

Little Mr. Sigma receives his crown

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Theta Mu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. proudly crowned Charles Sanders, IV Little Mr. Sigma 2008. The Little Miss/Mr. Sigma Pageant was held on March 15, at Kernersville Library Auditorium at 4 p.m. following the chapters' youth symposium.

Charles IV is the son of Norman Charles Sanders, III and Veronica Allen, and the grandson of Norman C. (Evelyn) Sanders, Jr. He is a four-year-old Pre-K student at the Get Smart Pre-School in Sanford, N.C. Charles is noted for his interest in fixing things around his grandparents' house and his ability to find candy no matter where his grandparents have hidden it. He loves to play with his twin sister, Aireyona Saunders.

Little Charles and his sister are often visitors at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, where his fraternal parents and grandparents are members.

Theta Mu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho sorority, Inc. sponsors the Little Miss/Mr. Sigma Pageant annually. It is open to children ages 0-12 years of age.

The purpose of the pageant is to provide a forum for the very young children to be presented to the public; give them an opportunity to present their talents; and to provide scholarships to children at an early age.

At this year's pageant the parents were introduced to the Sororities' Wee Savers program and pageant participants were given piggy banks in which they are to start saving their pennies.

Little Mr. Sigma 2008, Charles Sanders, his sponsor, and family extend their thanks to all the Winston-Salem supporters who helped Charles become little Mr. Sigma 2008.

The chapter expressed appreciation for the



Charles Sanders IV, Little Mr. Sigma 2008

support shown by parents, friends, family and all who attended the pageant.

The outstanding support of this year's pageant made it one of the most successful ever. The chapter also congratulates all 2008 pageant participants.

Walker prepares to represent local Omega chapter in Charleston, SC

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Recently Psi Phi Chapter held their annual program to select the local talent that would represent their chapter in the district wide competition in Charleston. The first place performance was outstandingly delivered by Kyle P. Walker, a 12th grade student at the North Carolina School of the Arts.

The Sixth District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., will hold their annual meeting in Charleston, S. C. On April 17. The district encompasses all graduate and under graduate chapters in North Carolina and South Carolina. The highlight of the district meeting is the yearly Talent Hunt program in which Kyle will compete.

Kyle is the son of Keith and LaVerne Walker of Clemmons. He has represented the chapter previously in the competition and is a very strong contender to place first this year and move on to the national competition in Birmingham, Ala. Kyle has studied music for 13 of the 17 years of his young life.

He has amassed several honors, awards and achievements. The North Carolina Music Federation Club named Kyle "King of Music" in 2006, and the Clemmons Music Club has honored him with the "Most Outstanding Pianist" award. Kyle was also the first place award recipient of the chapter's 2007 Talent Hunt program. The Psi Phi Chapter thanks Kyle and his family for their support of the Talent Hunt program and wish Kyle the best in Charleston.



Kyle Walker receives the winner's trophy from Psi Phi Basileus Greg Bradsher.



State Reps. Larry Womble and Earline Parmon.



Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke, right, takes part in the vigil.

Vigil

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known faces littered the crowd, people like activist Darryl Hunt, Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke and State Reps. Larry Womble and Earline Parmon.

Some used the event to remember King through action. Theldora Williams, of the Black Political Awareness, estimated about 50 people registered to vote that evening. Women for Obama, an organization supporting the presidential run of Sen. Barack Obama, got many people to sign a petition urging Obama to make a campaign stop in Winston-Salem. Fliers were also given out detailing the opening of the Triad for Obama headquarters, an event that happened later that night.

Williams was in the eighth grade and living in nearby Bethania when King died, and she'll never forget it. She was over at a friend's house when her parents came to tell her the news. She said her family prayed together that night. They had heard of the fires and riots in the larger cities and didn't know what would happen next.

"Let me tell you, all of that had an impact on my life," said

Williams. "We walked in the rain last Saturday over at the shopping center over here registering people. We were out the Saturday before. Everything he stood for led to this."

Much of the event took place in proximity to Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, which helped make the event possible. The vigil ended with words from Galilee's pastor, the Rev. Nathan Scovens, who said while there are things to be discouraged about, there are many reasons for hope. He's encouraged by the increased voter turnout and youth interest in the current election.

"The dream is slowly but surely becoming a reality," said Scovens. "So we say, hold on, let the light shine, for we shall overcome."

As Scovens finished, the rain finally started to pour down. Umbrellas opened, candles went out and the crowd dispersed.

Many groups and individuals helped with the vigil including Triad Cultural Arts, Union Baptist Church, Rudy Anderson, The Right Choice, Mr. Bill's Productions, Crossing 52, Sunbelt Rentals and student volunteers from Winston-Salem State University.



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