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Mistress of ceremony Thereasa Elder (far right) welcomes both panelists and audience to Chi Eta Phi's Parent Enrichment Program held at the Greenville Center. From left to right the panelists are Carole Ricks, Mary Williams, Julie

Saunders, Carol Mathis, Dr. Deborah Scott, Bill Pickens and Rev. Rayfield Metcalf. Chi Eta Phi president, Jeanette Spicer, is seated in the background. (Photo By Loretta Manago)

Parent Enrichment Program Informs Parents Of Twins

By Loretta Manago
Post Staff Writer
Perhaps, if you've seen a mother or father with a set of twins or triplets, you may have shaken your head in wonder and asked yourself, "How do they do it?"

That's one of the questions, that was put before selected panelists at a recent Parent Enrichment Program sponsored by the members of the Chi Eta Phi Sorority.

Should twins be dressed alike? Is the bonding that develops between twins healthy? How do I survive financially and emotionally? were just a few of the concerns that were addressed by expert panelists.

Specialists in their own fields the panelists included Dr. Deborah Scott, a pediatrician, Julie Saunders, a K-3 Curriculum development specialist, Carole Ricks, a marriage and Family Therapist, Carol Mathis, a teacher of Exceptional Children, Mary Williams, Mental Health Director of Consultation and Training, Bill Pickens, Executive Director of Consumer Credit Counseling Services and Rev. Rayfield Metcalf, pastor of Parkwood Institu-

tional CME Church. These panelists discussed such topics as the psychological development of twins, the physiological development of twins, the financial responsibility of raising twins and the coping mechanics involved in raising twins.

Although the subjects varied, all panelists seemed to agree on one issue and that was "even though you may see your twins as a set or a pair, they should be thought of as individuals."

According to the panelists, parents who have twins or other multiple births should stress individualism. This includes the children's dress, the children's friends and the attention given to the children by the parents. They should be allowed to develop separate interests and to spend time away from one another.

In discussing each various field and its relation to twins, Dr. Scott focused attention on what happens biologically that makes twins fraternal or identical. A twin herself, Dr. Scott also commented that normally when one twin is ill, the other one will be ill soon. Both educators, Ms. Saunders and Ms. Mathis, stressed the importance of pre-school screening and placing twins in separate classroom situations for optimum learning. Carole Ricks, who dealt with the parental coping of raising twins, gave valuable suggestions to the audience.

Those included rallying family members for support, becoming better managers and organizers, and learning how to change one's expectations. She emphasized that although raising twins is a challenge, parents can survive. Looking at the mental aspect of raising twins, Ms. Williams suggested that comparisons be avoided, overprotectiveness should be checked and that the closeness between twins should be respected. In financially handling twins, Pickens called for a re-examination of the spending patterns and a budget to work by. Citing the expenditure of raising a child from birth to adulthood as \$90,624, he said, "Raising twins just means

the figures are doubled."

Chi Eta Phi Sorority member Thereasa Elder was mistress of ceremony.

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