

# Moles Hold 42nd Annual National Conclave

Charleston, S.C. was the site of the 42nd Annual Conclave of the Moles, a national organization of African-American women who represent thirty chapters. At the Omni Hotel, 617 Moles and Mules gathered June 19-21 to celebrate the organization's annual activities, attending business meetings, luncheons, smokers, parties, and dinner/dances.

On Friday, the Rocky Mount Chapter hosted the Board of Directors meeting and its accompanying luncheon where the famed Joe Walston Trio entertained. With Mole Dora McDonald of Atlanta, Ga. presiding at the board meeting, the 30 delegates, seven officers, and four past national presidents moved through an agenda of business that ended with objectives met.

The conclave theme was "The Second Time Around," carried out by the 23 Moles and the 20 Mules of the Charleston Chapter. While the Board of Directors meeting was in session, other Moles and Mules toured the City of Charleston and the surrounding areas. Others decided to go deep-sea fishing or to tour counties as far away as Orangeburg where South Carolina State College and Claflin College are located.

Friday afternoon brought everyone together for a two-hour seafood party called "Experience Charleston." Shrimp, crabs, oysters, and various saltwater fish were plentiful as Moles and Mules ate to their delight. Led by Mole Sarah Brown and Mule Dr. James E. Brown, the conclave was later treated to "Roaring Twenties In The Lowcountry," a fun-filled night of dance music, lowcountry cuisine, and Southern hospitality. All Moles and Mules were dressed in costumes of the "Roaring Twenties." The Charleston Dance Contest was won by Mule Aaron and Mole Brenda Clarkson Turpeau of the Atlanta Chapter.

Saturday began with the Mules taking to the golf course at 7:30 a.m. while others took to the tennis courts at 8:30 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., the Charleston Mules conducted the annual "Stag" for the Mules where food was plentiful and fun was the highlight of the event.

Back at the Omni Hotel, the Moles were engaged in the annual Business Meeting where National President Margaret F. Nelson of Washington, D. C. presided. National officers leaving their stations after a four-year tenure were Moles Rachel Norcom Smith, Recording Secre-

tary, Portsmouth, Va.; Vivian D. Tillman, Financial Secretary, Rocky Mount; and Dr. Marianna W. Davis, director of publicity and editor of the Molerama, Columbia, S.C.

New officers elected or re-elected were Dora McDonald, vice president, Atlanta, Ga.; Marian H. Deane, recording secretary, Portsmouth, Va.; Helena Hairston, financial secretary, Baltimore, Md.; and Grace Norbrey, publicity chair, Petersburg, Va.

The Moles' National Scholarship Project was applauded when the committee chair announced that the organization's recipient, Portia R. Lewis, will graduate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1993. She continues to hold a 4.0 GPA at MIT where she is majoring in engineering.

The Saturday luncheon, titled "A Charleston Garden," was held at the Omni Hotel where music was provided by Oscar Rivers and Anthony Buke, local artists. National President Margaret Nelson presented the annual National Civic Award to the Jenkins Orphanage, the only institution of its kind on the eastern seaboard. Receiving the cash award was Rev. Alphonso R. Blake, director. Charleston City Councilwoman Brenda Scott brought greetings to the group of Moles assembled.

"Through the Years: A Celebration of Style and Elegance in The City By The Sea" was the theme for the annual dinner/dance. Dressed in formal attire, the 617 Moles and Mules were well entertained from 7:30 p.m. 'til 1 a.m. In addition to the meal and the dancing, a show was presented, featuring Oscar Rivers & Company, with special appearances by professional artists from Atlantic City.

Sunday morning began with the annual brunch. The Charleston Chapter continued its emphasis on seafood, with shrimp and grits, eggs and mushrooms, hot breads, and other lowcountry "goodies." The Mules passed out trophies to the winners in deep-sea fishing, tennis, and golf, and this caused quite an excitement among the Moles and Mules. Farewells were said as guests said their good-byes to the Charleston sisters and brothers. The Sunday theme, "A Taste of Charleston," was well carried out as the food prepared travelers for the long trips back home.



**MOLES MEET**—The 42nd annual Conclave of the Moles, a national organization representing 30 chapters was held recently in Charleston, S.C. with business meetings, luncheons, dinners and parties. The Rocky Mount chapter hosted the board of directors meeting and luncheon. In photo: MOLES National Officers and Board of Directors. Officers, left to right: Sandra Fenner-Eddy, treasurer; Dr. Marianna W. Davis, publicity director and editor of MOLERAMA; Margaret F. Nelson, president; Vivian D. Tillman, financial secretary; Mary R. Gascor, parliamentarian; Dora E. McDonald, Vice President.

## David L. Mallette III Receives A&T State Scholarship

David L. Mallette III of Raleigh has received the N.C. A&T State University Achievement Scholarship. He graduated from William G. Enloe High School and plans to major in electrical engineering.

Some 800 Achievement Scholarships, worth approximately \$3 million, have been awarded in 1992 to outstanding black students. Approximately 200 of the awards, such as the one Mallette won, are being financed by about 50 U.S. colleges and universities. College-sponsored Achievement Scholarships provide between \$250 and \$2,000 per year for undergraduate study at the sponsor college.

Winners were chosen by officials of each sponsor institution from Achievement Program finalists who will attend that college.

