

The Chronicle names the Rev. Seth Larney, Alderman Joycelyn Johnson man and woman of the Year

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Dr. Seth O. Larney's ministry has carried him a long way from home. A native of Liberia, Larney came to the U.S. to attend Livingstone College and pastor in Wilson, N.C. His lengthy resume attests that he wastes no time getting involved in the communities where he pastors.

Pastor of Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church since 1992, Larney has led his congregation to reach out to the community.

"Not only his church but the entire community has been blessed by his love for all people," member Linda Sutton notes. "His commitment to serving the community has been shown through numerous projects to uplift, inspire and bring about a better standard of living."

Larney's ministry takes a holistic approach, addressing spiritual, social, economic, academic and physical needs. At Goler, his visionary leadership has sparked economic development initiatives such as the Goler Credit Union, the Goler Infant Growth Fund which helps fund



Seth O. Larney



Joycelyn Johnson

college educations, and the Goler Real Estate Fund which is earmarked for mortgage closing costs and home purchase expenses.

The church's Banking for Balance program encourages members to deposit 50 percent of their savings in black-owned Mechanics & Farmers Bank and 50 percent elsewhere. And the church's Business Opportunity Ministry promotes entrepreneurship by introducing business opportunities in which aspiring entrepreneurs can participate.

Further, the Goler Youth Corporation, designed for kids ages 8 to 18, develops youth money management, entrepreneurial, leadership, test-taking, computer and social skills. Larney chairs the Goler Institute for Development and Education.

An excellent role model, Larney places youth at the top of his agenda. To promote drug abuse prevention and non-violence, he founded Operation Will Power which rewards students who adhere to those values. He also started a scholarship program, summer enrichment program.

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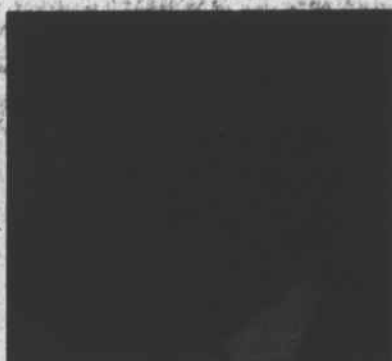
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NAACP Nixes appointment of state's director

State NAACP President Skip Alston didn't go through proper channels before hiring his friend, officials claim.

GREENSBORO (AP) — Leaders of the NAACP have refused to confirm the appointment of the executive director chosen by the North Carolina chapter of the civil rights group, saying hiring procedures were not followed. Hurley Derrickson was appointed last month to run the day-to-day operations of the state chapter and already had set up his office at state headquarters in Greensboro.

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Skip Alston

Greeks take pledge to respect members

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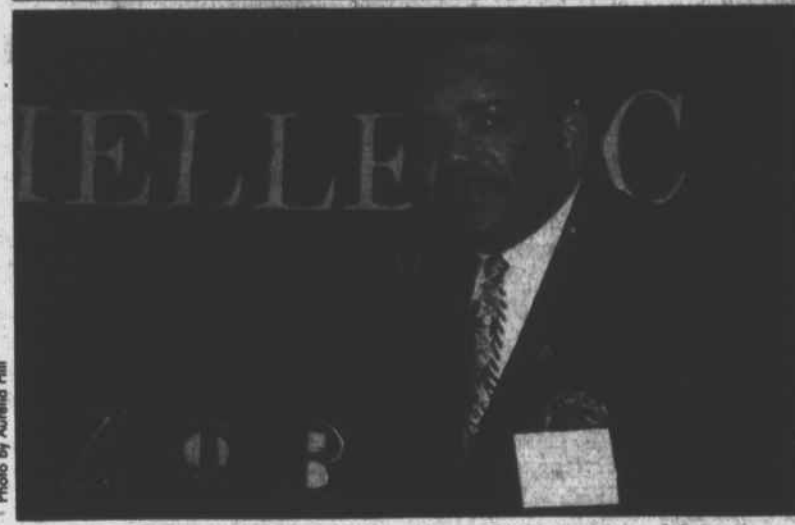
In a scene reminiscent of the historic Million Man March, the keynote speaker at North Carolina A&T State University's Twelfth Annual Undergraduate Pan-Hellenic Summit, Jerry O. Pittman, requested that all of the Greek fraternity and sorority members who were in attendance to stand and take a pledge.

