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Sigma men and others honored for service

BY DR. FELECIA PIGGOTT-LONG
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The Delta Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma's first ever Heritage Award Program brought a crowd of more than 300 to Winston-Salem State University's Anderson Center Saturday evening.

The event paid tribute to several distinguished members of the fraternity and many others not affiliated with Phi Beta Sigma, but well-known for their community service.



Photo by Felicia Long
Marshall Bass, left, receives his award from Bro. Stokes.

"I applaud the honorees this evening because they truly deserve honor and praise," Darryl Prince, president of the Delta Alpha Chapter, told the crowd at the start of the program.

The honorees needed little introduction. They each, for years, have unselfishly served their community. The Phi Beta Sigma honorees were Beaufort O. Bailey, Marshall Bass, Robert E. Brower, Jakay W. Ervin, James W. Ferree, Frizzell Forbes, Henry S. Lewis and Benjamin White Warren.

Bass, president of Marshall B. Bass & Associates and a well-known philanthropist, joined Phi Beta Sigma in February of 1945 while attending Morgan State University in Maryland. He says, "Phi Beta Sigma is a part of me, part of my life. We are men of business, men of courage and honor. We are men who have committed our destiny to the service of our fellowman."

Bailey, a member of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, joined the fraternity in 1955 while attending Winston-Salem Teachers College, now called Winston-Salem State University. He expressed pride in his brotherhood.

"I am proud to be a Sigma Man. We are loyal to each other. I'm 73 and in my prime - a Sigma Man all the time," he said.

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Bobby Seale speaks at Winston-Salem State University last week.

Jena protest attracts locals

Students from WSSU and A&T among those taking part in today's event

BY TODD LUCK
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Today local students and residents were expected to join thousands more from across the nation in Jena, La., to protest what they say is harsh and racist treatment of several black teenage boys.



Powell

The student government associations of both N.C. A&T State University and Winston-Salem State University have both organized bus trips to Jena to take part in today's protest, which coincides with what is to be sentencing day for 17-year-old Mychal Bell, the first of the so-called "Jena Six" convicted on beating up a white teenager. Fifty students from each school are expected to take part. Also, local leaders, including State Rep. Earline Parmon, have organized another busload of 50 people from Winston-Salem, who too are expected to take part. The protest was scheduled to begin early this morning, led by the Rev. Al Sharpton, Martin Luther King III and radio host Michael Baisden.

Bell was originally convicted of conspiracy to commit second degree murder and second degree aggravated battery in connection to the fight. His conviction spurred outrage throughout the nation

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RIGHTING HISTORY

Black Panther co-founder shares group's real legacy with students

BY TODD LUCK
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Bobby Seale, co-founder of the Black Panther Party, spoke at Winston-Salem State University last week, relating how the controversial civil rights organization began.

Seale told the sizable crowd that he didn't start out a civil rights activist, far from it. He took an interest in the centuries-long struggle of African-Americans when he was a 26-year-old student at Merritt College in Oakland, Calif., he joined the Afro-American Association and embraced its views on black pride and self-reliance. He began to learn about the history of black people, everything from the great kings



Little

who ruled African, to the struggle against slavery in the Americas. He said it blew his mind.

"I was shocked because I grew up thinking Tarzan ran Africa," said Seale.

His newfound knowledge inspired him to become politically active and work for change. He was further driven to the cause after attending a sermon given by Dr. Martin Luther King. He said King, Nelson Mandela and Malcolm X were the three leaders who impressed him the most.

Seale was joined in many of his civil rights activities by his good friend, Huey P. Newton. Seale described a Vietnam protest in 1966, shortly

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THE GREEN BOYS

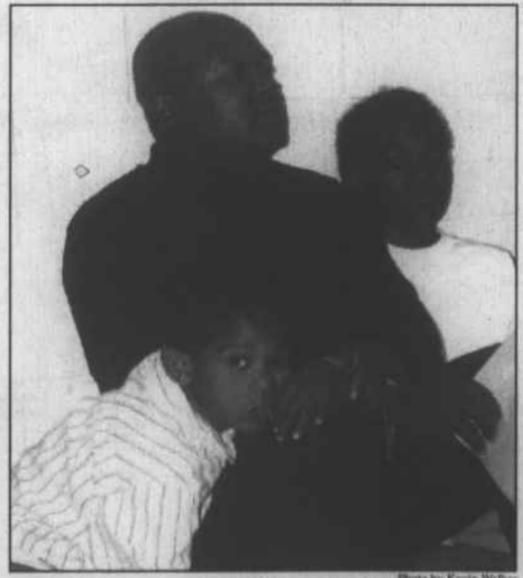


Photo by Kevin Walker

RaVerne Green's son, Josiah, uses his thigh as a pillow Sunday during an International Tea at the Sims Recreation Center. Keeping a close eye on Josiah is his big brother, Jordan. Read about the tea on B7.

HIGH MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL

Mineral Springs students set to shine in stage production of popular show

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Surridge

Mineral Springs Middle School's upcoming production of "High School Musical" has been two years and "innumerable" practice hours in the making, says Theater Arts Teacher David Surridge.

The victim of a series of unforeseeable mishaps, the performance was delayed almost a year from the original date, but the show must go on, and the curtains rose



Photo by Jason Pitt

See Musical on A14 Kevett Tillerman, left, and Ashley Starks rehearse Tuesday.



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