

Carpenter

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Williams said. Carpenter's longtime associate also has an appreciation of Carpenter's knowledge of sports. "I was with him in the booth at a football game and was amazed at his knowledge of the coaches and players. He had notes in front of him, but you could tell he had all the facts in his head," Williams said.

Although most people who follow SWAC sports will remember Carpenter for his brilliance in being able to put his listeners at courtside or on the 50-yard line, his dedication to reporting news that impacted on the black community should not go unheralded.

His career in broadcasting began in his hometown of Greenwood in 1974. Two years later, while still employed by Saunders Broadcasting, Carpenter expanded his career into the field of sports broadcasting. Over the next several years, his sports broadcast assignments would take him beyond the Delta.

In 1981, he returned to Mississippi and joined the Mississippi Network, a statewide news organization. In 1995, he helped found and was named general manager of the Southern Urban Network, also a division of Tele-South Communications Inc.

Carpenter became JSU's play-by-play man in 1982. When JSU first approached Carpenter to do play-by-play, he took the job seriously. He became a master in sports broadcasting. He also learned how good JSU was and worked to make sure it reached the level and stature of any college in the state.

During the JSU Tiger football season, Carpenter was joined by sports personalities Willie Richardson and Rob Jay. The trio was a force to be reckoned with. They were accurate in their sports facts and highly opinionated in their commentary.

In a recent conversation with this writer, Carpenter commented: "We've proven that blacks can broadcast sports."

Angelou hosts last Delta dinner event

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem Delta Fine Arts Inc. ended its yearlong fund-raising series, Dining With Delta Fine Arts, with a Juneteenth barbecue hosted by the renowned author Dr. Maya Angelou on Saturday, June 19, at her Valley Road home.

Sixty guests were entertained by the Joe Robinson Quartet and feasted on barbecued ribs and chicken, potato salad, baked beans and peach cobbler prepared by Grill on Wheels, Badin, N.C.

The Dining With Delta Fine Arts series, chaired by Peggy Moore, has raised more than \$40,000 toward the renovation of the new Delta Arts Center at 2611 New Walkertown Road. The series was kicked off in August with an African-themed dinner hosted by Clyde and Peggy Moore. Other dinners were hosted by Denise Hartsfield and Dianne Caesar; Harold and Davida Martin with guest chef symphony director Peter Perret; Nicholas and Nancy Bragg; Bruce and Lois Levin; chef Donald McMillan; Patricia Toole, Christine Toole, Jane



Dr. Maya Angelou poses with a guest during the Saturday luncheon.

Kelly and Mitzj Shewmake. This series has featured African, North African, French and Indian cuisine. More than 200 guests have joined us at these dinners, including the Auction and Objet d' Art supper held at the new site in December.

Guests at the Juneteenth

barbecue included state Rep. Larry Womble; state Secretary of Cultural Resources Libba Evans; Judges Denise Hartsfield and Laurie Hutchins; summer interns from the law offices of Womble Carlyle Sandridge and Rice; Dr. Tim Monroe and his wife, Delta Fine Arts board member Helen

Monroe; the president and CEO of Truliant Federal Credit Union, Marc Schaefer, and his wife; architect for the new Delta Arts Center, Ed Bouldin and his wife, Cynthia. Also in attendance were board members Peggy Moore, Sherlane Hill, Francis H. Brown Jr., and P.J. Williams, emeritus board



The Rev. Clyde Moore leads guests in prayer.

member Louise Smith and the Delta Arts Center's executive director, Dianne Caesar.

Independence

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schools. Martin said the day schools were problematic from the start. Transportation was a major issue.

Students had to assemble at Kennedy Learning Center in the early morning and then catch buses to one of the three sites.

Martin said the exaggerated transportation process was cutting into students' learning time.

Others also had problems with the day schools. The Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity criticized the plan, saying that day school classes were ill-equipped to teach students. The ministers were also critical of the facilities themselves. One day school, for example, was housed in the basement of a building.

Martin said the new Independence will be more

equipped than the old to educate students. The school will have full-time math, science, social studies and English teachers, as well as a part-time physical education instructor.

Martin said an art elective and another elective yet to be determined will also be offered to students. There will also be more emphasis put on counseling and case management at the school, he said, in the hopes that the behaviors that got students to the school can be repaired.

Curtis Little may also return as the administrator of the school. Little served in that position before Independence was shut down.

Martin insists that the new school is different than the old Independence, which he criticized for not properly educating students before the school

was closed last year. He said the electives that will be offered and the added importance that will be placed on counseling should make this reincarnation more of a success.

The Rev. John Mendez, head of the Ministers Conference, still questions why Independence was shut down in the first place, especially since the new Independence is very similar to the program that was already in place at the school.

"It really did not make sense," Mendez said about closing Independence. Martin says closing Independence did serve the purpose of saving the school system some money at a time when schools were struggling to make ends meet. Martin said the system saved more than \$600,000 by closing Independence. He says

operating the new Independence will cost the system about the same amount it took to operate the day schools.

Mendez said the ministers are pleased, though, that the school is coming back. He said the new Independence will give the ministers opportunities to work with students as mentors and for more community involvement as well. Martin said he will take the ministers up on their offer to mentor students. The new Independence may also incorporate a black-male oriented curriculum developed by Ministers Conference member Rev. Vernon Crump, the superintendent said.

Martin said the ministers' concerns about the day schools were taken into

account to some degree when the school system was debating the future of day schools. Martin said there is still talk of implementing one of the ministers' ideas: to relocate

the 12th Street Academy, which educates middle school students with discipline problems, to the site of the new Independence off Clemmonsville Road. Martin said that may be done for the 2005-2006 school year.

Independence is also getting a name change. Martin said for too long the name Independence High School has been associated with failure and trouble-makers.

"We are really concerned about the name Independence," he said. It has had a lot of bad connotations before.

A new name for the school is currently being debated, Martin said.



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