

Close-Up

Zeta soiree: Filling a social need

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The occasion of your first official, public debut can be an anxious event for even the most confident of individuals.

This weekend, months of preparation, practice and anticipation will be displayed when the young contestants in the annual Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Soiree are formally introduced to their community. Now in its fourth year, the soiree will feature five

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young ladies from the city's middle schools.

The sorority opted to forego the more well-known type of debutante affair that features students in high school because the members saw a need to offer the opportunity to younger girls.

"We were taking a look at what was going on in the community and at what our involvement was, and we decided that we were not satisfied with our participation," says Marilyn Roseboro, basileus of the local graduate chapter. "We tried to see where

there was a need.

"We considered the 'debutante' kind of affair that usually deals with high school students. We then determined that there was a need for young ladies to be involved in the social structure a lot earlier than high school. So we decided to look at the middle school."

From the time of its conception, the details of the event have been carefully determined, Mrs. Roseboro says. Even its name was not chosen arbitrarily.

"We wanted to really get our point across with the name," she says. "We wanted to convey elegance in the name, so we came up with 'soiree,' which we felt fit the kind of occasion we wanted to have."

This year's contestants - Monica Brown, A. Lynn Harris, Mercedes Miller, Bernice Sanders and Sharnay Torrance - spent approximately four to five months preparing for the night when they will stand and be introduced to the large crowd on hand to witness their debut.

By the time they stand on the stage at the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium this Saturday night, they will have attended hair care sessions, makeup workshops and self-defense classes.

Not that their journey has been all work and no play. They have also held pizza parties and cookouts and attended the local production of the Broadway musical "Ain't Misbehavin'."



Last year's Zeta soiree queen, Tiffany Walker, shown above with her escort, will be on hand at this year's program to crown her successor (photo by James Parker).

Mrs. Roseboro says that one of the goals of the soiree is to help expose the young ladies to things that will be useful later in their lives.

"The soiree is the culmination of a series of activities which they have participated in," she says. "They have done all sorts of things. Some of the

sessions, such as the one on makeup, will help to make them aware of what they will need to know at some other point in their life."

Past contestants in the soiree have developed well, Mrs. Roseboro notes, and she says it is "excellent." Please see page A8

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, MAY 1

• The Tarheel Association of Storytellers will hold storytelling workshops from 4 to 6 p.m. at Winston Square. The workshops are part of the storytelling festival being held through May 3. For more information call 788-8631

FRIDAY, MAY 2

• Dr. Pat Ober of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine will address questions concerning osteoporosis at the YWCA's "Y Friday" program. The forum, which discusses issues and concerns of older adults, begins at 9:30 a.m. with a light breakfast, followed by the program at 10 a.m. The fee is \$3 for members and \$4.50 for non-members. For more information call 722-5138.

• The Tarheel Association of Storytellers Storytelling Festival will hold a storytelling session from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Winston Square. Workshops will be held from 3:45 to 6 p.m. For more information call 788-8631.

SATURDAY, MAY 3

• The La Leche League of Winston-Salem will hold a yard sale at 225 Staffordshire Road from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Baby clothes, toys and household items will be available. For more information call 768-2695.

• The Tarheel Association of Storytellers Storytelling Festival will hold storytelling sessions from 10 a.m. to noon at Winston Square. For more information call 788-8631.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

• Mars Hill Baptist Church will observe its 49th annual Founder's Day. Dr. J. Ray Butler will be the 3 p.m. guest speaker. For more information call 727-8341.

• "Blues to BeBop," an informal jazz performance with commentary by Ron Rudkin and the North Carolina School of the Arts Jazz Combo, will be held at 3 p.m. in the auditorium of the main public library. Admission is free; all are welcome. For more information call 727-2057.

FRIDAY, MAY 9

• The Belview Civic League is sponsoring a Mother's Day contest at 6:30 p.m. at the Belview Recreation Center. Seven mothers from the Belview community will be sponsored in the contest by their children.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The Atkins High School Class of 1953 is making plans for a reunion to be held June 27 to 29. If you have not received a letter about the reunion, call Juanita Penn at 727-1228.

