



## AKA Sorority Presents Honors At Founder's Day

Alpha Theta Omega Chapter celebrated the 65th anniversary of the founding of the National Organization and the 45th year of the continuous service of the local chapter, at the East Raleigh Branch YWCA, Sunday, February 3.

The graduate and undergraduate Sorors of Beta Rho and Gamma Xi joined in the Rededication ceremony conducted by Soror Phyllis Mann. Music during the afternoon was furnished by Soror Elizabeth Chance.

Greetings were extended by Basileus Delores Revis to all Sorors and guests who were invited to the public part of the program. To carry out the history of the sorority, the undergraduate sorors presented a skit, "Milestones in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority". Carolyn Shearin, Beta Rho Chapter acted as narrator for the various milestones, namely: the founding, new directions, AKA Health project, National Non-Partisan Council, American Council on Human Rights, Job Corps Center for Women, New Eras of Service, scholarship programs, social action and service to all mankind, shown through the P.I.N. program.

Soror Marjorie Debnam presented the Distinguished Service Tribute to Soror Susie V. Perry who is a Charter Member of Alpha Theta Omega. She cited the honoree as a person

who has given "the gift of time, heart, mind, spirit, encouragement, inspiration, and guidance."

Soror Minetta Eaton presented Silver Loving Cups to the past Debutante Ball chairman, and commended them for the fine leadership exhibited in this area of the program. Sorors receiving the honor were: Susie Perry (1947), Elsie Perry (1949), Thelma Anders (1951), Bessie Lewis (1953), Fannie Latham (1957), Odessa Hicks (1958, 1970, 1971), Anne Fulford (1959), Phyllis Mann (1960-64), Susan Malone (1965), Thelma Watkins (1967, 1972), Ophelia Noble (1968).

The mothers of the 1972 debutantes who had presented more than one daughter in Alpha Kappa Alpha Deb Ball were presented engraved silver gifts. Soror Thelma Watkins 1972 Deb Ball Chairman presented gifts to the mothers present: Mesdames William Nelson, Robert Hooker, Raymond Moring, Aaron Weaver, Genadious Winston, James Blount, and Johnnie Allen. Gifts will be sent to the mothers who were unable to attend the program.

Perfect attendance certificates were presented by the Basileus to: Sorors Minnetta Eaton, Susie Perry, Joan Spencer, Delores Revis, Hazeline Ashe, Hattie Edmondson, Ethel Greene, Joyce Cooke, Cecelia Hammonds, Thelma Watkins, J. E. Hicks.

A reception followed the program and presentations. The sorority colors of pink and green were used on the beautifully appointed table of refreshments.

The Founders Day Committee members were: Sorors Joyce Cooke, chairman; Lizzie Wilson, Elsie Cooley, Autura Ritter, Phyllis Mann, Ophelia Noble.

### Claims Additive Prevents Poisoning

NEW YORK - The New York University Medical Center has announced the discovery of a "lead inactivator" which it claims may prevent lead poisoning in young children.

The inactivator is an additive for ordinary interior latex paint which, it is claimed, would neutralize the ill effects of ingestion of flakes of old lead-based paint from crumbling tenement walls.

The research was underwritten by the Grow Chemical Corporation of New York.

Dr. Jack Owen Reed, director of the research project for the University's Laboratory for Experimental Medicine and

Surgery in Primates, said: "The results of our latest series of animal tests offer conclusive evidence that protective value has been demonstrated. The test results show that the histological examination of kidney tissue from rats fed daily with paint pigments containing high lead content, combined with the lead inacti-

vator prevents the nephrotoxic (kidney-damaging) effects of lead." Dr. Reed said other tests involving young baboons, a primate closer in its biochemical relationship to human infants, had shown that the inactivator chemical caused no adverse effects of its own when administered by mouth.

The National Institute of Health has estimated that 400,000 children are affected by lead paint poisoning annually.

Veterans over 65 do not have to reveal detailed income information in order to qualify for VA medical care. They also may be eligible for VA nursing home and domiciliary care.

**HONORS AT FOUNDER'S DAY** - Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. presented several honors at the 65th anniversary of the founding of the National Organization. In top photo, pictured are the undergraduates who directed attention to a very outstanding project, the Mississippi Health Project. Left to right standing are Rosemary Mitchell, Janice Coleman and Carolyn Shearin, narrator. Seated left to right are Gwendolyn Jefferson and Willette Leach. In bottom photo, Soror Thelma Watkins makes presentations to mothers of 1972 debutantes. Seated left to right are Mrs. Genadious Winston, Mrs. James Blount, Mrs. Raymond Moring and Mrs. Aaron Weaver. Standing in the same order are Miss Thelma Watkins, Deb Charlman, Mrs. Robert Hooker, Mrs. Johnnie Allen and Mrs. William Nelson.

## Dropouts Responding To GI Bill Entitlement

Free GI Bill entitlement for high school dropouts and marginal graduates is bringing more "educationally disadvantaged" back to classrooms, a Veterans Administration report reveals.

The 125,000 figure includes 70,000 veterans and servicemen who completed up to 11 years of schooling, and 55,000 high school graduates who lacked prerequisites for higher education.

Administrator of Veterans Affairs Donald E. Johnson disclosed recently that more than 20,000 veterans were drawing "unearned" GI educational benefits by attending high school and college preparatory courses.

While 125,000 educationally disadvantaged persons trained under free entitlement, another 282,000 trainees who failed to complete high school used VA education benefits to attend vocational and trade schools, or take correspondence courses and on-job training.

GI Bill allowances for educationally disadvantaged trainees and college students are the same. The rate is \$220 per month for single full-time trainees, with proportionately higher rates for trainees with dependents. However, free entitlement training is not charged against education benefits earned in military service.

Veterans who have completed a tour of military service normally earn enough GI Bill entitlement to complete four years of college. Johnson explained. Those who need extra work to qualify for college can receive extra months of GI Bill allowances while taking the preparatory work and still have four years of educational benefits remaining for college, he said.

The Veterans Administration recently opened its first specialized hospital unit for stroke victims and the agency is conducting an intensive medical research attack on strokes, heart disease, cancer, and emphysema.

Enrollment in such courses in November - normally the peak month - was up 36 percent over the 1971 mark to a total of 21,300. A total of 125,000 have used the program since it was authorized in 1967.



**SERIOUS STUDY** is exhibited by these pretty Fayetteville State University Coeds as they ignore the chilly winter weather to prepare for mid-semester exams. The lovely freshman ladies are Rosemary Rhone (left) of Fayetteville, and Lila Williams, Rose Hill, North Carolina.

### NUL Head Says Hopefuls Dealt Heavy Blow

The proposed national Budget represents a significant withdrawal from direct confrontation with the deep social problems affecting the country. The massive cuts projected for

social spending and the absence of new programs to deal with the crisis in welfare, health and housing, will condemn millions of Americans to continued unemployment and hunger. Those of us who had hoped that peace in Vietnam would lead to a long overdue reordering of national priorities have been dealt a heavy blow.

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