"At this time, I want everyone who belongs to the nine Greek organizations to stand and repeat after me if you want to promote unity; if you want to be a positive African American leader in your

community; if you want to see our African American, Greek letter organizations survive in the next millennium; raise your right-hand and repeat after me," Pittman instructed.

"I, repeat your name," began Pittman with the audience echoing in unison, "will know and understand the ideas expressed in my organization's rituals, and will strive to incorporate them in my daily life. I will strive for academic achievement, and practice academic integrity. I will respect the dignity of all persons. Therefore, I will not physically, psychologically, or sexually abuse, or haze any human being. I will protect the health and

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Jerry O. Pittman, grand polaris of Iota Phi Theta Fraternity Inc.

Program helps parents succeed

By DAMON FORD
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Raising a child in today's society is a challenge for many parents.

Some parents may even feel lost about what steps to take to communicate and discipline their child. But the Family Life Council of Greensboro has a program called Every Person Influences Children (EPIC) which deals with the concerns and problems adults have being parents. Three strong influences in a child's life are home, school and the community. EPIC, which started in 1995, unites all

three.

The EPIC program is set up at various schools and churches in Greensboro (call 333-6890 for more info.). With the help of a trained facilitator, small groups of parents talk about parenting issues.

Spann is a facilitator at the Dudley High school EPIC site and has a daughter who also attends the school. His group meets from 10 a.m.-12-noon on Saturdays in the Dudley High school media center. On this morning seven parents have shown up.

According to Spann the meetings can attract as many as 20 parents. Some parents have two jobs and are stretched for time, while others are not willing to take that extra step and make the sacrifice to come out, but Spann is adamant about the role of parents.

"We cannot afford to fail as parents, we cannot afford to lose another generation of young people," said Spann.

The two-hour meeting was very helpful and informative to each parent. Spann made sure every parent participated in discussion and felt comfortable in expressing themselves. His job is not to dictate what's said but guide the conversation.

The parents discussed a wide



Janet Simms

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Greensboro Chamber talks about baseball

By DAMON FORD
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In the past couple of months talk about a baseball team coming to the triad has been rampant in the community. Tuesday afternoon in the Chamber Board room the Greensboro Area Chamber of Commerce let the community know what their stance is on the subject.

Chip Hagan, the chair of the Chamber's board spoke on why the Chamber supports baseball in the triad. Hagan said that a baseball team will improve the quality of life in the area, bring regional notoriety to the triad and have a good economic impact on businesses and the community.

Because of illness Gov. Jim Hunt was

unable to attend the press conference, but he sent his remarks through a prepared statement. "It (Major League Baseball) can provide a unique opportunity to build a partnership between a ball team and this community," said Hunt. "That kind of positive difference is what this effort to bring Major League Baseball to North Carolina is all about—a better quality of life for our families."

Edmund Fairly, who is a volunteer co-chair for the "vote yes for Major League Baseball" committee, says "We should be concerned, if anything about the cost. We feel this will be priced at a level that all the citizens can take advantage of. This will make it advantageous for African-Americans if no one else." Fairly also says there are African-American leaders in busi-

ness who are a part of the Forsyth-Guilford Metropolitan Baseball Authority, which should keep a voice in the black community.

May 5 is a key date in the triad area. This will be the opportunity for Forsyth and Guilford County residents to vote 'yes' or 'no' to a referendum for Major League Baseball that will effect county taxes.

If voters say 'yes' and the triad is in fact awarded a major league franchise a 1 percent prepared food and beverage tax will be implemented along with a 50-cents surcharge on all tickets sold at the stadium. This proposed tax will accumulate \$140 million in public funding and will be matched by \$70 million in private funds. According to reports given out at the press conference, baseball stadiums are usually built on public funds only.