

Close-Up

Ms./Mr. Ebony: Teens with a purpose

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Seventeen Winston-Salem students have put their leisure-time activities on hold and become ambassadors, of sorts, for the Urban League.

In conjunction with the Ebony Fashion Fair on Nov. 1, the Winston-Salem Urban League is sponsoring the Ms./Mr. Ebony Fashion Fair 1985 contest for area students.

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Unlike some other contest participants, rewards for these contestants will involve more than random selection. Hard work will be involved, as the eventual winner will be determined by the highest

number of ticket sales to the Ebony Fashion Show. Winning will also require a bit of ingenuity.

"We've told the contestants that the winner will be determined by the number of tickets they sell to the fashion show," says Ms. Soloman. "But they are also at liberty to initiate their own programs to raise money to sponsor themselves in the contest."

Sandra Pennington, a member of the Urban League, says that the organization also hopes that contestants will help to spread the word about the Urban League's involvement with the show.

"We are really emphasizing to them the importance of getting the community out to the show because the show over the years has been a widely known establishment in this area," she says. "We want the contestants to be ambassadors for the Urban League and to get out and promote the show."

Mae Moore, co-chairman with Ms. Soloman, says that the contestants are getting the opportunity to participate in workshops and discussions that will be beneficial to them during their teen years.

"The contestants attend workshops that help them learn how to go out into the community and talk to people in a public setting," says Mrs. Moore. "Hopefully, when this is over, they'll be prepared to go out and speak in public and do things in the community."

"So many teen-agers are afraid to do anything publicly without being among their peers," Mrs. Moore continues. "This will teach them to have



Ms./Mr. Ebony Fashion Fair contestant Regina Funderburk gets royal treatment from Belk's Beth Haymes at an Urban League cosmetic workshop (photo by James Parker).

that strength to go out and meet people."

This year's contestants, whose ages range from 14 to 18, have been to workshops on public speaking and skin care, and before the contest ends, they will attend sessions on career planning and etiquette.

"We're promoting having a strong educational background," Mrs. Moore says. "From these workshops they should become more aware of how to promote an image that prospective employers will look for."

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Social Notes

Winston-Salem Delta chapter to host regional in May

Efforts begun in 1982 have finally paid off for the Winston-Salem alumnae chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority: The group will host the 13th South Atlantic Regional Convention.

The convention will be held at Stouffer's Winston Plaza Hotel from May 22 to 25, and chapter members say they will be busy right up until that time with final preparations.

"We're responsible for planning all the activities, and there are so many little things to take care of," says convention chairman Iris Officer.

One activity already planned for the meetings will be "Strands," a program of learning about careers and the contributions businesses and industries have made to the community. Participants in the program will visit local businesses, and a panel of local business owners and executives will discuss how they have cooperated with sororities and fraternities on common problems.

An undergraduate day and a

health fair have also been scheduled as convention activities.

Chapter president Helena Tidwell says the local group, which has approximately 80 members, feels that the convention will contribute to the Winston-Salem community.

"We're expecting about 1,200 people and their families, which will swell the convention population to about 2,000, and that's significant, particularly to businesses and tourism."

The South Atlantic Region, the second-largest region of the 125,000-member national sorority, includes graduate and undergraduate chapters in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia. Winston-Salem State University's undergraduate chapter, Gamma Phi, will co-sponsor the event.

Mrs. Officer says, "We are committed. It's hard work. We know we can do a good job, and we're going to have the best they've seen in a long time."



Delta steering committee members are set on making their sorority's regional convention the "best they've seen." Members are, left to right, Peggy Lanier, Iris Officer, Beverly Spainhour and Helena Tidwell (photo by James Parker).

Urban League to address male responsibility

The Winston-Salem Urban League has undertaken a program that will focus on the problems of teen pregnancy with an emphasis on black male responsibility.

On Oct. 17 and Oct. 24 the League will sponsor workshops for male volunteers from the community who are willing to serve as role models for young Please see page A7

About Town

Aeric Adams celebrates birthday with family and friends

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More than 50 3- and 4-year-olds gathered at Bethlehem Day Care Center on Cleveland Avenue to celebrate the fourth birthday of Aeric Adams. This was Aeric's last birthday party at the center, as he will be entering kindergarten next year. Aeric is the son of Shedrick and Virginia Adams

On Nov. 1 the Ebony Fashion Fair will come to Winston-Salem, and some of the Twin City's young people will make an appearance at the performance as contestants in the Ms./Mr. Ebony Fashion Fair 1985 contest.

