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Lecturer says fill void of cultural wisdom

Temple professor Molefi Kete Asante is considered one of the forefathers of Afrocentricity

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD THE CHRONICLE

The man who has been hailed as the father of Afrocentricity told a group of students that to understand African culture they must not only be aware of the present and the future but of the past, a past, he said, that contains many of the answers they seek.

"We need to begin at the beginning and have some understanding of how we (African Americans) got here," said Molefi Kete Asante, an African-American studies professor at Temple University who has penned a number of books on the topic of Afrocentricity, a way of thinking that revolves around African culture and beliefs.

The Winston-Salem State University Department of English and Foreign Languages presented a lecture by Asante Tuesday on the university's campus. He spoke to students from several different classes. He greeted the students with "hotep," which he said means "peace." According to Asante, "hotep" was the first African greeting ever known to be spoken. He said he makes a point of greeting audiences in that manner whenever he gets an opportunity.

Asante made the students realize how little they know about African culture. He called on them to name five African ethnic groups that were brought to the United States to be enslaved. He named several for the students and told them there were hundreds in all that were "uprooted, detached and dislocated from their culture."

Asante said most blacks educated in America are uninformed about the true origins of Africans before slavery.

Asante said that Africans who lived during slavery and African

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Asante



"February One" is a monument dedicated to the Greensboro Four. It sits in front of the Dudley Building on the A&T campus.

Photos by Kevin Walker

Statuesque

Monument shows heroes standing tall

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

GREENSBORO— This city often doesn't come up when talking about the hotbeds of the fight for civil rights in the 1950s and '60s. Such conversations are dominated by places such as Birmingham, Selma and Montgomery.

Not waiting around for acknowledgments from histo-

rians or the rest of the nation, Greensboro is taking steps to ensure that all who live in and visit the Gate City will know that history was made here — 42 years ago on four stools in a downtown five and dime store.

N.C. A&T State University, unveiled Friday its much-anticipated Greensboro Four monument, which features 10-foot-tall bronze replicas of the four A&T freshmen who on Feb. 1, 1960, sat at a Woolworth's lunch counter and ordered burgers and soft drinks.

The sit-in occurred at the

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Jibreel Khazan signs an autograph at the unveiling.



Frances Mackey plays with her youngest great-great-grandchild, Jamia.

Photos by Kevin Walker

Cause for Celebration

Mackey celebrates 100th birthday with family, friends

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Frances Nash Mackey held court like the queen of England Saturday as a throng of well-wishers formed a line to kiss and hug her at a head table she occupied by herself.

Mackey doesn't wear a crown or rule a nation but she is the head monarch of her vast family. She was given the royal treatment at her 100th birthday bash, a heartfelt affair that brought several generations of the

family together under the same roof, which in this case was the Winston-Salem Urban League's banquet hall.

"She is a good-hearted person," said Allene Nash, Mackey's daughter-in-law. "She always did not mind giving a helping hand. The good deeds she put out probably is why she has been allowed to live this long."

Mackey was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease several years ago. The disease has robbed her of many memories, her family says, but it has been unable to claim her spirit and feisty personality.

Mackey displayed a bit

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Frances Nash Mackey was born 100 years ago in South Carolina.

Flack, Hash top list of honorees

Committee chooses St. Peter's pastor, head of WSSU's health science division and many others to receive upcoming Chronicle awards

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A long list of community servants will be honored at the 19th annual Chronicle Community Awards next month.



Hash

A committee made up of former Chronicle award honorees and local business leaders met last week to consider this year's honorees.

By the end of the meeting, more than a dozen names had been selected, many of which came from nominations received from Chronicle readers.

The Rev. J.C. Hash and Dr. Sylvia Flack were chosen as man and woman of the year. The man and woman of the year awards are given to individuals who have worked tirelessly over the last year to make great strides in their respective professions or for the community as a whole.

Hash, the pastor of St. Peter's World Outreach Center, was cited for his leadership. Under his direction, St. Peter's membership has grown to more than 3,500.

and members are of many different cultures and races. Hash also has taken the church's mission to the streets. St. Peter's has a number of highly successful ministries and outreach programs, including one that works to build a bridge between Hispanics and non-Hispanics.

St. Peter's recently added a 20,000-square-foot Family Life Enrichment Center building to its burgeoning campus and a Family Worship Center that seats thousands. The Family Life Enrichment building is used for many different purposes such as computer instruction and basketball tournaments. A seniors residential facility will soon open on the campus of St. Peter's.

The committee cited Flack's dedication to the health sciences department at Winston-Salem State University. Flack heads the department, and committee members agreed that under her leadership, the department has seen

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Flack



The Rev. Sheldon McCarter, pastor of Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church, hugs Kerry Dunlap, the church's Youth of the Year. For the story, see The Chronicle's newly revamped religion page on B4.

Student weaves dream into a writing award

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD THE CHRONICLE

Erica Crawford dreams of being a ballerina when she grows up. After seeing "The Nutcracker" over the Christmas holiday she was inspired by the dancing Sugar Plum Fairies.

"I wish that when I grow up to be a ballet dancer," said Crawford, who also wanted to know why there weren't a lot of black ballet dancers performing.

But Erica isn't discouraged by that fact. She still has her sights set on wearing a tutu and dancing slippers. Erica recently put her dream of dancing onto paper. This third-grader from J.D. Diggs Elementary School caught the attention of the N.C. Association of Educators (NCAE).

Erica and seven other students from across the state were winners for this year's Minority Arts Contest. Erica brought home the award for

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Erica Crawford holds the plaque won recently for a short story she wrote about her dream to be a ballerina. Crawford is a student at Diggs Elementary School.

Photo by Courtney Gaillard