

People

Close-Up

Black speaks at awards banquet

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Most people are accustomed to seeing Joe Black in Greyhound commercials. But last Thursday, Black, vice president and special marketing representative for Greyhound, walked off the pages of the advertisement to deliver the keynote address at the fifth annual Human Relations Commission Awards Banquet.

Introducing his speech with words from "Amazing Grace," Black went on to say that "human relations is understanding and love for one another. We must use the minds that God has given to each of us. Yes, the dreamer, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., is dead, but we as his disciples are alive and have to carry on the dream."

The former baseball giant, who pitched for the Brooklyn Dodgers for five years, said he came to the banquet to "persuade you from hating. Let us follow the sayings of Dr. King and replace hate with love."

The awards banquet, the first of its kind for the Human Relations Commission, was a special one for the five award winners. For the first time, the commission honored three individuals and two organizations for the work they are doing in the community to better human relations.

Ernie Shaw, owner of Ernie's Restaurant on Waughtown Street; Louise Wilson, executive director of Experiment in Self-Reliance Inc.; and Grady Crosby, East Forsyth Senior High School football player and student body president, were given individual awards.

The Southeast Winston Rescue Squad Inc. and Bethlehem Community Center were the recipients of community organization awards.

Capt. Bob Staplefoote from the Southeast Winston Rescue Squad said, "It's the first time we have been given a compliment of that level for the work we are trying to do here."

The Southeast Winston Rescue Squad has 30 active members and Staplefoote said he is glad the squad has

been given some recognition for its hard work.

Not only did the rescue squad receive an award, it also nominated an award winner, Shaw, for his vested interest in improving human relations in the city.

Shaw said he didn't know he had been nominated and that the award was very special to him.

"I have not gone out of my way to do anything special," Shaw said. "I just believe in doing for others that are doing good deeds. I have just been myself and living my everyday life. I didn't do anything special to win and that's why I am so happy."

Dr. Constance Johnson, chairman of the Human Relations Commission, said the commission decided to present awards in an effort to increase public awareness.

"We were concerned about having more community participation with the commission and that was a way to

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enhance the visibility of the council," Johnson said. "This was a first-time thing for us and it will be evaluated to see if it will be continued."

The 350 guests at the banquet at the Hilton Inn were made up of a cross section of the community, including school board member Beaufort Bailey, Pat Hairston, Dr. Velma Watts, the Rev. John Mendez, Dr. J. Ray Butler, County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff, Alderman Larry Womble, Sherrick Adams, Assistant City Manager Al Beatty and a school friend of Black's, Coach Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines.

Winston-Salem Mayor Wayne Corpening, who gave the welcome, had proclaimed February Human Relations Month. "In order for good human relations to exist, the leadership within our city must have a high level of consciousness concerning community problems, their



Joe Black, a former baseball star and now a Greyhound executive, keynoted the fifth annual Human Relations Commission Awards Banquet last week (photo by James Parker).

cause and effect," the proclamation read.

Local singer Robert Wise provided the music for the evening.

The members of the Human Relations Commission are Johnson, chairman; the Rev. Ginny Britt, William L. Cofer, John Comas, Luellen Curry, Whitty Cuninggim, Horace Deudney, James Ford, Dr. Nancy G. Gannaway, Kerry Gioiis, Sharon Hamilton, James R. Flynt Jr., Mary E. Harper, Dr. Hideki S. Imamura, Bishop Sylvester Johnson, David Logan, Earline Parmon, Leanore Robertson, Marie H. Roseboro, Phillip L.

Thomas and J.O. Williams.

Members of the Human Relations staff are Herman Aldridge, director; Patricia A. Grueninger, human relations specialist; and Gail Burnette, senior clerk-typist.

On March 22, Johnson said the Human Relations Commission will be holding a town meeting to discuss the commission's perception in the community and to allow citizens the opportunity to say what they think the council is all about and in what direction it should be headed. The meeting will be held at 7:15 p.m. at City Hall.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

• There will be a public meeting on the middle school curriculum reorganization in the auditorium of the main public library at 660 W. Fifth Street.

The program "From Diapers ... to Diplomas, the Schools, They Are A' Changin'" is sponsored by the Forsyth County PTA, the Junior League, the League of Women Voters, Parents for the Advancement of Gifted Education, the Upward Bound Program of WSSU and the Forsyth County Public Library.

• "Packaging Yourself," a program designed to help today's woman plan and develop a wardrobe for an active lifestyle will be held at the Glade Street YWCA from 5-7:30 p.m. Fashions will be presented by the Shop of Ragpicker. For more information call 722-5138.

• Project New Start Support Group for persons affected by incarceration will meet at the Glade Street YWCA from 4-6 p.m. For more information call 722-5138.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

• The Winston-Triad Area Lupus Chapter will meet at the Highland Presbyterian Church Activity Building at 2:30 p.m. The speaker will be Dr. Sara Sinal, associate professor of medicine at Bowman Gray School of Medicine. For more information call 768-1493 or 724-6303.

