

Black Educators Honored By Zetas At Church Here

Omicron Zeta Amicae of Raleigh sponsored the fourth annual Salute to Minority Educators at Laodicea United Church of Christ recently.

Dr. Henry L. Johnson, assistant superintendent of Johnston County Schools, and Ms. Annie Pegram, North Carolina state teacher of the year, were speakers at the appreciation luncheon for minority educators.

A Salute to Minority Educators was initiated in 1989 in Raleigh by Ms. Alice Garrett, a teacher in the Wake County Schools, in the belief that black educators should be recognized for their many contributions and for mentoring young teachers.

Amica Henrietta Cassady, president, Omicron Zeta Amicae, welcomed the honorees and guests. After an invocation and grace by Rev. C. Wesley Raney, III, pastor of Laodicea United Church of Christ, a luncheon was served.

Dr. Thomas Bass, former chairman of the Durham City Board of Education, introduced the first



DR. HENRY L. JOHNSON



MRS. ANNIE W. PEGRAM

speaker, Ms. Pegram. She teaches at R.N. Harris Elementary School in Durham. Ms. Pegram said black educators are becoming a vanishing breed. She explained that other fields are slowly opening up and potential teachers are pursuing other careers, but black people have managed in this void. Ms. Pegram said that black people are like tea

bags: they don't know their own strength until they are in hot water. African-American teachers and students understand each other, she emphasized.

Zeta Lola Fuller of Omicron Chapter of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc., introduced the second speaker,

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BROTHERS TO BROTHERS — Graduation ceremonies were held recently for Brothers To Brothers, a program designed to steer African-American males from vices. In photo, l-r, front row: David Sandlin, Anthony Sedberry, Tobe Stephens, Donelle Farrar. Second row, l-r: Jarvis Montague, Kamali Moore. Joseph Perkins; Third row, l-r:

Bernado Twyne, Loring Montague, Maurice Williams; Fourth row, l-r: James Cannon, Jr., Rodney Autry, Rick Peppers. Last row: James Hargett, project manager Helping Hands, WCPS and Barbara Baylor, Health Ed Director, WCDH.

Brother To Brother Project Steering Young Males From Vice And Violence

BY CASH MICHAELS

Staff Writer
"Brother to Brother," a program designed to steer young African-American males away from vices like teenage fatherhood and violence, graduated 13 student mentors at the new Wake Public Health facility March 21.

The student mentors received more than 32 hours of specialized training in working with young African-American teens in family

life curriculum and started working in the Helping Hands program/Wake County Public Schools on March 23. They will also prepare for the Boy's Club on April 20, and the Raleigh Housing Authority during the summer.

The graduation ceremony, which was attended by Wake County health director Dr. Leah Devlin; Barbara Baylor, health education director; James Hargett, manager of the Helping Hands program; and

Rick Peppers, project coordinator for Brother to Brother, was uplifting and inspiring.

Those student mentors graduating included Rodney Autry, James Cannon, Jr., Donelle Farrar, Jason Hartsfield, Jarvis Montague, Loring Montague, Kamali Moore, Joseph Perkins, David Sandlin, Anthony Seberry, Tobe Stephens, Bernado Twyne and Maurice Williams.

Charles Sneed Named Small Farmer Of Year For Creative Accomplishments

Charles Sneed of Kittrell is a farmer of the future. He nourished his land, sharpened his marketing skills and streamlined expenses. By working closely with A&T Cooperative Extension, Sneed's 54 acres produced soybeans, corn and livestock at increasing efficiency since 1989. He more than tripled his net farm income in three years.

For these accomplishments, plus the desire to share his success with others, N.C. A&T's Cooperative Extension Program presented Sneed with the G.L. Dudley Award (and \$500 cash prize) as the 1992 Small Farmer of the Year.

The March 25 award luncheon which honored Sneed was one of the nine events highlighting the sixth annual Small Farms Week. From

March 22-30, A&T's Cooperative Extension Program acknowledged the contributions that N.C. small farmers make to the state's economy and rural way of life. Sneed worked one-on-one with A&T's Farm Opportunity Program agents to improve production practices, diversify crops and develop markets.

"I would like to thank A&T and its interest in helping small farmers in many different ways," Sneed said. "Winning this award will make me strive to do more and encourage others to branch out and diversify."

Bert Egerton, N.C. A&T agricultural technician for Franklin County, explained Sneed's success.

"I believe that Charles made the most gains in livestock by growing his own feed. He also cut expenses

by decreasing his use of pesticides and fertilizers and by diversifying his crops. He also streamlined operations for his nine sows and 14 beef cows and calves."

Sneed, a 35-year-old native of Franklin County, will not just stop at soybeans and corn. He is also a member of A&T Cooperative Extension's "Ways to Grow" program which assists innovative farmers in growing and marketing specialty crops. Partially funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, "Ways to Grow" will assist Sneed with unusual new products.

"I planted ginseng in 1988 and plan to harvest it in two years," he said. "Meanwhile, I've been selling the ginseng berries to others to use as seed in planting new crops. The 'Ways to Grow' program will help me try crayfish and meat goats. I'm even thinking of raising bullfrogs for our local market."

Egerton described Sneed's background in agriculture.

