

What's Happening!

CONVIVIAL AFFAIR...

The dangers of a convivial spirit are that it may lead to excess in that which, in moderation, is good. Excessive indulgence has made many a young man prematurely old, and changed a noble nature to that of a beet.

Sunday night through early Monday morning, one might have thought that Jene Mathis' birthday party was the kind of function that teetered on the brink of excess. However, upon investigation it was found to be a double shifted, doubled geared, double dutched bang.

George Sturky from Atlanta, Ga. and Jene's roommate, Valda Graham sponsored this party honoring Jene's 31st birthday.



Bob Johnson

The fun started at 8 p.m. January 25 and begrudgingly ended around 10 a.m. Monday morning. Jason Boykins and Kenneth Dixon kept things alive by spinning the tunes that everyone favored. Valda Graham and James Baten mixed the drinks that washed down the delicious food taken care of by Barbara Smith.

The guests for this convivial affair were Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Pearson, Joyce Huntley, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Lynch, Emma Washington and Patricia Todd from Concord. Marvin Barnett, Dr. Robert Goetzman, Dr. Albert Turner, Richard Lattimer, Jean Jordan, James Burch, Yolanda Graham, Wendell Anthony, Scotty McNair, Calvin Miller, Anne Tate, Charles Quinolours, Rhonda Truesdale, Charles Love and Zach Edwards.

Jene, who is the lead singer for a new and upcoming group called Sparkle, and the rest of the boys will perform February 7 at Barber-Scotia College along with the popular S.O.S. Band, for Barber-Scotia's homecoming.

ARTISTIC GOOD TIME...

The ordinary true, or purely real cannot be the object of the arts. Illusion on a ground of truth, that is the secret of fine art, because the object of art is to crystallize emotion into thought, and then fix it in form. The artist is the child in this episode, and from his life comes the fair articulate forms to bless the world.

Last Saturday night, a conglomerate of young talented artists performed at the Beacon Club before a packed house.

The group is Artiste, Inc. and they have been performing publicly for about 8 months. Artiste is the trunk of an entertainment tree that has many branches. Portrait, a jazz group comprised of Eric English-keyboards, Amos Williams-lead guitar, Bobby Sloan-bass, Nedra Turner and Ron Nelson-percussion, Eugene Kelly-drums, and Larry James-saxophone. The members of Portrait are from a variety of musical backgrounds. Three months ago they came together, formed the group and now set the instrumental tone for the number of acts bridled by Artiste.

After Artiste's new addition, Portrait had warmed the crowd, the show swiftly and purposely moved into gear. The purpose was to entertain the full house, which was done with enterprising enthusiasm.

Three lovely ladies known as Cognac, sang "Got To Be Real," and "Second Time Around," which was the second branch of Artiste's multiple faceted show.

Patricia Donald agitated the hearts of the audience when she sang the popular "God Knows." Joe McIlwaine's versions of "I Just Wanna Stop" and "One In A Million" also palpitated the hearts of the crowd. The third and fourth branches of the tree.

I am persuaded that every time a man smiles, but much more so when he laughs, it adds clothing to this fragment of life, for good humor is one of the best articles of dress. Willie Stratford Jr. and Lionel Norman were the good humor men for the show.

Willie is the founder and backbone of Artiste. His much improved comedy routine was a real crowd pleaser. Lionel, the founder of the Comedy Inn, located in the Providence Square Shopping Center, lent his experienced talent to this well put together show.

Artiste's next Charlotte performance will be at the Excelsior Club in the very near future.

DINNER FUN...

Gina L. Polk, a December graduate from UNCC was treated very royally last Saturday night at a dinner party, hosted by Genifa Ingram and Terrie Polk.

Guests included Gloria Thompson, Marsha Pearson, Tommy Polk, Kathy Byrd, Stephanie Ingram, Vavina Murray, Ina Chapman, Barbara Hoey, Wynetta Murray, Joyce Walker, Mildred Conner and Ann Hyatt.

Comments

History

lives and what it is doing to our quest for equality.

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concluded, "...in short, plagued by the myth progress, a myth that fresh attempts to finish shed job of ensuring ability."

be argued that Black not fully a myth when in terms of individuals in statistical numbers. the tragic fact is, the cism run deep; there is no true end to the n's struggle for an opportunity in seeking a

To Know About Sex

Find out everything you ever wanted to know about sex but were afraid to ask in a course called "Human Sexuality," starting Monday, February 9, at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

The cost is \$40. Continuing education units may be earned, and teachers may apply for renewal credit. The course will meet in Macy 208 Mondays from 4:30-7:30 p.m. through March 2.

The course, taught by Dr. Larry Lance, Associate



LAW-ABIDING BLACKS MUST STOP JUSTIFYING BLACK LAWLESSNESS ON DENIAL OF RIGHTS. MUST SPEAK OUT FRANKLY AGAINST THE CRIMINAL ELEMENTS.

As I See It

If No Now at

A Challenge

Professor of Sociology at UNCC, will include discussions on teenage sexuality, sex education, sexual communication, birth control and abortion, planned parenthood, single parenthood, Lamaze childbirth, adoption-and infertility.

Celebrate Love Week

Adopt A Child As An Expression Of Love?

By Susan Ellsworth Post Staff Writer Celebrate-Love Week. Why not consider adopting a child as an expression of love?

The Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services and The Children's Home Society of N.C. have proclaimed February 8-14 as Love Week because "it leads up to Valentine's Day," said Pat Boughton, supervisor of the Society's southern district.

Children like nine-year-old Jimmy needs parents. Jimmy has lived in four foster homes throughout his life.

Although he has been treated well, Jimmy is afraid to really love; it will make the hurt worse when he has to leave.

For Jimmy, adoption is his only chance for the security of a permanent home.

Hundreds of North Carolina children are in a situation similar to Jimmy's.

As a private adoption agency, the Children's Home Society offers an inter-agency placement program for older children.

State agencies and local organizations refer youths to the Society for adoption.

Black, white and biracial boys and girls ages 6-15 need homes. Family groups of two or three children want to be adopted together. Some have been emotionally hurt by past experiences while others are physically handicapped.

All of them need commitment from a caring parent

who will say, "You are my child, now and forever."

Agencies are looking for married couples or mature single adults who understand and love children.

Adoptive families should have a steady income. Raising a school-age child means increasing expenses for food, clothing, medical care and other necessities," Ms. Boughton pointed out. Adoption subsidies, however, are available for many school age children.

Before a family or individual can adopt a child they must undergo an assessment study by an agency worker.

The agency learns about the family's lifestyle, and what values and strengths they can offer a child.

Personality, intelligence,

looks, needs and coping skills are all considered when matching a child with a family.

Sometimes the appropriate child is available immediately.

Other times parents must "wait for a child who will fit into their homes," Ms. Boughton said.

"It takes several months to do a study," she emphasized, to ensure "they will fit together as a family."

Couples have waited from one month to a year. Even if the right child is not available immediately, he or she will be eventually, she added.

If you want to learn more about adoption, call the Children's Home Society at 334-2854 or Social Services at 374-2950.

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