• The Winston-Salem Symphony will feature Pepe Romero playing a new concerto by Joaquín Rodrigo and works by Beethoven and Bernstein in its fifth concert of the 1983-84 classical season today and Tuesday. For ticket information, call the Stevens Center Box Office at 721-1945.

• Beneath the Elms Ice Skating Rink and the Triad Ice Skating Club will sponsor its second ice show for the 1983-84 season, "Spring Into Spring," at the rink at 7:30 p.m. For ticket information call 727-2975.

MONDAY, MARCH 12

• The Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina Inc. will offer a training session in food handling to volunteers and prospective volunteers and community agencies in the warehouse at 1024 N. Liberty St. from 7-8:30 p.m. For more information call 724-7025.

• The Twin-City Little League, a non-profit organization, will host its first annual Basketball Benefit Tournament beginning today. The week long competition will be held at Paisley High School. Ten teams will compete in a double elimination playoff. All proceeds will go to the Little League. Call 724-5971 for more information.

• The Happy Hill Community Center and the King
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Ernie Shaw, left, accepts an award making him an honorary lieutenant of Southeast Winston Rescue Squad Inc. Harold Van Eaton, right, the squad's chief, made the presentation (photo by Derwin Flinchum).

Rescue Squad honors businessman

Southeast Winston Rescue Squad Inc. recently honored businessman Ernie Shaw with a plaque making him an honorary lieutenant of the squad. The squad presented Shaw, who owns and operates Ernie's Restaurant on Waughtown

Street, with the award because of his unyielding support of the squad.

The squad's chief, Harold Van Eaton, presented the plaque to Shaw, who is also a member of the squad's board of

directors. Southeast Winston Rescue Squad Inc., a totally not-for-profit organization, is located at 1353 Diggs Boulevard and is manned 24 hours a day by trained volunteers.

Family care home relicensed

Virginia Wright opened Wright's Family Care Home on Feb. 15, 1983, and the home has been relicensed for another year.

The family care home is a small residence which provides sheltered care for at least two to six persons who, because of age or disability, require some personal services along with room and board to assure their safety and comfort.

The family care home is the best substitute for one's own home when an aging or disabled person does not require the services usually provided in homes for the aged or professional nursing services under continuous medical supervision, says the staff. The family care home provides personal assistance, supervision and meaningful activities to enable individuals to function to the maximum of their abilities in a family situation.

Such homes are located in rural areas, small towns



Virginia Wright

or cities where persons in need of a substitute home, rather than institutional care, may remain in the local community near friends and relatives and continue to participate as individuals in the home and

community. The home provides around-the-clock supervision. June Annette Livingston, Wright's daughter, is the live-in supervisor in charge.

Social Notes

Library sponsors arts celebration

On Feb. 23, the East Winston Branch Library sponsored a Children's Celebration of the Arts in honor of Black History Month.

Approximately 100 persons attended the celebration.

Daniel Edwards of the Library's Children Outreach Department opened the program by accompanying the audience's singing of the Negro national anthem, "Lift Ev'ry Voice And Sing," on his

guitar. Then, local musician Armenta Hummings led two groups of her Art-Is House strings students, including children as young as 8 years old, in performances of "Swing Lo' Sweet Chariot," "Little David, Play All Your Heart" and other old favorites.

Next, Amatulla Saleem of the 14th Street Recreation Center introduced the center's break dance group. The synchronized gyrations

of these young men easily captured the attention of everyone in the auditorium.

Mind and Body Arts finished the program with three performances. Hakim Shingles gave demonstrations of hatha yoga and karate do. Charles Brown played the congo drum and Cheryl Bailey demonstrated the softness of Chinese martial arts.

Gwendolyn Anderson, children's assistant at the East Winston Library, planned and moderated the entire program.

Week proclaimed for older workers

Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. has proclaimed March 11-17 as Employ the Older Worker Week in North Carolina to coincide with National Employ the Older Worker Week.

The national observance has emphasized the importance of older workers for more than 20 years.

"National Employ the Older Worker Week is an annual means of focusing public attention on the importance of using this valuable employment resource," said Gover Teeter, manager in the local

job service office in Winston-Salem. "When you realize that more than two million North Carolinians, two-thirds of whom are in the civilian labor force of the state, are 44 years old and older, you begin to see how important it is that we make good use of their experience and knowledge."

Job Service offices have participated in Employ the Older Worker Week for more than 20 years as a part of a year-round emphasis on placement of older jobseekers. Since 1967, congressional legislation has

mandated equal opportunity and non-discrimination for people on the basis of age.

Teeter explained that workers hired after age 40 generally reach higher performance ratings more quickly than their younger counterparts. They tend to have a more positive work attitude, greater job stability and lower absenteeism.

"We urge employers to consider older workers when they are hiring," Teeter said. "At Job Service, we will help match employer needs with applicant skills."

Roseboro elected to YMCA board

Mrs. Marie Hill Roseboro, treasurer and personnel director of Winston Mutual Life Insurance Co., has been elected to the National Board of YMCAs.

Roseboro will serve a four-year term.

She presently serves as first vice-chairman of the Patterson Avenue YMCA Board of Management and in 1980 she served as chairman of the membership campaign for the Patterson Avenue Branch YMCA.



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