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## Close-Up

### Conference renews nurses' spirits

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Last week, members of the Southeastern Region of Chi Eta Phi Sorority Inc. attended the 31st conference of their regional chapter.

The hosting chapter was Winston-Salem's Chi Chi Chapter of local black nurses, who welcomed their colleagues to the Hilton Inn North on High Street to a weekend of upgrading medical skills, fellowship and reeducation to their profession.

The Chi Chi chapter was first organized here in 1978 by black nurses living and working in the city. The national chapter observed its 50th anniversary in 1982.

Dressed in their sorority colors of bright yellow and kelly green, visiting members came from all parts of the Southeast. Verdell Bellamy of Atlanta, Ga., and past supreme basileus of the national chapter also took time off to attend.

"We are no different from any other organization," she said. "Ours is a service for humanity."

"The objectives of the whole sorority are retention and recruitment of students, continuing education, identifying and developing a core of nursing leaders who will serve as agents of and for social change," said Bellamy.

The opening session of the conference last Friday introduced some of Winston-Salem's leaders to sorority members. The welcoming podium included Sadie Webster, dean of nursing at Winston-Salem State University, Alderman Larry Womble, County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff, Aldermen and Mayor Pro-tem Ernestine Wilson, the Rev. David Hedgley, interim pastor of First Baptist Church, and Charles Pierce, R.J. Reynolds personnel representative.

Clementine Shaw, director of Nursing Services at the Moravian Home, is basileus of the local chapter here and she, like the other 22 members of her sorority, want to get

the word out that they're much more than a social society for women in her profession.

"We're very young," she said, "and we're also very busy. What we want to do is obtain more visibility throughout the community through the implementation of national projects."

"Not only that," Shaw said, "we will address problems, realize them and establish additional perimeters to enhance the responsibilities that confront us. We're also here to rededicate ourselves as a sisterhood."

Of the major projects the sorority intends to take on this year, educating blacks about cancer is at the top of the list, said Wilma Lauray of Jacksonville, Fla., and regional director of the chapter.

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"It's one of our more important projects this year," she said. "We will be collaborating with the American Cancer Society to educate blacks and other minorities about the symptoms and treatment of cancer."

Bellamy also noted that contrary to popular belief, the nursing profession is not limited to just the hospital, as she indicated by recognizing some of her fellow colleagues and sorors whose workplaces aren't always health care facilities, but corporations and learning institutions.

"All jobs are hard and so are ours," said Bellamy, "but nurses no longer work only in hospitals per se. We are nurses by profession, but in addition we are mothers, teachers, college deans and public health workers."

Shaw said that this year's conference was no different



Members of the Chi Eta Phi Sorority, an organization of black nurses, tour Old Salem while taking a break from their 31st annual Southeastern Regional Conference last week. The Chi Chi Chapter of Winston-Salem hosted the conference this year (photo by James Parker).

from the others in terms of its success. Before registration had ended last Friday, 142 chapter members had registered. Also for nurses who attended the three-day conference, Shaw also said credit for attending will go toward licensing.

Visiting members of the sorority were treated to tours of Old Salem, the Moravian Home and the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. On Friday night, a semi-formal ball was held in the Carolina Ballroom of the Hilton.

On Saturday, a memorial service honoring deceased members was held and later members attended the Anita K. Bass Scholarship Fund luncheon. Bass was the former Southeast Regional director and supreme basileus.

Some of the members of the Chi Chi Chapter who attended the conference were Kanzenner Wilks, Robbie Irvin, Shirley Summers, Maybelle Hedgley, Charlie Brown, Yetta Clark, Myrna Hughes, Carolyn Jones, Catherine King, Patricia Peay, Joyce Tatum and Shirley Williams.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

•The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County All-County Orchestra for grades 6-8 and 9-12 will host a concert in the Kenneth K. Williams Auditorium at Winston-Salem State University at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

•Jim Austin, actor, and Anne Marley Willard, actress, will give a reading of Mark Twain's humorous writing at Reynolda House Museum of American Art at 8 p.m.

•"Going Out in Style," a variety show starring Kennedy High School students, will be presented in the school auditorium at 7 p.m. Admission is \$2 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the school.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

•The Winston-Salem Branch of the American Association of University Women will have a used book sale in the lower mall of Thruway Shopping Center from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The proceeds will benefit educational programs.

•The annual spring sale, co-sponsored by the Gardens and the Garden Club Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, will be held in the greenhouse area of Reynolda Gardens at Wake Forest University from 9 a.m. to noon. Perennial vegetables, flowers ornamentals and herbs, both annual and perennial, grown by the gardens staff will be available, as well as flowering shrubs and annuals.

•The Fifth District Women's Political Caucus will sponsor a pancake breakfast to benefit local women candidates for public office at Parkway United Church of Christ at 2151 Peters Creek Parkway from 8-10 a.m. Tickets are \$10 and they may be purchased by a member or at the door.

•The First Federal YMCA Road Race, to benefit the Winston-Salem Central YMCA, will begin at the Central Y, across from Hanes Mall at 775 West End Blvd. at 9:30 a.m. For more information on entry call 722-1163.

•The Meridian Chapter of the Eastern Star will sponsor a hat sale at the East Winston shopping Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 15

•Reynolda House Museum of American Art will have a reading of fiction and poetry from the spring 1984 *Crescent View Review Magazine* at Reynolda House at 4 p.m.

•Urban Arts, the Sawtooth Center for Visual Design and the East Winston Branch Library will present "Art Is," an afternoon recital of music, dance, drama and art exhibits in the auditorium of the Main Branch Library at 660 W. Fifth St. from 4:30-6 p.m.

