

Community Notes

Frats challenged to be Big Brothers

A local organization is challenging fraternities to become Big Brothers.

Big Brothers/Big Sisters African American Recruitment Task Force issued the challenge to the graduate fraternities Alpha Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Phi Psi and Phi Beta Sigma to recruit black men as Big Brothers for 60 boys waiting to be matched. The challenge, which coincides with Black History Month, will end April 15. Prizes will be awarded to the fraternity that recruits the most men who complete the orientation process and individuals who recruit the most men.

Big Brothers must be at least 21 years old and live or work in Mecklenburg County. For more information, call 377-3963.

At-risk preschool children and their families will be the topic of the first of three grant programs sponsored by **Foundation For The Carolinas**.

The first workshop will be held Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at Children's Theatre, 1017 E. Morehead St. Non-profit orga-

nizations interested in applying for the Feb. 1 grants deadline are encouraged to attend.

The workshop will feature a panel discussion by experts on effective programs for at-risk preschool children and their families. A spring workshop will highlight programs for at-risk youth will have a June 1 grant deadline. Teen pregnancy will be the emphasis for a fall workshop preceding the Oct. 1 deadline.

For more information, call Marilyn Bradbury at 376-9541.

Leadership Charlotte is looking for participants in Class XVIII.

Twenty-five individuals will be selected to the nine-month program, which will be held from September to May 1997. People interested in participating must complete an application and return it with a \$25 processing fee to Leadership Charlotte, WTVI Center, Suite A, 3242 Commonwealth Ave. Charlotte, N.C. by Feb. 15, 1996. All applications will be notified in May. Tuition is \$1,000 and partial scholarships are available.

To request an application,

call 344-8448.

Looking to land a new job? Free information is available at the **Public Library**.

Free information from employment experts will be available at job search seminars on Wednesdays this month. The first is "Preparing For The Job Search" with Jeff Sechrist of Central Piedmont Community College. Later seminars will include successful interviewing, creative self-marketing, and job resources on the Internet.

The programs are sponsored by the Public Library and are free. Registration is not required. For more information, call 336-6228.

The Mecklenburg Medical Endowment Inc is accepting applications for health-related projects in the county.

MMAE seeks to promote the betterment of health and medical conditions by funding special projects. Deadline for applications is Jan. 31. They can be requested by writing Mecklenburg Medical Alliance Endowment, 1112 Harding Place, Suite 200, Charlotte, N.C., 28204, Attention: Disbursements.

Lawyers will try to retain custody of a teen health trophy Jan. 18.

The Pro-Teen Bowl basketball game will pit Charlotte doctors and lawyers in a benefit at the Charlotte Coliseum before the UNC Charlotte-Davidson game. One ticket will admit fans to both games. Tickets to a raffle prize package will be sold for \$5 each at the game. The grand prize winner gets a leather Charlotte Hornets jacket and tickets to the Hornets/Washington Bullets game Jan. 24.

For more information on the Pro-Teen Bowl and tickets, call 344-8336 weekdays.

The Charlotte Clean City Committee is accepting nominations for the 12th annual Community Enhancement Awards.

The awards recognize real estate properties in Mecklenburg County which continue to help make the community a better place to live. Nominations will be accepted for building design, landscape, clean builder, renovation, restoration and litter control.

Deadline for nominations is Jan. 12. For more information, call Bonnie Lathan, City of Charlotte Solid Waste Services at 336-6399 or Adam Bernstein at 332-2030.

A best-selling author will be the featured speaker at events celebrating Martin Luther King Day in Hickory.

Mark Mathabane, a South Africa native, will keynote the community worship service at 3 p.m. Jan. 14 at Friendship Baptist Church and a convocation at 10 a.m. Jan. 15 at the Belk Centrum at Lenoir-Rhyne College.

Mathabane is author of "Kaffir Boy," "Kaffir Boy in America" and "African Women: Three Generations." Mathabane and his wife, Gail, will discuss "Healing the Racial Divide" at a 1 p.m. forum.

The American Meteorological Society is offering three scholarships to minority students entering their freshman year of college in 1996. The scholarships are for \$3,000 for the first year, with second-year funding contingent on completion of the first year.

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ASU renews promise to diversify campus

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BOONE - Three years later, the chancellor of Appalachian State University is renewing a 1993 resolution - improve racial diversity at one of the most homogeneous campuses in the state university system.

Francis T. Borkowski, who became chancellor in August 1993, said he wants to recruit more minority students and faculty and create ongoing programs such as African-American studies.

Of the 12,020 students at ASU this year, about 3.2 percent, or 383, are black, according to state records. About 2.2

percent, or about 270 students, are members of other minority groups, including Asians, Latinos and American Indians. That means about 11,300 students - 94 percent - are white.

Of the 600 or so full-time faculty, only about 10 - or less than 2 percent - are black, a university spokesman said.

For years, blacks have made up about 4 percent of the university's students, and the figure recently declined, said Gary T. Barnes, an associate vice president of planning at the state university system's administration office in Chapel Hill.

"This diversity is more than simply color," Borkowski told the Winston-Salem Journal.

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include "Lady Love and "You'll Never Find (Another Love Like Mine)", said Kennedy's opening his home to UNCF

provides hope to students who otherwise would have trouble affording a college education.

"Dr. Charlie Kennedy gives opportunities for children to express their intelligence," he told the Winston-Salem Chronicle. "We are glad that you are here to send hope for a brighter future."

Tucker says new gangsta rap record offensive to Christians

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said that the lyrics of his gangsta rap songs do not depict his life or his reality... he only made the degrading and violent songs for money."

Tucker added that the newly-released gangsta rap record, "Dogg Food" by Tha Dogg Pound, is especially sacrilegiously offensive to people of the faith, with its depiction of Christ and his disciples as gangsta rappers.

The Entertainment Monitor publication of Beverly Hills, CA, says the release is rated S.D.V.L. and SL ---"the letters standing for "sex, drugs, violence, potentially offensive language and potentially offensive slang."

Tucker has sent a copy of the record's lyrics to several leaders in the U.S. and abroad, demanding they print them, if a newspaper publisher, or read them aloud to friends and constituents.

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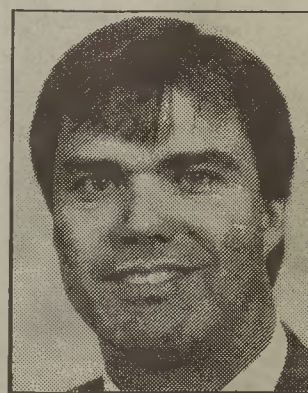
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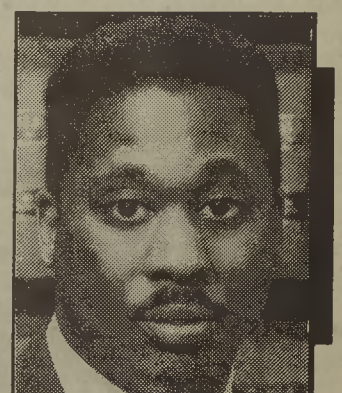
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