

Pictured above are the seven pledges for the Alpha Gamma Psi Teen Fraternity at Boys Town of America, and two of their counselors. This line will be the first chartered fraternity at Boys Town. Standing left to right: Jim Faile, (counselor); Johnny Huntley, Christopher McNeal, James Webb, Jazz LaDuke, (counselor). Kneeling left to right: Terry Bingham, Steve Garrison, Bobby Glenn, Timothy Black.

counselors.

may be.

LaDuke stated a few of

the requirements like

maintaining a "C" average

in school; working diligent-

ly in beautification, build-

ing and other projects at

Boys Town; and always

demonstrating good beha-

vior and a positive attitude

whereever the individual

According to LaDuke,

this is the first year pledg-

ing has taken place at Boys

Town. Everyone seems to

be receptive of the idea,

especially the ones on

line," LaDuke stated. The

pledging process gives

them a feeling of impor-

But the shorter the

tance and responsibility."

pledge period becomes the

harder the seven pledgees

will have to work to be-

come fraternity brothers.

They have already sur-

vived two weeks of the six

LaDuke guarantees

these young men will be guided with solid founda-

tions and guidelines, so

that the fraternity and the

unique opportunities it pro-

after opportunity by the

teenagers at Boys Town of

vides will be sought

week period.

America.

## LaDuke: Boys Town Develops Leadership Potential

By Karen Parker Post Staff Writer

There's a new attraction on the campus of Boys Town of North Carolina that teaches the gentlemen there self-esteem and leadership potential.

Seven young men ranging from ages 14-17 are pledging to become members pf Alpha Gamma Psi Teen Fraternity. According to counselor Jazz LaDuke, "This brotherhood is meant to acquaint each member through application, pledging, membership and actual services to the upbuild of Boys Town of North Carolina."

The pledging line was carefully screened and selected by LaDuke and counselors Jimmy Faile and Garrett Pastures.

could not be chosen to pledge," LaDuke explained.

But there will be another rush in March, and the counselor expects many of

"Just like on a college

campus, every applicant

rush in March, and the counselor expects many of the guys who were not chosen the first time will give it another try. A rush is an informal meeting that is attended by people interested in a particular fraternity or sorority.

Making the line is merely

as initial step for the young men at Boys Town. Actually becoming a fraternity member is not guaranteed at this point; instead they must prove perseverance. Now they are facing the real test which is to endure the demands and responsibilities placed on them by their

Hypothermia develops

when the body tempera-

ture drops below 95 degrees

F. Older adults are vul-

nerable because they often

do not feel the drop in

temperature.

## Winter Health Problems For Elderly Citizens

By Ernest Messer
Special To The Post
During these winter
months flu and penumonia
can be serious health
problems for elderly citi-

Dr. Paul Beck, director of the Program on Aging for the School of Medicine of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, advises older adults to take special precautions to stay healthy during this time of

He advises anyone who has a weakened immunity system, diabetes, heart problems or chronic lung problems, to talk with their doctor about the advisability of being vaccinated against pneumonia and influenza. Both overweight and underweight problems are also susceptible to infection.

Pneumonia vaccine has been developed in the last few years because some strains of the bacteria have shown a resistance to antibiotics. This relatively new vaccine will protect some of the more frail elderly from getting pneumonia.

There are three common types of pneumonia: bacterial, virus and mycoplasma. Bacterial pneumonia is the most common of the three, and the only form of pneumonia for which a vaccine is available. Unfortunately, many of the less common pneumonias are occurring more frequently and have resulted in a high death toll.

Dr. Beck counsels that the influenza vaccination is "an ounce of prevention" the elderly should consider. Frequently the fluprecedes a bacteria infection, and weakens the resistance of an older person. Pneumonia bacteria can be present in bealthy throats, and when body defenses are weakened, the bacteria can multiply and develop into the disease.

Dr. Beck cautions that once a person has had pneumonia, he is susceptible to lung damage and to developing pneumonia again. There is also a direct relationship between lung and heart disease. A lung infection diministes the ability of the susceptible the heart oxygen from the extract disease and cause congestive heart failure. Many physicians recommend that chronic heart patients get both the pneumonia and flu shots.

# Problems tophbuke, Overcrowding at the Dowell Street Branch of

Overcrowding at the Mc-Dowell Street Branch of the United States Postal Service's Food Stamp lines has prompted the Service to offer suggestions for improved service.

By Loretta Manago Post Staff Writer

For some people watching from the sidelines is not

enough. In order to be

completely satisfied they

have to be in the midst of

explained his experiences

as a youth reporter. "Be-

Overcrowding

Cause PO

That's how Bobby Tyson

the action.

"It is always a problem at the first of the month," said Willie Stratford, Postal Service Public Information Officer. "The first ten days have always been a problem, but we are going to work to improve the congestion at the McDowell Street branch. The facility was not designed for the load that is being placed upon it."

The Food Stamp window is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and is always staffed, said Stratford.

"Even when the person at the window goes on break or off to lunch, we get someone to take their place," he revealed. "We suggest that customers go to the nearest Postal branch to their home that sells food stamps. That includes University Park, Derita, Freedom (I-85), Eastway Drive, North Charlotte, The Plaza (Thomas Ave.) in addition to McDowell Street."

"We are trying to spread out some of the traffic that comes to McDowell Street," he concluded.

#### We Errored

The McCrorey YMCA's telephone number is 394-2356 instead of 394-2256 as we printed in last week's issue. If you are interested in the Aerobic Exercise Fest and classes, call the Y, 394-2356.

Young Reporter Loves Being In Middle Of Action

ing a reporter I'm able to be a participant and not just an observer. I get to see a lot of things and meet a lot of people," responded Tyson.

Right in the middle of

Right in the middle of things was where Tyson was when The Charlotte Observer hosted its sixth marathon. He provided television viewers with live commentary on the onemile Fun Run.

At the tender age of 14 Tyson is an old hand at news reporting. For two years he was a news



...Aspiring reporter reporter for Channel 36's.

"Right On Q," a kids' program. Before that he made a television commercial with his father, Bob Tyson. At the age of nine he was included on a segment of "Kid's World," Speak-Out. Even at six Tyson was performing at a local television show in Virginia.

levision show in Virginia.

Tyson's interest in news reporting, kindled by his father's profession as a newsman, is a step towards his fondness for drama. "I like acting and the theater, although I haven't had many chances to get in-

volved, except for school plays," commented Tyson.

A ninth grader at Northwest Junior High School, Tyson, whose favorite subjects are English and algebra, is the vice president of the Executive Council and a member of the basketball team. An avid sports lover. Tyson

in karate.

The son of Gloria
Roberts, Tyson attends
Grace AME Zion church
where he is an usher.

holds a second degree belt

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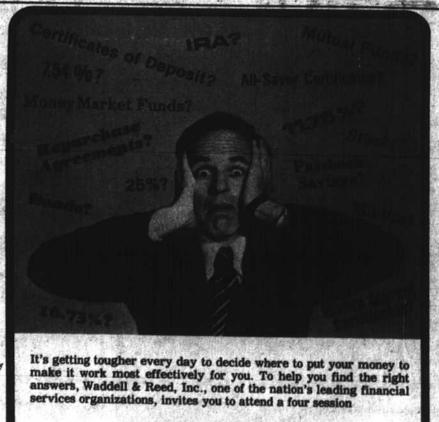
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