

Science camp makes learning fun

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ing, medicine, law, engineering, nursing, firefighting, computer technology, and a host of other professions that utilize science and math on a daily basis.

Among the speakers and volunteers were physicians Dr. Sophia Paige and Dr. Mary Barber; NationsBank employees Charlene Balfour, Lovetta Thompson, Curt Hill and Lamont Holly; and computer consultants James Mitchell, Jr., Tamara Otey, Priscilla Mobley, Stephanie Clay, David Gottlieb and Jarvis Leigh; engineers Jay Potter and Regina Dobson; firefighter Kim Robinson; architect Jonathan Hutchinson; marketing associates David Gee and Collette Forrest; airline pilot Donald Black and educators Elaine King, Angela Jeter and Wallace Barnes.

Dr. Paige admitted that she was never the smartest in her class, but said that after a teacher indirectly called her stupid, she was motivated to be the best.

The 32-year-old obstetrician and gynecologist said she decided in the 8th grade that she wanted to deliver babies. She said her 12 years of education beyond high school was very rigorous.

"Don't be discouraged by outsiders who tell you that you're not good enough or smart enough," Paige said. "You must have a strong sense of self."

Speaker Sandye Hines said she became a certified fitness instructor because her mother died of a heart attack two years ago. She feels that by being a fitness instructor, she can provide encouragement to individuals and help to save lives. She had the participants do a very energizing exercise routine.

The 150 camp-in volunteers were private citizens. Students were greeted by engineers, doctors, parents, lawyers, teachers, high school and college students and a number of other careers and professions.

Volunteers represented community organizations such as The Charlotte Medical Society, Focus on Leadership, National Coalition of 100 Black Women of Greater Charlotte, Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship and student community service groups like the Johnson C. Smith University Service Learning Program, the JCSU NOBCCHE Student Chapter, the AKA Pearls of Culture and the Class Project 2000 mentoring program.

Marilyn Friday and her daughter, Alison, were one of several mother-daughter teams who

attended the camp-in together.

"I had a fantastic student chaperone, Chessa Huff, who worked with me and my group," Friday said. "She was cheerful, informative, experienced and a sheer delight to work with. I will especially cherish the opportunity that I had to make these memories with my daughter. She had a great time."

Stephanie Clay, an information technology auditor at Duke Energy, volunteered as both a chaperone and moderator for the camp-in for females. Clay also participated in the camp-in when she was a student.

Student Angele Rodgers said, "One thing that I learned and gained from Camp-in '97 was that I am becoming a more people person. I met new friends as well as had an opportunity of filling myself with knowledge."

Aquinette Bradley said: "I learned that to succeed in life I have to believe in myself, and do what I need to do to achieve my beliefs. Also to follow my dreams and never give up no matter what somebody else says I can't do."

April Bethea is a sophomore at West Charlotte Senior High School. Britny McGraw is a junior at Providence High School. Camp-in coordinator Theresa Williams Bethea also contributed to this article.

Three win Fighting Back contest

Three young people won prizes in the Fighting Back Drugs Destroy Dreams art contest. They are: first place, Joshua Mauney of Matthews, a 6th grader at Proverbs 22:6 School; second place, Vanneary Sok, an 8th grader at Cochrane Middle School; and 3rd place, Samaria Leak, a 5th grader at Statesville Road School.

The winning entries will be featured in the 1998 Fighting Back calendar.

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The J.H. Gunn Community "Blue Eagles" Youth Drum Corps and Steppers will hold a fish fry Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the J.H. Gunn Elementary School, 7520 Harrisburg Road.

The event will raise money for uniforms and equipment for the youth organization. The group will perform during the fish fry, as well as the Brothers of Faith gospel group of Concord.

Dinners are \$6. Sandwiches, \$3.

For more information, contact Ruth Phiifer, 537-9657; Alberta McGill, 537-2438; or Joe Orr, 568-5656.

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A children's cast will present a

Christmas play Saturday at Dana Auditorium. The show, "A Royal Celebration" is being presented by Kidz Biz Productions and was written by Sibyl Lee.

The play goes beyond the traditional nativity scene.

Showtimes are 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available by calling 442-1893.

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Children's hospitals in Charlotte recently received a \$7,153 gift from Coca-Cola Consolidated and Eckerd Drug. The donations were made to the Children's Miracle Network. On hand for the presentation were Taylor Aldridge, 4, of Concord, Rajeedah Woodson, 11, of Charlotte, and DeAndrea Gadsen, 7, of Gastonia.


The money will help support the network's member hospitals, with include: the Children's

Hospital at Carolinas Medical Center, Charlotte Institute of Rehabilitation, University Hospital, Amethyst and Mercy Hospital South.

The money was raised through a program in which a donation was made to the Children's Miracle Network for every Coca-Cola product purchased at Charlotte-area Eckerd stores from March through July.

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NWA Winners



Kendra



Shawna



Megan

Winners of the National Women of Achievement 1997 Baby Contest are: first place, Kendra Charloese Edwards, 11 months, daughter of Kenneth and Deborah Edwards; 2nd place, Shawna Ju'Vonne Howard, 10 months, daughter of Mary Walker and David Howard; and 3rd place, Megan Briel Lee, age 3, daughter of Markis and Dolly Lee.

Oops...

Shawna was incorrectly identified in last month's issue.

Top 10s

Top Ten Videogames -

Playstation

1. NBA Live '98
2. Game Day '98
3. Street Fighter EX
4. Sub-Zero
5. NCAA Game Breaker '98
6. Twisted Metal 2
7. Crash Bandicoot 2
8. Madden '98
9. Bushido Blade
10. Final Fantasy VII

Nintendo '64

1. Madden 64
2. Extreme G
3. Turok Dinosaur Hunter
4. Diddy Kong Racing
5. NFL Quarterback Club '98
6. Goldeneye 007
7. MRC (Racing)
8. F-1 Pole Position
9. Duke Nukem 64
10. War Gods

By William "Vance" Caraway and Jordan Gregory

Top 10 Albums

1. Soul Food Sdtk
2. Timberland & Magoo - "Welcome to our world."
3. Usher - "My Way"
4. Mase - "Harlem World."
5. Puff Daddy & Family - "No Way Out."
6. LSG - "Levert-Sweat-Gill."
7. Money Talks - Sdtk.
8. Tupac - "R U Still Down."
9. Will Smith - "Big Willie Style."
10. Mariah Carey - "Butterfly."

Top Ten Singles

1. Puff Daddy & Family, with Notorious B.I.G. and Mase.... "Been around the world."
2. Puff Daddy & Family, F/Foo Fighters.... "It's all about the Benjamins."
3. Dru Hill.... "We're not making love anymore."
4. Usher.... "Nice & Slow."
5. Mase.... "Feels so good."
6. J-Z.... "Sunshine."
7. Tupac.... "Heaven got a ghetto."
8. Mary J. Blige.... "Dream."
9. Boyz II Men.... "A song for Mama"
10. Timbaland & Magoo.... "Luv 2 Luv U."

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