

Clubs and Socials



MS. GLORIA TAYLOR CROWNED QUEEN OF LOS BRAVOS' BALL

Left to Right: Jane Hines, Gloria Taylor, Jackie Cox. Ms. Gloria Taylor was crowned queen of Los Bravos' Sweetheart Ball recently at the Holiday Inn's Wagner Hall, Charlotte. The Ball was sponsored by Los Bravos, which is an organization composed of fifteen men from the Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties.

One of the highlights of the Ball was the crowning of Ms. Los Bravos of 1977 who was the lovely Gloria Taylor. Gloria's sponsors were Samuel A. Jones and John O. Hairston. Her escort for the evening was Charles Neal. Ms. Taylor is a member of Shiloh Baptist Church and is employed by United Parcel Services.

Mrs. Jacqueline Cox was first runner up. Her escort was Charlie Cox. Her sponsors were Joe Allison and William Young. She is employed at Herbert Spough Jr. High School.

Mrs. Jane Hines was second runner up. She was sponsored by Edjar Tarpley, and Randolph Houston, and was escorted by Eric Hines. She is employed at Spough Jr. High School. Other participants were Mrs. Clara Garvin, Mrs. Jeanette Alexander, and Mrs. Annette Gary.

The club's major objective is to sponsor various fund raising projects and to channel the greater percentage of all proceeds back into the community for charitable causes.

COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

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SEXUAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR MALES

Part I
While lecturing at Meharry Medical College in Nashville this week on the social, economic and psychological implications of family planning for our local communities, the subject of male involvement in family planning programs surfaced and attracted much interest on the part of medical students.

Questions such as "Why can't you get males to take more interest in family planning issues such as the use of

birth planning and contraception and assume a more responsible attitude toward their sexual behavior?"

Of course, there are those who still use the old cop-out of labeling these as women's issues, since it's the woman who pays the heaviest dues for an unwanted pregnancy. Somehow that falls short of what we feel is responsible sexual behavior on the part of males and females.

These issues are further complicated by mythology, ignorance and confusion associated with all things that are sexually related. Of particular significance is the Super-Stude syndrome that cast the male in the role of having his masculinity measured by how many women he can have intercourse with and impregnate. We know that some myths about men are true of some men, but not for the majority of men and not even a large minority.

Indeed, every survey done on the attitudes of men, regardless of whether they are young or old, black or white, lower or upper class shows that the majority are interested in family planning and view it as an area of point responsibility along with most of them wanting to know more about the subject.

The significance of these surveys becomes clear when one considers the negative factors that are built into our systems of training males for adulthood.

Traditionally, boys and men are taught to believe that on sexual matters they should automatically know all there is to know and therefore have no need to ask for help from anyone.

Secondly, most men and boys are not comfortable talking about sex in a constructive way and limit their level of

discussion to joking and sometimes bragging about real and imagined sexual escapades in locker rooms, men's clubs and other male only gatherings. Additionally, we also have to acknowledge that some men feel that it is necessary or proper to speak disparagingly about women and "women's concerns." They furthermore have the idea that by talking about their female mates as if they don't have any feelings for them, somehow proves their toughness and their manhood.

How much more healthy would our communities be if we could throw off the constraints imposed by mythology, ignorance and insensitivity that have managed to enslave our minds and discourage responsible sexual behavior? If our goal is to encourage the growth of responsible sexual behavior for males and females alike in our society, then we had better think seriously about launching a massive program in sex education and family planning for young and old, male and female, where all could feel free to seek information and services without embarrassment, guilt, shame or insensitivity.

Black Studies Conference to Meet

The North Carolina Conference on Black Studies (NCCBS), state affiliate of the National Council for Black Studies will meet on March 19 at the Booker T. Washington Art Center in Rocky Mount at

11 a.m. The NCCBS, dedicated to the advancement and continuity of Black studies in junior and senior high schools and higher education is com-

posed of students, public school teachers, college and university faculty and interested lay people across the state.

The conference will involve a discussion of job development, workshops, and a panel discussion. Panelists for the conference are Bob T. Dunn, teacher at Northern Nash High School, Mrs. Antoinette Battle, director of the B. T. Washington Arts Center, Ms. Toxie Clark, dance instructor at the B. T. Washington Arts Center and Wayne Lawrence, high school senior and co-president of the North Nash High School student government. Richard Hicks, principal of Parker Junior High School will serve as moderator. All panelists are local residents of the Rocky Mount area.

The NCCBS conference has been planned with the total community as a focal point. It is the belief of the organization, that, by convening conferences across the state, it will be able to reach a cross section of the black community. All citizens of Rocky Mount are welcomed, and, in fact, needed to ensure a totally successful conference.

Registration will take place from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m.



MISTER (CIAA) GOLF - Don't be surprised if you see this young man playing in the Master's or some professional tour in the future. His name is Andre Springs, and he is a sophomore physical education major at Fayetteville State University, which is fast becoming known for its championship golf teams. Coached by Moses Walker, the Broncos have captured the individual title for the past two years as well as team honors. The 19 year old Charlotte native won the coveted title his freshman year and will lead a strong aggregation of FSU Bronco golfers in their quest for a third title. (FSU photo by John B. Henderson).

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