

# Darren Steward Wins WGIV Rap Contest

As a judge in the recent "WGIV Stay In School Rap Contest", I want to commend each contestant who braved the stage to rap about staying in school. Getting before one's peers is not an easy task. But students from North Mecklenburg, East Mecklenburg, TAPS, Myers Park, West Mecklenburg, Olympic, South Mecklenburg, Olympic, West Charlotte, and Independence did it with finesse and style.

No, I'm not a real big fan of rap, but I can only applaud any effort that gets the word out about staying in school.

The contest was held at Myers Park High School. Don Cody emceed the event. Other judges included Darrell McClinton, D.J. Records & Tapes, Sam Young of GM Sam Young Realtors and Charlene Price of WCCB.

Darren Steward of North Mecklenburg was the judges' overwhelming favorite. He rapped in two parts, funky and intellectual. A lot of time, thought and energy went into his performance and it paid off. Darren won a remote control VCR, courtesy of Dr. Dennis Watts and \$200, courtesy of Clayton Perry.

The second placed winner, "Another Fresh Creation", Russell Bowman, Kevin Harkless and James Shomo and the "3 D' Crew"-Alfred Hollins, Willie Witherspoon, Tim Brown and Ricardo Mason of Independence won

a WGIV radio/tennis balls, racquet balls, solid gold cassettes, Queen Park Theater movie passes.

Third place winners, Charles Hanlin, Chrissy Hicklin and Kerween Fliss of Myers Park won WGIV hit lps, and Queen Park movie passes.

Although Lisa Simpson didn't win, I simply have to give her a personal honor for guts and courage. Lisa attends TAPS and will soon be a mother. I admire her for getting onstage and telling others to stay in school.

**A&T**  
The Queen city chapter of N.C. A&T State University Alumni presents its annual fundraiser dance, "Spring Equinox", featuring the band, Backstabbers from Atlanta. The dance will be held

## ENTERTAINING THOUGHTS

With Loretta Manago

at the Sheraton-Airport Plaza Hotel from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Friday, April 3. Tickets are \$12 at the door and \$10 in advance.

**WEEK OF THE CHILD**  
A teddy bear picnic and balloon launch will be a highlight of the week of the young child and will be held Tuesday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in Freedom Park.

This yearly celebration focuses attention on needs of young children and their families through public information activities. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Association for the Education of young children, a local affiliate of the NAEYC jointly sponsors the week of the young child annually. "New Heights In Early Childhood Education" will be the theme for this year's event and point towards the positive gains in early childhood programs.

On Sunday, April 4, family workshops will be held at different branches of the public library. Monday, folk tales around the world can be heard at 7 p.m. at different branches. A film festival will be held on Wednesday, April 8, along with pre-school story time, a ballet demonstration and a violin demonstration. Thursday and Friday, a child conference with guest speakers, Dr. Lee Salk and Dr. Ashley Montagu. The conference will be held at UNCC.

On the last day of the program, a story and craft program will be held at the Mint Hill Branch of the public library.

**ATTIC SALE**  
The Junior League Warehouse is having a "Truck Load Attic Sale", on Saturday, April 4 from 8 p.m. until noon. On sale will be quality furniture and new and used items. Proceeds from this project will help support the Junior League community projects. The Warehouse is located behind

Bush Stationers at Park Road Shopping Center. For more information call 523-8159.

**DUKE ELLINGTON TRIBUTE**

The Fayetteville State University will present a tribute to Duke Ellington on Saturday, April 11 at 8 p.m. at Seabrook Auditorium. Rick Henderson, former music director of the Duke Ellington Orchestra will conduct the Triangle Jazz Ensemble. General admission is \$3.

**MONOPOLY TOURNAMENT**

Budding tycoons and entrepreneurs get a chance to invest millions on Park Place and Boardwalk, that is if they don't go to jail first, at the fifth annual Bush Stationers Monopoly Tournament for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Players will be met at the doorway by a costumed "Marving Gardens." They will enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres and complimentary beer and wine as TC Construction Company and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers assemble the 12' x12' Monopoly board. Real prizes will be awarded from an antique Community Chest, while "special police volunteers" escort players to a specially constructed jail at the Charlotte Marriott Executive Park on Thursday April 16, beginning at 7:30. For further information call the CF office at 377-0079.

**BEACH BOYS**

The Beach Boys will headline WBT Radio's 65th anniversary concert on Saturday, April 11 in Charlotte Memorial Stadium. The event is co-sponsored by Gowen Oldsmobile-Jeep-Renault.

Tickets will be sold in advance through April 7. Tickets are \$5 each and are available exclusively at participating area Crown

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**BELLE OF AMHERST**  
Winston-Salem actress Robin Voiers will be presented in a one-woman show about Emily Dickinson at the Hall-Patterson Communications Building of Winston-Salem State University. A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Florida State University, she has danced with the 13th American Dance

Festival in Connecticut and taught dances at the Universities of Georgia and Maryland.

**ZONTA CLUB**

The Zonta Club of Charlotte invites you to attend their fifth annual fund-raising auction on Thursday, April 6 to be held at the Little Theatre of Charlotte. The evening will begin with a wine and cheese reception at 6:30 p.m. and be followed by a silent auction. A personal contribution from Lisa Minelli will be auctioned as well. The price of admission is \$10 and includes a certificate worth \$5 toward a bid during the evening.

**HEART OF FASHION**

The American Heart Association will hold its Annual Luncheon/Fashion Show at the Adam's Mark Hotel on Thursday, April 23 at noon.

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