

# What's happening!

By Bob Johnson

**ROCK SHOW FUN...**Last Friday evening around 8 p.m., if you just happened to be driving on East Independence Blvd., and were not going to the Coliseum you were probably set up...uhh... I mean upset to see the number of cars lined along this busy thoroughfare. One consolation that the people going to the Coliseum had was that Parliament-Funkadelic was to appear last on a rock show that featured other high riding groups like Boots Rubber Band, Jimmy Castor, and Rare Earth. So the traffic jam didn't bother these people as much.

A record setting crowd was packed into the Coliseum by 9 p.m. and the foot stompin, hand clapping, finger poppin throng really got off for the next 3 hours, on some funky ole soul music. Jo-Ann Johnson, Sylvia Johnson, Darryl Wilburn, Johnny Outlaw Betty-Jo Grier, Donetta Williams, Doris Crawford, Joyce Davis, Wanda Fye, Troy Cole-



man, Carl Lewis Johnson, Terry Grier, Thomas Rorey, Raymond Grier, Thelma Foust, Patricia Grier, Mary Ann Grier, Carolyn Jones, Diane Taylor, Derrick Burrough, Rhonda Shipman, Doris Given, Earl Davis, Abram Manning, Anthony Drafton, Margaret Ann Crawford, Diane Young, Bop Jones, Isadore Clark, Sammie Johnson, June-bug Lewis, Rickey Hoover, Deanna Abraham, Diane Abraham, Tina Roberson, Hosea James, Rhonda Subber, Juarez Moten, Vanessa Withers, Net Perry, Derwin Abraham, Brenda Stinson, Gary, John Douglas, Charlie, Nick Abraham, Aaron Spears, Richard Owens, Darlene Spears, George Smith, Deirdre Abraham, Donnell Taylor, Bro. Taylor, Delores Taylor, Katrena Mills, Dean Wigfall, Ronald Frieson, Earl Clark, Audrey Young, Tim Robinson, Desiree Abraham, Eugene Stitt, Sharon Beatty, Margaree Hill, Duke Graig, Clyde Graig, Thomas Fleming, William Ervin, Jacob Johnson, Mark Alexander, Daryl Hood, Sharon Phillips, Sandra Harris, Jackie Hailey, Larry Ashmore, Eric Davis and Bertha Lowery all were very pleased about the show, I'm sure.

**AWARDS DAY PROGRAM...**This is the time of year for many school related things, such as proms, flunkers' ball, graduating exercises and awards programs, for those people who toiled a little harder and burned midnight oil a little longer.

One such person is Greg Davis who walked away with 3 awards at the Black Studies Awards Day, sponsored by (BAUG) Black Association of UNCC Graduates, recently. Greg won the Braille Watch Award, the BAUG special award, and the Frederick Douglas Award.

Other award winners, for their outstanding performances for the year, were Edsel Flowers, Donna Blunt, and Joyce Melvin-Outstanding Community Service Awards, Deborah Hearst. Sojourner Truth and Callie B. Moore Awards. Aileen Clyburn-Harriet Tubman and Treena McCorkle Awards, Sheryl Westmoreland-Josephine Summers and Outstanding Student Award, Ricky Pharr-Martin Luther King Jr. Award, Terry Smith, Malcolm X Award, Maudine McFadden and Cedric Maxwell-Outstanding Student Awards.

The lovely Evadne Jones was seen in the audience, along with Annette Johnson, Jeanie Kinlock, Carolyn Walker, Nellie Pate, Barbara Summey, Ed Flowers, Kevin Smith, Don Pearce, Sheldon Shipman, Michael Blue, Johnny Hearn-don, Reggie Irby, Regina Irby, Kevin Maxwell, James Brown and Joe Sherman Jr...

**CLASS MEETING...**Hail, Hail...All members of the West Charlotte graduating classes of 1941 thru 1945, there will be a very important meeting Sunday, May 16, at 6 p.m...."Where?" you ask, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McKee of 1726 Irma Street, of course. All of you are asked to be there and the ball can continue to roll, so to speak.

**BABY SHOWER...**Someone once said, "Friends come a dime a dozen," if that's so Edwina Hayes must have imported two of hers, and they had to cost her much more. I am speaking of Hattie Ardrey, and Edna Johnson, the ladies that were responsible for her baby shower, held last Saturday afternoon at the fabulous "Mr. Silks" restaurant and lounge on Statesville Avenue.

The affair was quite intimate with all kinds of wines served with a variety of cheeses.

Among the ladies invited to share in this mother to be function were Jackie Thompson, Jo-Ann Graham, Dorothy Richmond, Bernadine Coles, Carolyn Hailey, Emilene White, Queen Whaley, Carolyn Evans, Elloree Erwin, Mrs. E. T. Lewis-Edwina's mother, Minnie Allison, Johnnie Mae Brown, and Laura Shirley.

Until we rap some more, ROCK EASY!

## Athletic Banquet, May 29

# Ambassador Club To Fete Local Athletes

By James Peeler  
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The 10-member AMBASSADOR SOCIAL CLUB will sponsor an Athletic Banquet and honor several local athletes May 29 at the Downtowner East Motor Inn on South McDowell beginning at 7:30 P.M.

