

# Local role models for Black youth

James Gadson and William Gray have defied all odds as African-American men. By working hard and having faith that they can achieve what they have perceived, they found success in their careers.

Gadson and Gray are city employees who find that being role models for youth is a continuous effort.

Both are involved in many community-based programs and realize that it is up to African-American men like themselves to make a difference in the lives of African-American youth.



James Gadson



William Gray

Photos by Carole Ragins

# Zeta Phi Beta, Inc. plans for 1992-93

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On Saturday, Sept. 12, Rho Zeta Chapter, Zeta Phi Beta Inc. was joined by the Rho Zeta Amicae for a gathering at Les Arbres (The Tree).

New officers were installed by Soror Lulelia Peterson.

A video, which was part of the recent boule agenda, was shown. Founders of Zeta and the early history of the sorority were highlighted. African-American role models

who have been promoted by the sorority were a part of the video, which was primarily filmed at the national headquarters of Zeta Phi Beta in Washington, D.C. Among other areas highlighted were the joint venture of Stork's Nest and the March of Dimes, a national project of Zeta Phi Beta Inc.

The sorority also sponsors projects that show the sorority's commitment to improving the way of life for children and adults. Special emphasis is placed on teenage parents and the problems relating to

them. The Zeta Phi Beta Sorority is destined to move forward into the 21st century.

A report from the scholarship committee, co-chaired by Sorors Lois B. Hauser and Danetta Fitts, was presented. Five students who are presently enrolled in black colleges have received scholarships from Rho Zeta.

Soror Edna C. Revels made a report from the program committee. Included were plans to continue Zeta's "Finer Womanhood" activities and other community involve-

ment.

The newly elected grand basileus, Jylla Moore-Foster, is a native of Salisbury. Her election as head of the 500 or more graduate and collegiate chapters in the U.S., including Alaska, Hawaii, the Bahamas, West Africa, and Germany was hailed with enthusiasm.

Zeta Phi Beta was founded at Howard University in 1920. The sorority continues to follow the precepts of scholarship, service, sisterhood, and finer womanhood.

# Descendants of Arnold-Joyce families hold reunion

On Sunday, August 9, the descendants of Willie J. Arnold I and Samuel Joyce I, held a reunion at Carl Russell Center in Winston-Salem. There were over 200 people in attendance coming from Virginia, West Virginia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Maryland, New York, New Jersey, Washington D.C., Ohio and Alaska.

The oldest and the youngest of

each family were recognized. The oldest Arnold member was Willie J. II who is only 90 years young. The youngest member present was Grant Alexander III, son of Rodrick and Karen Arnold.

The oldest in the Joyce family present was Minnie Joyce from the first family, a mere 91 years. Her brother, Fletcher who is 99 years old, was unable to attend. The

youngest Joyce member present was Donsha Joyce and the youngest living member is Donta Moore who at reunion was one week old.

This was the first time many members of the family had met. It was good to see so many of Aunt Adeline Grays' descendants from Reidsville which included Mae, Lillie, Carrie and Edith. Carries' children and grandchildren were

also there. Relatives from Reidsville included Elaine and J.T. Relatives from Washington D.C. and Maryland included Delcene, Lori, Tracie, Rabihah, Kenny and Sharon and Callie Ruth and their children.

There were many relatives from Winston-Salem present.

Food was served and everyone had a pleasant time.

# Spike Lee joins UNC-CH protest

versity and area high schools.

Some people said they were there to get more than just a glimpse of the famous filmmaker of movies *Do the Right Thing* and *Jungle Fever*.

Ellie Skully, a Chapel Hill High School junior said, "I'm here so I can hear other views, to see if he's real open-minded."

UNC-CH freshman Joya Cook said, "I'm here to support a free-standing black cultural center." Cook said the only thing she was gaining from Spike Lee's visit was the satisfaction of seeing a public figure coming out to support it also.

However, Claire Hartman, a high school junior, said Lee was the main attraction for her.