• Shederick Adams, staff assistant to Rep. Steve Neal, will meet with citizens at the East Winston Library from 9 to 11 a.m. each Tuesday during the month of May. Adams will assist citizens who need information or assistance with federal agencies. He will also provide the opportunity for them to present their views and discuss legislation now before Congress. For more information call 761-3125.

• The Winston-Salem Symphony Chorale will hold a series of "Community Sings" during the month of May. All community singers are invited to participate in informal readings of some of the great choral works. The sings will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday. Please see page A8

Social Notes

Lindsay crowned Miss Debutante at Beta Alpha cotillion

Cheryl Lindsay was crowned queen at the 34th Annual Debutante Cotillion sponsored last Saturday by the Beta Alpha chapter of Iota Phi Lambda Sorority.

Miss Lindsay, a junior at East Forsyth High School, will receive a scholarship to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill upon her graduation.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lindsay and the granddaughter of Mary Wheeler.

Yolanda Trollinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Trollinger, was first runner-up.

She is a student at East Forsyth High School and plans to attend Winston-Salem State University this fall.

Andrea Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Owens, was second runner-up; she is a student at Glenn High School.

Miss Owens plans to enroll at UNC-Chapel Hill after her high school graduation.

Third runner-up was Bridie



Yolanda Trollinger



Cheryl Lindsay



Andrea Owens

Bray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Bray.

She is a junior at Carver High School and plans to major in foreign languages.

The fourth runner-up was Felicia Hughes, and Tanya Johnson captured the position of

fifth runner-up. The sixth runner-up was Teresa Archie.

Other contestants were Andrea Reynolds, Michelle Sloan, Ursula Jacobs, Shavonne Stoddard and Camille Williams.

Proceeds from the cotillion will be used to provide scholarships. In the last 34 years, the sorority

has awarded 200 scholarships.

The sorority is composed of professional and business women.

Alice Carter is chapter president; Tressie Ellis was cotillion chairperson.

Mabel Robinson was responsible for choreography.

WSSU goes international with special 1986 cultural festival

Winston-Salem State University will present its 1986 International Festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 1.

Displays and exhibits of fashion, art and other cultural effects will be presented in the courtyard near the Williams Auditorium and on the pedestrian mall on campus.

In addition, there will be a

compact stage presentation from 11 a.m. to 12:20 p.m. in the auditorium courtyard.

Presentations will include a fashion show featuring attire from Africa, China, Argentina, the United States in the 18th century and Persia.

Other special attractions will include dances, arts and crafts, and film and video presentations

from South Africa and the Trinidad '86 Carnival.

Among the participants are the

University Choir, the Interdenominational Youth for

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Anniversary plans top Best Yet agenda

The regular monthly meeting of the Best Yet Flower/Garden Club was held Sunday, April 20, at the home of Selena Nichols.

The meeting opened with a

devotional selection. The prayer was offered by Mrs. O.E. Clanton

Club President Virginia Please see page A8

About Town

Spring brings blossoms, baseball and acceptance letter anxiety

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Spring has finally sprung, and the occasion is marked by flower blossoms, baseball and college acceptance letters.

For two of the seniors at Bishop McGuinness Memorial High School, the wait for the coveted acceptance letter is over.

Seniors John Bennett and Sterling Spainhour each received scholarship awards and will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Spainhour, the son of Sterling A. Spainhour and Beverly P. Spainhour, was a recipient of a 1986 Pogue Scholarship. Pogue scholars must



For Sterling Spainhour, left, and John Bennett, the long wait for college acceptance letters is finally over (photo by James Parker).

demonstrate superior academic merit, leadership potential and evidence of responsible citizenship.

The program is designed to generate interest in the university among outstanding minority students.

The award is open to North Carolina residents only, and recipients receive annual stipends of \$3,300 for four years of study.

Spainhour, a member of his high school soccer team, says he is undecided about what area of study he will pursue at the university.

John Bennett is the recipient of two scholarship awards, the Reynolds Industries Scholarship. Please see page A10