Johnson C. Smith University Athletic Director, Eddie McGirt, will be the guest speaker for the occasion.

The Ambassador Social Club was founded and organized in November, 1967 by a group of young men from the Grier Heights Community.

According to President Gordon Boulware, "The idea of forming a club was born from two previous clubs of the community during high school days. The two clubs, The Sheiks and The Syndicates, had served well socially and had aided the community in ways we felt were very much needed."

He continued, "after returning to the community from school and the military, a few members of the two previous clubs began organizing the Ambassadors Social Club with the objective of working towards social and civic achievements."

The original members and officers of the Ambassadors Club were: George Wallace, President; Eugene Price, Vice President; Gordon Boulware, Secretary; A. Eugene Grier, Treasurer; William Simpson, and William McVay. The Ambassadors Social



AMBASSADORS SOCIAL CLUB MEMBERS who will sponsor Athletic Banquet for local athletes on May 29 are, left to right, seated, Gordon Boulware, president; and A. Eugene Grier, treasurer. Standing, left to right, Clinton Singleton, Jerod Green, George Wallace, secretary; Alexander Cauthen. Photo by Peeler

Club has throughout the years sponsored many social events, including several formal dances, and has contributed financially to community churches and organizations. They have given food baskets to needy families at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

As a group they have at-

tended many sporting events including a trip to Indiana to see a Purdue-Wake Forest football game in October of 1969, and to Atlanta, Ga. to the Gridiron Classic in 1972.

The club's motto is: "Leadership Is The Pillar Of Success", their colors are blue and gold, and the present members and officers are:

Gordon Boulware, president; Eugene Price, vice-president; George Wallace, secretary; William McVay, corresponding secretary; A. Eugene

Grier, treasurer; William Simpson, financial secretary; Alexander Cauthen; Jerod Green; John Hood; and Clinton Singleton.

## Wingate Gives Rickey Livingston Special Treat

Rickey Livingston of Charlotte will receive a special treat just after he graduates from Wingate College on May 16. On May 18 he will travel to New York to meet his father, W.C. Green, for the first time. He first got in touch with his father by telephone during the college spring break in March.

He had visited an aunt in Myrtle Beach after a separation of nine years, and she showed him pictures of his father, stepmother, and their two children living in New York. It took Rickey a couple of days to work up the nerve to

call his father, and from then on they have been in frequent contact.

Rickey lives in Charlotte with his stepfather and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Sanders, and his two brothers and two sisters. He attended Billingsville Elementary School and Randolph Junior High School and graduated from East Mecklenburg Senior High School in 1974. In high school he was on the track and cross country teams and a member of the NAACP. He has been active on the track and cross country teams at Wingate during his two

years there. Last year in spite of an injury to his foot he finished second in the mile run in Region ten. Earlier this year he set a new school record for the mile run in a meet at Chowan College. Recently he finished second in the 880 run, setting another new school record. He is a member of the campus Black Student Organization and the Gospel Choir which has performed in various local churches.

Rickey is an active member of the Weeping Willow AME Zion Church, and is a member of the choir and the Christian Explosion Club. After his return from a week in New York with his father, Rickey hopes to work for Mecklenburg School Supplies and in the Grayson Recreation Center. He will enter Methodist College in Fayetteville in the fall, where he has been awarded a full scholarship to study physical education. He plans to become a coach and physical education teacher.

## Queens College Commencement

Queens College of Charlotte has scheduled commencement activities for May 21 and 22. The 117th commencement for 93 baccalaureate candidates of the women's college will be observed at 10 a.m. on May 22 in Charles A. Dana Auditorium of the E.H. Little Fine Arts Center.

Speaker for the occasion is Ms. Barbara Simpson, former chairman of Queen's economics department and member of the state utilities commis-

sion, recently appointed by President Ford to the federal power commission.

Honorary degrees will be awarded to Professor Emeritus Sarah Nooe and Mary Elizabeth Sewell, professor of humanities at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

On Friday, May 21, at 4p.m., graduates and their families will hear Dr. Carswell Hughes, pastor at First Presbyterian Church, preach the baccalaureate sermon.

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Why? Is it because we all don't deal in "soulese"?

Is the concept that there is a Black language making us seem mentally inferior to whites?

I certainly hope not.

Of course, I'll be the first to admit that our grandparents, even our parents helped foster an inferior image. With such things as "We is," "He done it," and "Axe him." But their lack of communication skills was the result of inadequate education. Or no education at all.

The same isn't so for our generation, and those to come. We all have the opportunity of education. The opportunity to learn instead of being lazy and cool!

The choice is ours. The chance to use the minds that God gave us, and learn to conjugate verbs and make clear sentences. The chance to help and encourage other Blacks to learn the language that we have been exposed to for more than three centuries.

Improved Black life styles depend on our bridging the gap of misunderstanding. But how can we do this, if we can't make ourselves understood?

Remember, a lazy mouth is hooked directly to a lazy mind.

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