At press time, this year's contestants included Tangela Carson, Regina Funderburk, Tamah Gray, Michelle Hughes, Juanka Jones, Tracey Keck, Denise Matthewson, Pamela McClellan, Monique Mitchell, Lennie Moore, Pamela Myers, Ouida Patton, Davida Smith, LaTanya Smoot, Wendy Snow, Katrina Speas and Benita Williams



Young Aeric Adams, center, rang in his fourth birthday with pals Brandon Williams, left, and Dion Galloway.



Nelson Clemmons proudly eyes the plaque he received for outstanding lay stewardship.

Auxiliary will host an international tea and membership rally Sunday, Oct. 20, at the post home, 2332 N. Liberty St.

Boys and Girls State Citizens will also be recognized at the event.

The membership rally is held annually to renew old memberships and enroll new members.

Mary Thomas is auxiliary president, Larry Wilson is com-

mander and boys' state chairman, Joan Bell is membership chairman, Martha Jones is program chairman and Almeana Little is girls' state chairman.

The auxiliary will be selling fruit cakes to benefit the scholarship and education fund

The Rev. Emma T. Duren of Wayside CME Church has awarded 15-year-old Nelson Clemmons a recognition plaque

for outstanding lay stewardship. Clemmons was honored for his work in the church and in assisting senior members of the congregation with various services and tasks

Nat Watkins recently celebrated his 99th birthday at the Red Rock Lodge in Walkertown; his family and friends attended the celebration

American Legion Post No. 220

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, OCT. 18

- "Home," the hit Broadway play, opens in Winston-Salem at 8 p.m. at the Arts Council Theatre. The play will open the seventh season of the North Carolina Black Repertory Company. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. For more information call Larry Leon Hamlin at 723-7907.
- Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. is sponsoring its second annual Employees' Arts and Crafts Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at the Sawtooth Building, 226 Marshall St. Admission is free. Call Joanne May at 770-6267 for more information.
- The Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art (SECCA) will open its annual crafts exhibition, "Art Materialized," and three other new exhibitions with a members' reception from 7 to 9 p.m. The exhibitions will be open to the public from Oct. 19 through Dec. 1. Exhibiting fiber artists will include local resident Judith Hanes. For more information call 723-1804.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19

- An Ebony Affair, the Triad's newest black singles network, will host its first annual black singles' conference in the David C. Jones Student Union on the campus of Bennett College, Greensboro, beginning at 10 a.m. Activities will include discussions on black male/female relationships, blacks and single parenting, investing black dollars and other topics. Entertainment and lunch will be provided. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and will be charged. For more information call Pat Degraffines at 783-0191.
- The Community Flower Club of the Brushy Fork community will have a yard sale at Joe's Shop Rite Store, 3100 Bowen Blvd., from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Clothing and household items will be on sale. For more information call Margaret Elder at 724-2523.
- The community of the East Ward in East Winston is sponsoring a block party and cookout in honor of Alderman Virginia Newell. The event will be held in the parking lot of the Reynolds Health Center cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entertainment and food will be provided.

SUNDAY, OCT. 20

- The Humanities Department at the Forsyth County Public Library is sponsoring the library's Second Annual Appraisal Fair from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the main library auditorium, 660 W. Fifth St. Ten local authorities will appraise old and antique items free of charge. There is a limit of four items per person. For more information call 727-2264.

MONDAY, OCT. 21

- Maureen Rickards, home economics extension agent, will be conducting classes on dressing up the home with homemade decorator pillows. Classes will be held at 10 a.m. in Rural Hall Library. Classes are free; no registration is required. For more information call 767-8213.
- The Winston-Salem Salvation Army Boys' Club will begin registration for its youth basketball league from 1 to 8 p.m. at the Boys' Club, 1922 Stadium Drive. Boys between the ages of 6 and 12 may register. For more information call Don Charlton at 788-5761.
- The Winston-Salem Alumnae Chapter will hold its first annual event from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at SECCA. Spouses are also invited. Please see page A9.