703 or D. L. Grier at 366-0153 between 6-9:30 p.m. weekdays.

The general public is warmly invited as well as members of the eight Greek-Letter organizations to be in attendance.

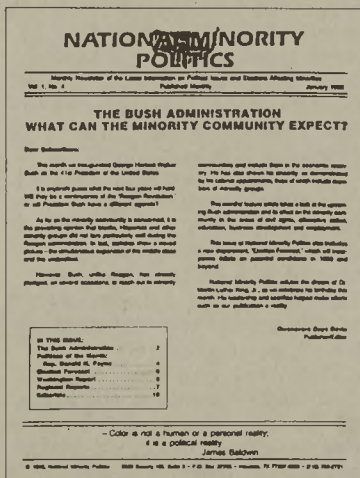
Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church is located at 3545 Beatties Ford Rd.

Rev. John F. Epps is the host pastor.

## Community Bulletin Board

- The Charlotte Chapter of the National Hampton Alumni Association, Inc., will meet on Tuesday, May 23, 7:30 p.m. at the residence of Dr. Spurgeon Webber, Jr., Church Hill Condos, 224 N. Popular Street, Unit 21.
- The N. C. A & T Queen City Alumni Chapter will meet on Wednesday, May 4, 7 p.m. at McDonald's Cafeteria.
- The Charlotte Greens will talk about the history and values of the Green Movement on Sunday, June 4, 7 p.m. at the Charlotte Unitarian Church, 234 N. Sharon Amity Road. Child care is available. Call 563-9602 for additional information.
- The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Urban League is recruiting applicants for its next word processing training program which is scheduled to begin July 3. If you can type, have a high school diploma or GED and would like to strengthen your skills in order to find employment call 377-2234.
- Excelsior Club members will sponsor a fashion show on Sunday, May 21, 7 p.m. to benefit the Anita Stroud Children's Camp Fund. Donation is \$10.
- The Olympic High School Class of '74 will hold its 15th reunion on July 22. For additional information call Anne B. Dillenbeck at 522-1356 or Joyce Ray Bynum at 588-3835.
- The Reid School Alumni Chorus meets each Saturday, 6 p.m. at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, 609 East Avenue Belmont.
- Applications to audition for the 1990 Miss Charlotte Mecklenburg Scholarship Pageant are now being accepted. The age requirement is 17-26. If interested call Merle Baxley at 536-9619 after 6 p.m.
- The Tar Hill Chapter of the United Scleroderma Foundation will hold a seminar on Saturday, May 20, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Charlotte Memorial Hospital AHEC Building.
- The monthly meeting of the Senior Citizens Support Group, sponsored by Community Health Services, will be held on Friday, May 19, 11 a.m.-noon at Community Health Services, 1401 East Seventh Street.
- Community Health Services will hold diabetes clinics on Friday, June 2 at the Amay James Center; Tuesday June 20 at the Greenville Center and Thursday, June 22 at the Alexander Center. The clinics will be held from 9-11 a.m. at each location.
- Community Health Services will offer cholesterol education classes every first Friday at 1401 East Seventh Street. The class can accommodate 15 persons and the cost is \$5.

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