

350 Students Match Wits In "High-Q" Tournament

Charlotte's High-Q tournament, the contest that matches brains instead of brawn, will begin when over 350 high school scholars match wits in the qualifying round February 5 at Central Piedmont Community College.

Teams from 53 high schools in 20 counties will participate in this opening round, Super Saturday, sponsored by CPCC, WBTV, and North Carolina National Bank.

Single elimination contests will pare the number of teams to two finalists for

the April 17 championship. The winners will earn a silver trophy and \$2,000 in scholarships for their school; the runner-up will win \$1,000 for scholarships.

High-Q begins with community volunteers - many of them from Charlotte's Junior League - posing identical questions to each of the Super Saturday teams. The sixteen teams with the highest scores advance to the second round February 19, in which they each face an opposing team for the first time. Eight

teams emerge to compete in seven televised matches broadcast by WBTV on consecutive Sundays - February 27 - April 10th.

High-Q is a race against the clock as well as against opposing teams, with contestants rushing to sound their buzzers - sometimes before all of a question has been read - to earn a

chance to answer and field a bonus question.

The contest is modeled after "College Bowl," with questions supplied by "Reader's Digest."

Contestants try out for their teams in early fall and spend from then until February studying current events, sports, history, science, the Bible, music,

politics, geography and more.

Last year Statesville High School won over East Lincoln of Denver, NC in the championship.

Teachers coaching High-Q teams praise the contest as one that encourages scholarship and upholds the image of area public schools.

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"Charlotte's Black Neighborhoods"

Mint's Free Slide Lecture

The Mint Museum of History cordially invites the public to a free slide lecture on "Charlotte's Black Neighborhoods" on Sunday, February 13, at 3 p.m. This lecture by Mr. Thomas Hanchett, is being repeated by popular demand. His first lecture, January 9, was given to a standing room only audience.

Mr. Hanchett, who works with the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Properties Commission will give this slide talk on five Charlotte neighborhoods, tracing changes in this city's black residential patterns over the last 150 years. The neighborhoods to be examined will be First and Second Wards in the Center City, Biddleville near Johnson C. Smith University, Cherry next to Myers Park, and Washington Heights near Northwest Junior High. These neighborhoods illustrate and the lecture will address the many changes from slavery days before the Civil War, through the era of black capitalism in the 1910s, to the communities of the present.

Mr. Hanchett is currently the director of the Charlotte Neighborhood Survey, a three-year project that is cataloging Charlotte's architectural and historic resources throughout the city. Mr. Hanchett holds a Bachelors Degree in History from Cornell University and is completing a Master's Degree from the University of Chicago.

Come and share your memories of Charlotte's black neighborhoods.

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