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Left to right, Lee Morris, Rip Wilkins, Norman Hung and Lynn Bitting, all members of the Sophisticated Gents, will participate in the Gents' Awards Night this Sunday at the Black Velvet Lounge (photo by James Parker).

### Sophisticated Gents to honor members

After recognizing others for their good deeds over the past two years, the Sophisticated Gents, a local non-profit service organization, has finally decided to honor its own members with an awards ceremony Sunday, April 15, at the Black Velvet Lounge at 7 p.m.

"For the past two and a half years we've been giving awards to people in the community for their contributions to society," said Gents chairman, Melvin "Rip" Wilkins. "In the process we've somehow overlooked what individuals in our organization are doing. This award night will allow us to show appreciation to our

members who have been making a positive impact on our community.

"The gentlemen have worked very diligently and since they don't receive any compensation for their time and effort, we'd like to show our mutual admiration and support," Wilkins said. "We'd also like to involve the community because it has responded well to our programs and we know the community appreciates what we're doing."

Formed in January 1982, the Gents were founded out of a three-fold purpose: to promote brotherhood; achieve self-improvement and provide services to the community.

Their first activity was a

presentation of flowers on Mother's Day to elderly mothers living in Crystal Towers on West Sixth Street. Since that time, the Gents have sponsored numerous community-oriented events, including Kids Day 1983 at Winston Lake Park, the Distinguished Citizens Award and a Sickle Cell Anemia Drive to benefit the Sickle Cell Clinic at North Carolina Baptist Hospital. Also, members of the organization banded together this past Thanksgiving to collect and distribute food to the needy.

Wilkins and the Gents have even more in store for 1984.

"We are just beginning

to make our impact felt in Winston-Salem," said Wilkins. "There are many worthwhile, positive projects we'd like to become involved in."

"When we first started, it was just a dream we had to show people that someone really cares," Wilkins continued. "That dream is now becoming a reality. "But," he adds, "without the support of the community, it could not have been done."

"We certainly hope the people of Winston-Salem continue to support us as we try to do our part in the community," said Wilkins. "It is our hope that we will have a good turnout for Awards Night and that it will get us off to a good start this spring."

## Social Notes

### 4-H recognizes leaders

Using the theme "Stepping Into Spring," Forsyth county 4-H Volunteer leaders and supporters were recognized at the annual banquet March 30 at the Forsyth County Agricultural Building. A committee of 4-H junior leaders planned the evening activities.

Presiding over the occasion was Andie Fishel, president of the Junior Leaders Association. Paula Stinson gave the invocation, followed by a meal prepared and served by the Goodwill Extension Homemakers. Musical entertainment was provided by Melody Myers, who played the piano. Neil Fishel introduced the guest speaker, Carol Myers Boshier, a former 4-H'er from the Clemmons 4-H Club.

Tenured certificates were presented by Andie Fishel, Rochelle Parker and Neil Fishel to 4-H volunteers for their number of years and service to the program.

The Gold Certificate of

Greatful Appreciation was presented to the Forsyth County Extension Homemakers and the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce for their longtime service and support of the 4-H organizations in Forsyth County.

Lois Hoots, 1982 Margie Reid scholarship winner, presented the 1983 award to Twana Wellman, a 4-H leader at the Bethlehem/Kimberly Park Center. The award goes to the most outstanding volunteer in Forsyth County during the past year. Wellman also coordinated the eye care program, which reached over 1,000 youths during the summer of 1983.

Gary Warren and Paula Stinson presented door prizes. Roy Smith, president of the Volunteer Leaders Association, expressed gratitude to junior leaders, the Farm Credit Service, Farm Bureau and K&W Cafeterias for sponsoring the meal.

### Marine awarded medal

Marine Gunnery Sgt. Roy B. Newsome, son of Stella C. Newsome of 545 Efrid St., was recently awarded the U.S. Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal.

The award, which signifies honest and faithful service over a three-year period, was established by the secretary of the Navy in July 1896 to recognize good behavior and conduct in the Marine Corps.

Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Jerry W. Stephens Jr., son of Louise W. and Jerry W. Stephens Sr. of 2209 E. 22nd St., recently participated in NATO exercises United Effort and Teamwork '84.

He is a crew member aboard the USS Milwaukie, homeported in Norfolk, Va. Also participating in the same exercise was Navy Seaman Wayne L. Sawyer, son of

Benjamin and Barbara Brown of 2740 Shore Fair Drive, and Marine Pfc. Robert A. Amaya, whose wife, Valerie, is the daughter of James and Barbara Barlow of 721 Morris Road. Sawyer is a crew member aboard the USS Santa Barbara, homeported in Charleston, S.C., and Amaya is a member of Marine Service Support Group 37, 31st Amphibious Unit in Kaneone Bay, Hawaii.

Marine Pvt. Earvin Brown, son of Lee and Ethel Mack of 1103 E. 30th St., has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, S.C.

During the 11-week training cycle, he learned the basics of battlefield survival. Brown was introduced the typical daily routine that he will experience during his service.

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### Children can be enrolled for kindergarten

Children who will be five on or before October 16 are eligible to attend public kindergarten this fall and should enroll now.

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System is asking parents to call the elementary school that currently serves their neighborhood.

Each school will have kindergarten orientation days later this spring.

Parents should bring the child's birth certificate and immunization records to the school when registering. Three DPT shots, three doses of oral polio vaccine, one rubella shot and one rubeola shot (after the first

birthday) are required by state law before the child enters school.

Over 90 percent of local five-year-olds are enrolled in public kindergarten this year. The school system expects about 2770 kindergarteners for 1984-85.

On the kindergarten

registration days, children will take some preliminary test to determine their readiness for school and help their parents work with them before school starts.

Their records will be transferred to the reorganized schools this fall.