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Local Scout
leaders get
awardsSigers and Sunday
have spent years with
Scouting programBY CORTNEY L. HILL
THE CHRONICLE

Dedicating close to 70 years combined in servicing children in the Scouting program paid off recently for scoutmasters John Sigers and Marcellus Sunday as they received prestigious honors and awards for their outstanding leadership and achievement over the past year.

Unplanned, Sigers and Sunday nominated each another for the awards. Sigers was selected and awarded the highest honor in Scouting, the Silver Beaver Award, while Sunday received the Cub Scout Master of the Year award.

"It is such an honor being named Cub Scout Master of the Year," said Sunday.

Sunday was chosen out of cubmasters from five to six other districts.

Sigers said Sunday is the first minority to be awarded the honor in 20 years.

For Sunday, being part of the Scouting program for 22 years means a great deal. "When you are a scoutmaster, you are making a difference," he said. "You have the ability to offer something to the children that they may not be able to get anywhere else."

Sigers, a retired educator (34 years of teaching) and scoutmaster for 14 years, has seen 13 Scouts in his troop receive the Eagle Scout Award. He said he is able to serve as a father and a teacher by giving them some of the things that they may not get at home. "Being part of Scouting is like an extension of home," he said.

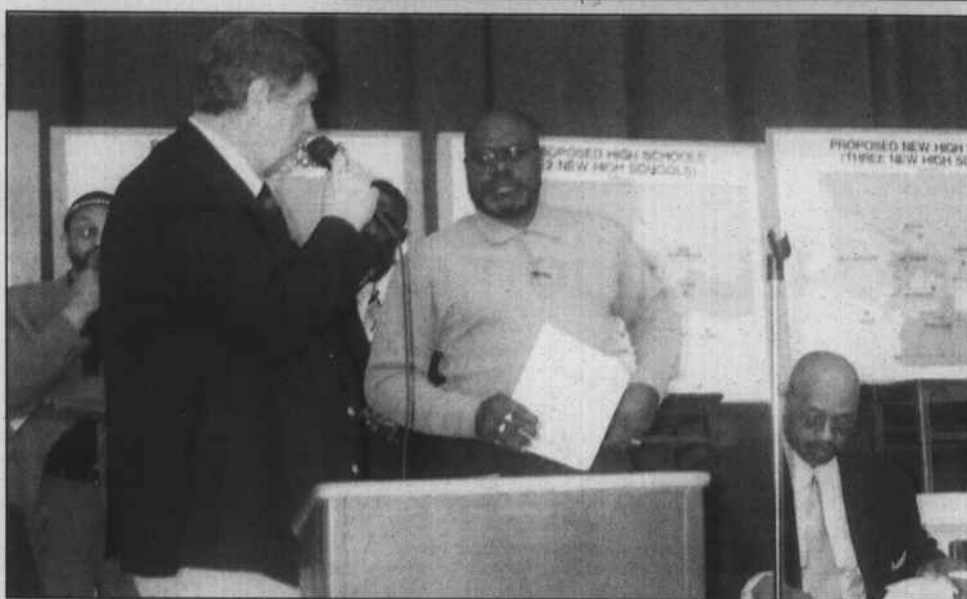
"I was part of the Boy Scouts growing up and I was able to experience growth just as these students are experiencing today."

Receiving the Silver Beaver Award was a wonderful honor for Sigers. "It's an unusual award because you had to have been in the Scouting program for a long time and be very much involved and producing quality work at the same time."

Sigers and Sunday said boys who get involved in Scouting are exposed to life and life's skills, and they learn about integrity and have an opportunity to obtain some kind of direction in life.

"The program itself is broken down in stages, just like grade school," said Sunday. "You have the first stage where the boys from

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Assistant Superintendent Reginald Teague, with microphone, answers a question from Bill Tatum, president of the local chapter of the NAACP, at last week's forum on the proposed school bonds.

Photos by Kevin Walker

Half-empty or half-full?
Populate already existing schools before
building new ones, residents sayBY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

In its heyday, Kimberley Park Elementary School, nestled in the heart of an inner-city, African-American community, was bursting at the seams. Parents from all over Forsyth County vied to win their little ones spots in the school's highly-touted academically gifted program, which was one of a few such programs in the county at the time.

Today the school is merely a shadow of its former self. The program is gone; it took with it much of the school's population. Only 282 students started the current school year enrolled at Kimberley Park. The school can hold up 342 students, according to school system data.

