

# Great African-American Theater is Available Here in Winston-Salem

Great African American theatre is available right here in Winston-Salem. The North Carolina Black Repertory Company continues to bring this community exciting and entertaining African American theater of the highest caliber. However, there are many nights, talented actors and actresses bring to life important works by African American playwrights to small audiences. What does this say about our community?

The North Carolina Black Repertory Company will be presenting the Broadway Sensation "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope," April 23, 24, 25, 30 and May 1 & 2 at the Arts Council Theater. All performances, which will begin at 3 p.m. Tickets will be \$10 for students and senior citizens and \$15 for adults.

## Kermet Heightens Cultural Awareness

Emory Jones, director of the Carver High School Marching Band and a community poet performed Negro spirituals and gospel music for the cultural segment of the Kermet School on April 3 at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Jones, discussed the importance of music in the black church. Corey D. McPherson, student teacher, assisted Jones.

The ensemble group from the band sang "Deep River" and "Joshua Fit De Battle." Following their performance, Eugene Jones,

"Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope" is a spiritually uplifting musical that every member of the family can enjoy. With a theme of hope and songs that reveal a precious history of black America. The play takes you on a non-stop journey through our daily traumas to the affluent vibrations of faith, heralded by songs rooted in Gospel tradition.

"Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope," written and composed by Micki Grant and conceived by Vinette Carroll, has performed, to sold out theaters across the country. Some of you remember it also opened the first National Black Theater Festival in 1989 to rave reviews from such distinguished publications as The New York Times, The Washington Post and The Los Angeles Times.

Carroll, who conceived and directed the hit musical Broadway states, "The show attempts to say that 'Coping' is a basic commitment of (an) ... involved human being, that we sometimes laugh to keep from crying ... and that the ways we are similar are far greater than the ways we are different.

Mabel Robinson, a Broadway veteran and an original cast member of "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope" will direct and choreograph. Robinson is a multi-talented, multi-media, critically acclaimed legendary professional. Presently, Ms. she is on the dance faculty of The North Carolina School of the Arts.

The North Carolina Black Repertory Company is also providing a special offer, during the first week of the show, students will

receive a 50 percent discount when you wear bell bottoms, love beads, peace symbols, platforms or dashikis.

National Black Theater Festival is just around the corner. This year's festival will feature over 40 performances by 17 of the best Black

Festival 1993 is scheduled for August 2-7 here in Winston-Salem. Produced and hosted by the North Carolina Black Repertory Company with Larry Leon Hamlin as Producer and Artistic Director, the festival is gearing up now. If you would like more information call (919) 723-7907.

## ARTS REACH

By REGGIE JOHNSON



This will be the last opportunity to catch this unique theatrical experience. Part house party, part revival meeting, this play should not be missed. And it is one of those few arts events that the whole family can attend and enjoy.

Theaters in America. In attendance will be the national celebrities, playwrights, actors, directors, designers, presenters, administrators, casting agencies and hopefully — you!

A celebration and reunion of spirit, the National Black Theatre

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son of Emory Jones, presented a song playing the zylo drum.

The members of the ensemble and the instruments they played are as follows: Dwayne Fulp, trombone; Lyla S. Hatton, bass clarinet; Emory Jones, bass horn; Eugene Jones, trumpet; Corey McPherson, trumpet; Todd Shepard, trumpet; and Takia Tart, alto saxophone.

Henry Singletary sang two original inspirational songs. The first one was called "Every Now

and Then We All Need a Friend (Jesus Can Show You How to Win)." Singletary wrote the second number, "Too Many People are Living Bad," after he encountered an old friend he discovered was on crack.

Presently, the young women's class (ages 11-17) are studying African-American Women and Social/Political Economic Change during post-reconstruction - 20th Century. Michelle Strong Fields is the instructor.

## Sigmas and Health Department Host Screening

Members of the Alpha Mu Sigma graduate chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. in conjunction with the Forsyth County Public Health Department, Health Education Division, will host a Health Screening at the William C. Sims Center in Happy Hill Gardens Saturday from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Each participant will receive a weight check, blood pressure check, diabetic check, sickle cell screening, body fat check, birth control education and overall services of the health department education, adult health education, substance abuse education, breast-self examination, and fire prevention education.

Transportation will be provided for those who may have trouble getting to the center. For transporta-

tion arrangements please call Cathy Oliver at the Public Health Department at 727-8172 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Services are not limited to those living within the community. Anyone may participate. The William C. Sims Center is located at 1201 Alder St. within the Happy Hill Gardens community. Interested persons outside the community may contact the center for directions at 727-2837.

