

Gamma Phi Delta Sorority Observes 50th Anniversary

The Gamma Phi Delta Sorority, Inc., an organization of business and professional women has chapters throughout the U.S., recently held its 50th anniversary boule in Washington, D.C. The conference theme was "A Celebration of Excellence."

The D.C. convention played host to more than 500 sorors, sorority sisters, and over 200 youth auxiliary members. Members in attendance representing the local chapter, Alpha Upsilon, were Sorors Velma McCloud, Basileus, Helen Clifton, Tamais, Ruby Royal and Jerrye Griffin. Phi-teen advisors, Doris Moultry, Mary Brim, and Larnetta Richardson, South Atlantic Regional Director. The boule was a series of week-long events commemorating the group's golden anniversary. Activities began with a prayer breakfast and church worship at the Metropolitan A.M.E. Church. Also on the first day, there was a Felicitation Party for the National Supreme Basileus and honoring the "Women of Achievement."

These were women who had contributed in significant measures

through their work within Gamma Phi Delta. Soror Ida Michael was honored for her achievements and portraits painted of all the national presidents, which were located in the national headquarters. She received a certificate and a gold pin, shaped like the sorority's rose symbol. Other activities included a march to the capitol where the group presented its position paper on women and children's issues to Congress, the Kente Ribbons Ceremony featuring an authentic African fashion show and proceeds to the children of Dakar, Senega, an address by the U.S. Surgeon General Joycelyn Elders, and a community awards luncheon with Mayor Sharon Pratt Kelly and a donation to a local charity which works with infants born addicted to drugs. Other convention highlights were the Fantasy Swirl, a debutant ball, featuring the Phi-Teens and Rosebuds.

Rosebud Tori Richardson and Phi-Teen Tenille Richardson participated with Tenille winning the first place trophy in the essay contest for her work titled, "Black Women in



(left to right) Velma McCloud, Helen Clifton, Ruby Royal, Jerrye Griffin, Ida Michael, and Larnetta Richards.

the Struggle." The VIP Banquet honored sorors and a special tribute to the founders and their descendants, the organization's pearls (women who have worked diligently for the group), and the past and present Supreme Basileus was given by Soror Larnetta Richardson. The boule was culminated with a tour of the city and a post-boule trip to Senegal and Gambia. In Africa, the sorors made donations of school

supplies for the children of Dakar.

The local chapter of Gamma Phi Delta Sorority held its first meeting of the year and set its programs. Plans tentatively include sponsoring a gospel music concert, charity donations, a workshop/information session commemorating youth, a specific project with the elderly, and a luncheon with presentation of the annual Artist of Tomorrow talent participants. The local

chapter was organized in 1967 and has given the numerous charities and awarded scholarships annually. It also sponsors Phi-Teens (girls in grades 9-12) and Rosebuds (girls in grades 5-8). The local chapter will hold its Fall Rush Party for new members on Sept. 18 at the Kernersville Library at 3 p.m. Soror Richardson is Dean of Pledges. The members continue to pledge their support to the youth and those in

need within the community. Chapter officers are Velma McCloud, Basileus; Larnetta Richardson, First Anti-Basileus; Mary Brim, Second Anti-Basileus; Gwendolyn Thompson Grammateus; Jerrye Griffin, Financial Grammateus; and Helen Clifton, Tamais. Other members are sorors Ida Michael, Doris Moultry, Ruby Royal, Haywood Vaughn, Georgia Smith, and Concita McIntyre.



Omari P. Leggett and Tony Hinson (seated)

Students Receive Scholarships

The Omicron Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha, Fraternity, Inc. has awarded college scholarships to two local students enrolled in historically black institutions.

The students Omari P. Leggett and Antuan (Tony) Hinson have received college scholarships from the local chapter of the fraternity. Leggett, a graduate of West Forsyth High School, enrolled at Howard University pursuing a degree in marketing. Hinson, a graduate of North Forsyth High School, enrolled this fall at N.C. A&T State University pursuing a degree in engineering.

Leggett's Algebra III teacher, Annette H. Crews, said, "Omari regularly outperformed most of his classmates, he assumed a front row seat voluntarily, he was prepared and attentive." Crews added that when other students around him (Omari) were testing the limits of authority and social mores, Omari's actions were governed by good, old-fashioned home training and that his character is above reproach. Leggett is the son of Warren and Lois Leggett of Clemmons.

Antuan (Tony) Hinson, the other scholarship recipient, is the son of Carlton, Sr and Rose Hinson of Winston-Salem.

Hinson's principle of North

Forsyth, said, "Tony is intelligent, athletic, hard-working and friendly. He is also able to command respect and lead when circumstances dictate that he do so. He is a person I trust and admire."

President of the Omicron Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Melvin D. Madney says, "Our fraternity was founded on the principles of manly deeds, scholarship and love for all mankind and we're exceptionally pleased to have two additional top-notch scholarship recipients who will carry forth our belief and support of academic excellence."

The chapter's scholarship committee was chaired by Marshall Hairston. Working with him were Charlie Clifton, Doug Mauney and Sam Puryear, Sr.

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity is the oldest African-American Greek-letter fraternity. It was founded on December 4, 1906 on the campus of Cornell University in Ithaca, Ny, and has chapters worldwide including the Kernersville-based Omicron Gamma Lambda Chapter which was founded in 1985.

The chapter has awarded a college scholarship each year, since it was founded, to students planning to attend a historically black college or university.

SAT Tutorial Program Funded

The local chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority presents the director of Academic Services of SAT College Board, in Atlanta, Walter R. Jacobs as he conducts a workshop on test-taking skills, study skills and strategies in preparing for and taking the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT).

The workshop on Sept. 21 will be held at File-Goodwin Center at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church facility at 6 p.m.

The workshop is sponsored by Phi Omega Inc./Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority SAT/Tutorial Program. The tutorial

programs begins its fall session during the week of Sept. 19 at Ivy Arms Clubhouse on the corner of Second Street and Cleveland Avenue.

The teachers this fall session are Felicia McMillian and Velma McCloud in the discipline of English; Luther Johnson and Arthur Gray in the discipline of Mathematics; In the area of science is James McCorkle and in the foreign language area is Patricia Roberts.

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