Kimberley Park and other schools like it are becoming key subjects in the growing discussion about a possible school bond referendum that could be put to county voters this November.

The \$200 million bond proposals being talked up by school officials call for the construction of six to seven new schools and the renovations of dozens more.

But some feel that the school system should not even begin to discuss building new schools while schools like Kimberley Park and other inner-city schools can still hold students.

The issue was broached several times last week during a



School Board members Geneva Brown and Vic Johnson listen to speakers express themselves about the bonds.

community forum on the bonds sponsored by the Black Leadership Roundtable.

"We need to use the space we have...before we spend one dime," said Floy Howie, the education committee chair of the Roundtable.

Howie said her concerns are personal and not necessarily the position of her organization. Roundtable convener Larry Womble said the organization will hold one more community forum on the subject before it gives thumbs up or thumbs down on the bond issue.

School system officials said the new schools are needed not

necessarily today but for the projected onslaught of students expected in the system in the next five years.

"The need is there for schools," said Reginald Teague, assistant superintendent for operations. Teague joined Greg Thornton, assistant superintendent for middle schools, and Steve Holleman, a program manager for the system, to field questions from residents.

Some residents countered by asserting that the need for new schools would not be so great if the system had not implemented a redistricting plan that did away

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Bluntly Speaking

College students tackle the harsh realities of race

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

An African-American college student from a local university told a roomful of his peers that racial profiling hit close to home recently. The student spoke at a panel discussion sponsored by the Cross Campus Committee on Racial Reconciliation, a group comprised of students from various Triad universities.

The student said as he and another African-American student waited for a city bus on the campus of their university, a police car began to circle. The car finally stopped and the officer began to ask the students questions. After they explained they were students at the school, the officer admitted that he had received a call from a secretary in a nearby building that two "strange men" were hanging out on the campus.

"(Racial profiling) makes you feel singled out, especially in an environment where you are already a minority," the student said. "If you have not experienced it, it's hard to explain."

The student's story came as the panel and a packed house of students from across the Triad discussed the topic of stereotyping and racial profiling on the campus of

Salem College.

Many on the panel and in the audience agreed with the student's statement that it's hard for those who have not experienced discrimination to fully grasp it.

Aku Asra, a Wake Forest University student, said that people who have not been victims of racial profiling and other forms of discrimination can sympathize, but feeling it is totally different.

"To understand it, you do have to experience it," she said.

But Natalie Stewart, a Bennett College senior, said

just because some people will never understand how racism feels, it

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Thrft

Stay clear of wrong
crowd, judge urgesBY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Speaking to young people has been a kind of a side job for Judge James Beaty. It's a side job that he has kept despite his recent ascension to the federal bench.

Beaty was in Winston-Salem last weekend talking to young people about the law - how it works, how he got into it and how they can avoid staying out trouble with the law.

Beaty says he likes his discussions with young people to be both educational and preventive in nature.

Beaty said when circumstances would land a young person in his courtroom, it often led him back to his own home.

"It thought about my own child," he said.

Beaty cited peer pressure as one of the main reasons youngsters go astray. He urged the young people on hand for the talk to pick their friends well.

"It's important to be in the right crowd," he said.

Beaty's law clerk joined him for the event. She talked to the students about how to enter the law profession, telling them how to apply for



Beaty

law schools and how to prepare for the standardized test required for all prospective law students.

Beaty, a Thomasville native, sits on the U.S. District Court Middle N.C. District. He made headlines during the administration of former President Bill Clinton. The former president nominated Beaty twice to the U.S. Court of Appeals

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Black NCSA grads return to share success stories



Marc Johnson



Ron Dortch



Stephen Henderson

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

With stars in their eyes, a group of bright-faced, young N.C. School of the Arts students jotted down mental notes as they intently listened to a trio of school alumni who are living the life that they are studying to live.

Awareness of Black Artists, a campus organization geared toward addressing the needs of the black students, helped facilitate the roundtable discussion earlier this week in order to give students a taste of what life in the arts is like for an African American. The NCSA alumni who participated have had illustrious careers mainly on the stages of Broadway and Off-Broadway playhouses.

Two of them, Ron Dortch and Stephen Henderson, graduated from NCSA in the early 1970s, when black faces on campus were few and far between. Henderson told the students that he gave up a spot at Juilliard to come to NCSA. It was during a turbulent time for

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