The 1992 competition began with some 90,000 black students requested consideration in the Achievement Program at the time they took the 1990 PSAT/NMSQT, which is the qualifying test used for entry to the competition. In September 1991, some 1,500 of the highest-scoring participants were named semifinalists on a regional representation basis.

To advance in the competition and be considered for Achievement

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**LIGON REUNIONAIRES**—The Marriott Hotel in the city was the scene July 4th of the J. W. Ligon Class Reunion. Pictured above are some of the folks on hand for the annual affair. Be sure to see next week's CAROLINIAN for a "Surprise photo" taken at the '92 J. W. Ligon Affair. (Photos by H. G. Monroe)

## Ingram Case May Be Closed

BY CASH MICHAELS  
Staff Writer

The Raleigh City Council has been asked to respect a resolution passed by the state Democratic Party requesting a reinvestigation into the police shooting death of Ivan Lorenzo Ingram, but indications are that the request will not be honored.

The resolution is the latest in a series of events that have kept the controversial case open in the minds of many in the African-American community.

Ingram, 35, was killed Nov. 8 of

last year by Raleigh police Officer Vincent Kerr during a drug raid at 314 N. Carver St. Witnesses say Ingram was a bystander to the raid when he was shot. Officer Kerr alleged that Ingram reached in his pocket for a weapon after being told to stop. No weapon or drugs were found on or near Ingram's body after the shooting.

Ingram's family, led by his mother, Ms. Soloana Ingram, along with the Lenora Fulani for President campaign, and the Raleigh Citizens for Justice, have kept the issue alive virtually every

month since the killing with a series of rallies and marches protesting Officer Kerr being cleared of criminal and departmental charges.

Last month, during the state Democratic convention in Raleigh, the Ingram family, along with about 50 protesters, lobbied delegates to pass a resolution against police violence and request a reopening of the case. The resolution was approved, to the surprise of even some of the Ingram family

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## Raleigh Police Officers Commended For Outstanding Community Service

BY JOHN T. MCCANN  
Special To The CAROLINIAN

Because of their willingness to not only make arrests and drug busts but more importantly, their desire to make friends, four police officers of the Raleigh Police Department were commended this week for rendering outstanding service to the community.

Officers U.R. Austin, O. Richardson, A.A. Tucker and K.A. Halsaver received recognition from the Raleigh City Council on Tuesday for their efforts to reunite the

community with the police force. "We want to let the community know that the police department is there for them," said Richardson, who is affiliated with Community Law Enforcement Against Narcotics.

The Raleigh Housing Authority is very pleased with this program and others. Halifax Court housing manager Lynette Johns and office assistant Molly Jenkins submitted a letter to Chief Frederick Heineman praising the officers' cooperation.

Jenkins said the officers readily make themselves visible and available for conversation.

Richardson said, "There used to be a time when, if you recognized a cop, you would sit down and talk with him. But through the years, we have gotten away from that."

The officers' work in public housing is an offshoot of the city's Project Phoenix, a drug prevention program. Austin said a few officers were assigned to designated public housing units to merely get residents used to having police officers in the community in instances other than troubled times.

Austin said the officers' work goes much deeper than looking for investigative tips and crime suspects. Instead, their intent is to give public housing residents a true sense of the word "home."

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## The People Speak



**MICHAEL MCLEOD**

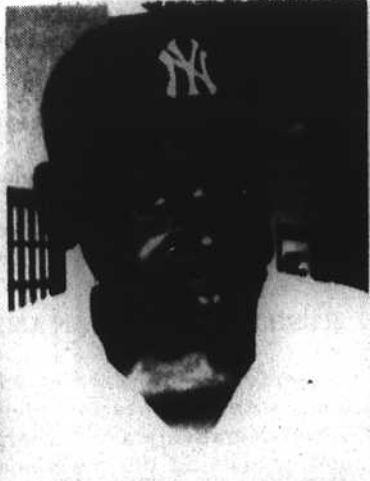
Yes, they'll win, because they are superstar basketball players—the best in the world.

**Briefing:** With NBA superstars such as Michael Jordan, Charles Barkley and Scottie Pippen on the roster, the U.S. basketball team is almost certain to win a medal at the Olympic Games in Barcelona. However, the big question is whether the "Dream Team" will capture the gold. These are a few of our readers' predictions:



**GLINA UPCHURCH**

Just about any team has a chance of winning. You can't really say until it's over.



**EMMANUEL STATON**

Yes. They'll win.



**SPENCER SAMUEL**

Of course they'll win it.



**MRS. INEZ VINSON**

## Scholarship Set Up To Honor George & Inez Vinson In City

The George and Inez Vinson Educational Scholarship was established June 28 to honor retired Wake County teacher Inez Johnson Vinson and the late George Donnell Vinson, Jr., who retired after serving as principal in Riley Hill and Lumberton.

The scholarship has been established by their daughter, Beverly Vinson Cowser, a former Wake County educator now teaching in Washington, D.C. public schools. The purpose of the scholarship is to serve as an incentive to a graduating high-school senior who is enrolled in a historically black college or university who has a strong interest in teaching as a career. The scholarship will be awarded annually, in June.

First Baptist Church pastor, Rev. Nathaniel O. Boykin, presided at the combined Golden Agers' annual recognition program, the C.E. Askew Bible Class, sponsor; Dorothy Shaw Thompson,

teacher; and at the installation of the scholarship, during morning

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