"I probably wouldn't be here if Spike Lee weren't speaking. I didn't know about the subject until two hours ago ... I'm hoping to find out some information."

Lee called the four football players who organized the Black Awareness Council (BAC) "courageous young brothers."

This past summer four college athletes organized BAC, which has been at the forefront of the movement for a new center. Lee said he read about the group in an article published in the *New York Times*.

BAC issued a statement calling for: "November 13 — a free standing black cultural center."

Other campus leaders joined Lee for the conference, including those from the Black Student Movement, Campus Y and the Student Environmental Action Coalition.

Before Lee spoke, Robert and Precious Stone, the children of the

late Professor Sonja Stone, said a few words to the crowd.

Sonja Stone died August 10, 1991. The university's black cultural center was named after her.

Stone, who is related to Lee by marriage, said, "I'm extremely moved by what you all are doing. I'm sure my mother would have been pleased."

After hugging his cousins, Lee, wearing a hat with an "X" insignia, drew an enthusiastic response from the crowd.

Lee said students attending both predominately white universities and black institutions could apply what UNC-CH students were doing.

"The time is now that people need to stand up, whether you're an entertainer or you're in college or an African. These days of riding the fence are over."

During the rally, audience members shouted "No peace, no justice!"

Fists were raised throughout the Dean E. Smith Activity Center. Audience members soon started to cross their arms representing their support of the ideas of the black activist Malcolm X.

Then there was a call and response:

"What do you want?"  
"BCC!"  
"When do you want it?"  
"Now!"

Members of the campus community joined the rally to speak in support of a free-standing black cultural center.

Margo Crawford, the director of the existing Sonja Haynes Stone Black Cultural Center, drew thunderous applause from the audience.

"This is a very serious matter...This is not a tea party. It's a revolution to achieve justice and equality."

Crawford said funds set aside for the center had been slashed from \$2.5 million dollars to \$500,000. She said the money was just for alterations for the present building.

Michelle Thomas, president of the Black Student Movement, said she was getting frustrated with the issue.

"I'm tired of being tired. I'm tired of asking, I'm tired of singing. I'm tired of marching."

She then asked, "What happens to a people when they get tired of asking?"

Tim Smith of the BAC answered: "You start to get angry. You start to get an attitude. Things start pissing you off."

Smith called for African-American students' involvement in future efforts.

"I want it to be so many black people out there, I want it to look like it's night."

Scott Wilkins, co-president of Campus Y and a white supporter, said, "This room has so much power."

He said building the cultural center was "a human thing to do."

Speakers also included the Rev. James Bevel of Washington D.C. and Dr. Khalid Mohammad, a national assistant Louis Farrakahn of the Nation of Islam.

Mohammad questioned where other famous people like Michael Jordan and James Worthy were.

"This is where the slam dunk is needed tonight."

The rally drew both positive and negative responses.

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Serita Collins, a student from NCCU, said she had problems with some of the speakers using the word "nigger."

High school student Ellie Skully said, "Spike Lee didn't say as much as I thought he would...I thought he would address the problem more."

However Jasme Kelly, a UNC-CH student said, "In a way I gained affirmation because Spike Lee totally lent his support to what we were doing."

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# Black Caucus

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percent black voting-age population.

Because all but one of the districts — located in Maryland — are in the South, the caucus will speak with much more of a Southern voice than before. "The South is going to be looked upon as a much more moderate

region," Lewis said. "Every Southern state except Arkansas will have at least one black member. The South is going to be coming into its own."

Hilliard was the first chairman of the black caucus in the Alabama Legislature. If elected in November, he said, he

plans to "actively and aggressively participate" in the Congressional Black Caucus.

"That is what it takes to get things and services for my district," he said.

Jones said the caucus is Democratic except for the lone black Republican in the House, Gary Franks

of Connecticut. "I don't think we as a people, African Americans, need to segregate ourselves in any sense," Jones said.

The caucus traditionally has been controlled by blacks representing Northern and Midwestern urban congressional districts.