Refreshments will be served or participants upon completion of the program. Those planning to take part in the program are asked not to eat prior to participating in the health screening portion of the program in order that test results will not be thrown off.

Refreshments and other non-perishable food items are compliments of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., Planters, Lifesavers Corporation, and McDonald's. Initiative gifts for those participating in the program are compliments of Sara Lee Corporation. The fire station on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive the Rhoer Club of Sigma Gamma Rho, the laboratory staff of Reynolds Health Center, and Step-One will volunteer to participate in the screening.

This adoption is a joint effort between the Sims Center and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. to promote "Greater Service, Greater Progress," the sorority's motto, and provide "Academic First, Athletics Second," the center's motto.

## Dudley University to Begin Night School Educational Program

Plans to open a new night school educational program in cosmetology were announced recently by officials at Dudley Cosmetology University.

The new evening school program begins May 2 and will operate 20 hours per week, from 6-10 p.m., Monday through Friday, according to Henry Brown, who will serve as director of the evening school program.

In addition to offering certifi-

cation in cosmetology, Brown said the program will provide certification for those persons interested in obtaining their instructor's license.

The program will also provide basic instructions for those persons who may have an interest in owning and operating a nail salon.

According to Brown, the new evening school program was created to accommodate students who have a strong interest in cosmetol-

ogy, but who, because of their job situation or other circumstances, may not be able to attend school full-time.

The basic school curriculum will be taught by a team of DCU educators who will provide step-by-step instructions and also personalized assistance to those who have made a definite commitment to enter the field of cosmetology.

For more information, call Henry Brown at 996-2030.

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## Boone and Cary First Place Winners

Monday, April 12, 1993 - 2:00 p.m. - Carl Russell Recreation Center

First Place - Sarah Boone and Geraldine Cary

Second Place - Waldo Lester and Marjorie Lester

Note: this was a "team game" and no master points were awarded.

Tuesday, April 13, 1993 - 7:00 p.m. - Winston Lake Family YMCA

Winston-Salem Duplicate Bridge Club

First Place - Bessie Allen and Sarah Boone

Second Place - Flonnie Anderson and Goldia Anderson

Note: this was a "team game" and no master points were awarded.

Thursday, April 15, 1993 - 7:00 p.m. - Rupert Bell Recreation Center

Kings and Queens Duplicate Bridge Club  
 No report was made as to whether there was a game and winners or no game.

## BRIDGE NEWS

By RUDOLPH V. BOONE SR.



The Tournament Trial  
 May 1, 1993 - Metrolina Grade "B" - Charlotte  
 May 8, 1993 - Gate City Grade "B" - Greensboro  
 June 18-20 - College View Grade "A" - Durham

Beginning Bridge Class???  
 Persons interested in learning to play bridge will have an opportu-

bridge! Take advantage of this opportunity!

The Triad Bridge Unit will be scheduling a meeting sometime in May. Persons chairing committees are expected to meet prior to that time and have a report for that meeting. The date of the meeting will be announced at least two weeks prior to the meeting. Be on the lookout for that date and time!

The East Area Council of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to the third annual

**Minority Business Awards Gala**

for the benefit of Prince Ibrahim School Partnership Program  
 Gail E. Withers, Honorary Chairperson

Saturday, April 24, 1993  
 7:00 to 11:30 p.m.  
 Stouffer Winston-Plaza Hotel

Keynote Speaker: Jim Caldwell, Head Football Coach - Wake Forest University  
 Guest Speaker: Kermit Blount, Head Football Coach - Winston-Salem State University

7:00-7:30 p.m. - Reception with Award Nominees  
 7:30-9:30 p.m. - Dinner and Awards Program  
 9:30-11:30 p.m. - Dance featuring Jazz Ensemble

1992 Minority Business of the Year Award Nominees

S. Eli Bradley, The Packaging Store  
 David C. Hinton, Davic C. Hinton, CPA  
 Clarence Dalton, III, Dalton Realty, Inc.  
 W. Ray Kelley, Winston-Salem Bible College  
 Chandler Lee, Classic Cadillac/GMC Truck, Inc.

Black Tie - \$35 per person, \$60 per couple

Tickets for sale at the following locations:  
 The Chamber of Commerce, 601 West Fourth Street - Contract Office Furnishings, Inc., 1023 West 14th Street - Cheek's Maintenance and Services, Business & Technology Center, 1001 South Marshall Street, Suite 110 - The Anderson Center, Winston-Salem State University

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