

Black UNCG Grads Host Reunion '87

GREENSBORO - The Black Alumni Association of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro will hold its reunion on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 30-31, during Homecoming '87 weekend on campus.

Speaker for the Oct. 31 banquet will be Sina McGimpsey Reid, a 1965 graduate of UNCG who is now a businesswoman and entrepreneur in Baltimore, where she owns SMR Inc. The dinner will be at 6 p.m. in the UNCG Alumni House.

Other Homecoming '87 highlights for black alumni include: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., country picnic and brunch; 5 p.m., pre-dinner social hour; 8 p.m., special program, "Thrills of the Past: A Halloween Celebration"; 9 p.m.-1 a.m., Halloween Dance at the Howard Johnson Hotel on High Point Road.

Pre-registration for the banquet and other activities runs through Oct. 19. Information and reservations are available by calling the UNCG Alumni Association office at 919-334-5696.

On Friday, Oct. 30, registration will run from 5:30-8 p.m. in the Alumni House, followed by an 8-11 p.m. "Nite Owl" session on campus. Sunday, Nov. 1, a 10 a.m. continental breakfast will be followed by a worship service with the Neo-Black Society Mass Choir.

Pi Phi Honors

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Daniel T. Blue (D-Wake), head of the N.C. Legislative Black Caucus was the keynote speaker.

"You have shown that you are committed to making a good future for yourselves, but don't let anybody stop you. Even if your friends try to pull you away to short, shoot or smoke drugs, you must be strong and resist."

The Queen City Chapter of the fraternity hosted a full schedule of enriching events. Another key activity that began last Friday was the open forum. The forum focused on issues concerning the Black family. Distinguished experts on the panel included Dr. Eric C. Lincoln a professor at Duke University, Dr. Virginia K. Newell, Winston-Salem State professor and Dr. Lionel Newsome, distinguished professor at Barber Scotia College.

"We felt it was appropriate to concentrate on the Black family because these young people are our future leaders," says Gerson Stroud, former educator in the Charlotte Mecklenburg School System.

"There are a lot of statistics that show the Black family is deteriorating but we can re-instill the importance of the Black family to our young men and women."

This weekend also marked the first time that a Southeast Regional Conference has been held in Charlotte, according to Stroud, publicity chairman for the Beta Delta Chapter. "The regional meetings are held bi-annually and come on the years opposite to our Grand Boule". The first one was held in Columbia, S.C. in 1981, Richmond, VA. in 1983 and Memphis, Tenn. in 1985.

Among Blacks, Sigma Pi Phi is the oldest Greek letter society in America. It was founded in 1904 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania by a small group of professional men, for the purpose of providing "men like qualities" and opportunity for close fellowship in an atmosphere of mutual respect and relaxing camaraderie.

The fraternity has broadened its interest from being a purely social organization to include a vital social action program. Last May, the Beta Delta Boule sponsored a workshop and awards ceremony at J.C. Smith but only invited outstanding male students. "We are looking forward to branching out and honoring both males and females because that is the overall purpose of the Fraternity," Stroud explains. "I can't say that we'll include females in our local program next year, but it will be considered."

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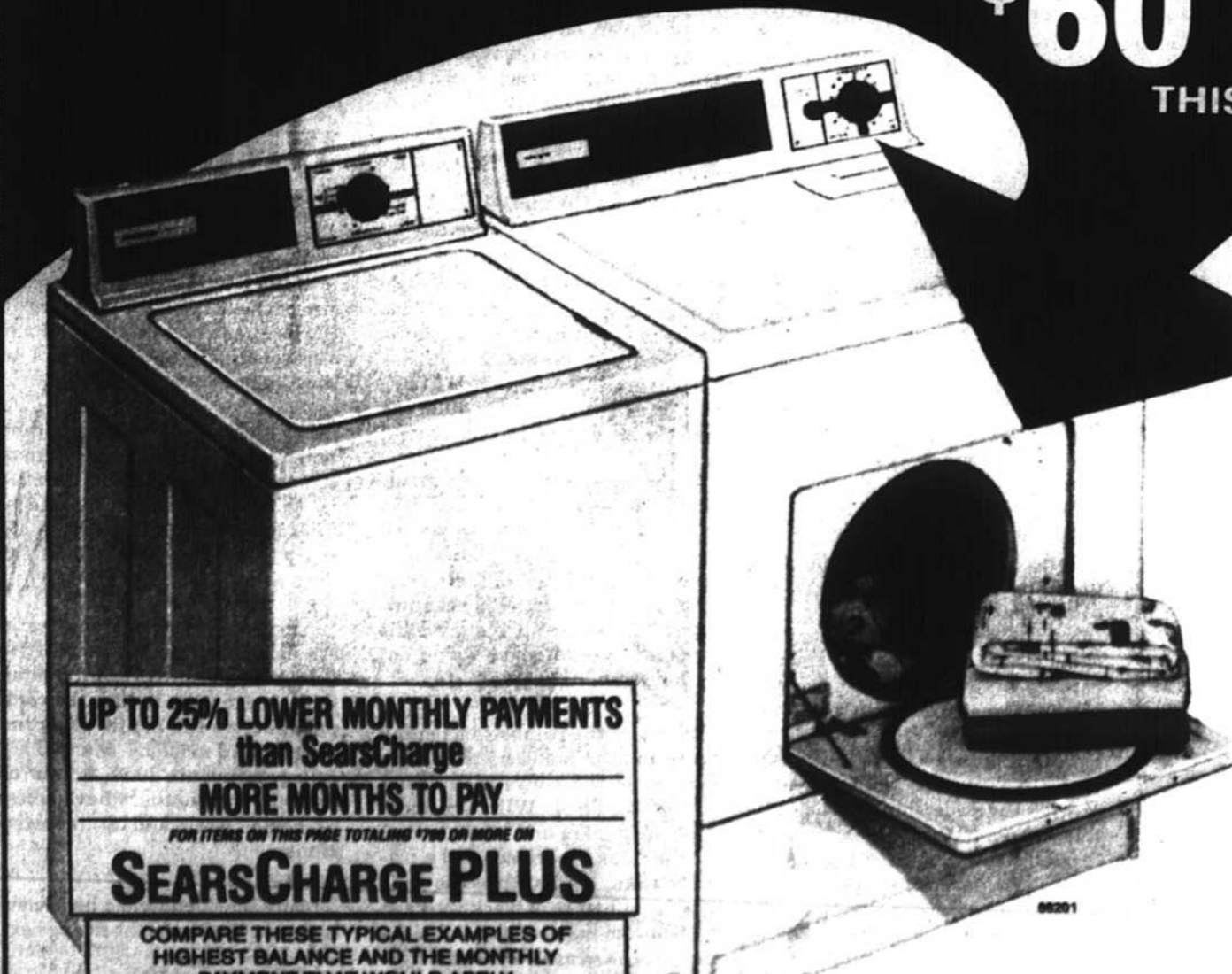
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God said, "Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him, for they shall eat the fruit of their doings."

Isaiah 3:10

God said, "Woe unto the wicked! It shall be ill with him; for the reward of his hands shall be given him."

Isaiah 3:11

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