"Charles took over the farm from his father in 1984 and has been just as active in Extension activities as his dad. He also owns two American saddlebred and two Tennessee walker horses which he rides in



RALEIGH'S

Social
SCENE

BY ALLIE M. PEEBLES

Ms. Enid Patterson spent her vacation from March 18-26 in Venice, Fla., where she enjoyed many activities. Among them were Mozart's Requiem ballet and the Polynesian Floor Show. Enid reminded me that Venice is a retirement area and that it is noted for its entertainment and culture. She has fond memories.

Delicados are making plans to attend the conclave scheduled for Baltimore June 12-14 at the Stouffer Harbor Place Hotel.

The Raleigh Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity held its March 15 meeting at the Garner Road YMCA at 6 p.m. Most of the business was centered around the 1991-92 Beautification Military Awards Day Banquet.

This affair will be held on Friday, April 17, at 7 p.m. at the Crabtree Marriott. Co-chairmen are Johnny Travis and Dr. Sota Wilson. W.A. Rainbow is the consultant.

Kappas will also present the Kappa Scholars Program on Friday, May 15. The fraternity will recognize all of the honor students who are African-Americans. They are students in the local schools. This event will be held at the McKimmon Center at North Carolina State University.

Beta Lambda Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, under the leadership of Carnetta Blakely, has quite a diverse program. During their Saturday, April 4, meeting at the Garner Road YMCA, the emphasis was placed on implementing their national program, "Operation Homeless." Their Boule is scheduled for July in the city of Atlanta.

Locally, the sorority members were on hand Wednesday, April 8, at the Southgate Library, where they participated in the program "Night of a Thousand Stars." This program is sponsored by the Wake County Public Library System. Sorority members served milk and cookies to the children.

The activity is just one that is under the umbrella of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority's Assault on Illiteracy program.

Carnetta reported that Sigma Gamma Rho members are quite excited about their northeastern regional conference, which will be held April 24-26 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux Convention Center. Five delegates will be attending. A highlight will be the sorority's first Ebony Exposition. Issues in the African-American community will be the center of attention. The exhibit will showcase educational material such as books, tapes, film, music, and other ways to increase awareness of our heritage and survival.

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St. Aug. To Host Week For Health

St. Augustine's College will host its second annual Wellness Week April 21-24.

The purpose of this event is to educate and inform the student body as well as the general college community of the importance of choosing a healthy lifestyle. The college is also interested in creating awareness concerning diseases, illnesses, and preventive measures the public can take to obtain wellness.

Activities will include a presentation by Dr. Khalif Ramadan, on the HIV virus and substance abuse, on April 21 in the Martin Luther King Student Union. There will also be videotaped highlights of the Magic Johnson visit with a question-and-answer session moderated by Dr. Cyril Allen, St. Augustine's College physician.

The Wellness Week will culminate on Friday, April 24, with a Wellness Fair held on the Mall in front of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Union Building. Fitness assessment tests, carbon monoxide testing for smokers, and cholesterol testing will be offered.

Wake County Health Department, Drug Action, Inc., Interact, Holly Hill Hospital, Commit to a Healthier Raleigh, and Dr. Edwin Swann, ophthalmologist, along with other companies from the Raleigh community, will be on hand to help St. Augustine's make Wellness Week a success.

There will also be a play by the St. Augustine's College Community Theatre presented, titled, "It Happened."

Mentors Sought To Help Troubled Black Youth

Adult friends, role models and mentors are needed to provide guidance and support to troubled black youth. A significant number of our youth are involved in juvenile court, committing more serious offenses at earlier ages.

This is not only the concern of the families and youth involved, but this is also a concern for the entire community. If this problem is not addressed now, we will be addressing it later as the numbers continue to rise and the offenses become more serious.

A significant percent of black youth are without positive male role models. It is a fact that when caring and supportive adults get involved with troubled young people, both the adult and the youth benefit. The youth benefit from the positive association of an adult role model and friend. The adults benefit by making a positive difference in the life of a youth in need.

Haven House began in 1973 as an agency committed to serving the needs of troubled



MS. YVONNE KJNG

boys and girls and their families in the community. Haven House also serves as an advocate for programs to serve the needs of young people in crisis, and promotes an awareness of these needs in the community.

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Miss America Plays Role As MC In Beauty Pageant

FAYETTEVILLE—Miss America 1991, Marjorie J. Vincent, will serve as the mistress of ceremonies at the second annual Miss Fayetteville State University Scholarship Pageant on Saturday, April 18, at 7 p.m. in the J.W. Seabrook Auditorium.

Ms. Vincent, a third-year law student at Duke University and a classically trained pianist, will also perform at the pageant. Ms. Jimonique Simpson, the reigning Miss FSU, will also participate in the pageant.

During her reign as Miss America, Ms. Vincent spoke out on the issue of domestic violence. Ms. Vincent, a native of Oak Park, Ill., graduated from DePaul University with a bachelor's degree in music. She is fluent in French and Creole.

and is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

The pageant will display the beauty and talents of five FSU juniors. The contestants include Ms. Denise Darden of Fayetteville, a sophomore majoring in middle grades education and social studies; Ms. Katossa Richardson of Charlotte, a junior majoring in sociology; Ms. Cleopatra McCall of Brooklyn, N.Y., a senior majoring in elementary education; Ms. Genevieve Faison of Kenansville, a junior majoring in biology; and Ms. M. Lynette Harrington of Rockingham, a junior majoring in marketing education.

The public is invited to attend the pageant. For more information, contact Ms. Olivia Chavis, director of the FSU Counseling Center, at (919) 486-1203.



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