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November Declared Asian-American Awareness Month

Jason Ly

The month of November was declared Asian-American Awareness Month at Kansas State University. Various cultural and educational events were held on campus to celebrate the inaugural month. The events were organized and sponsored by Asian-American Students for Inter-Cultural Awareness (A.S.I.A.), the newly formed Asian-American student group at K-State.

The awareness month served several purposes for the group. Its main purpose was to sensitize the K-State community to the concerns and issues related to Asian-American

students. In addition, the month brought A.S.I.A. members closer together by involving everyone in a worthwhile project. As a result of their hard work, the group increased its visibility at K-State and initiated a means of recruiting new members at the same time.

Several events were planned throughout the second and third week of November. To launch the month's activities, members of A.S.I.A. made an appearance on a local television talk show sponsored by University for Man. Self-defense workshops for both men and women were conducted by Diana Tarver, a certified martial arts instructor. Oriental

table games and a calligraphy demonstration focusing on Asian leisure activities were held at the K-State Union. The keynote speaker for the month was Chae Sun Yi, a martial arts instructor from Topeka. Master Yi spoke of martial arts and its implications for his life, stating: "I don't see Tae Kwon Do as a job or business but a duty to teach." An Oriental art display and visual presentation by Mrs. Catherine Fung examined the long history of Asian art. Asian-American Awareness Month culminated with the Asian FoodFest, featuring music and foods from a wide variety of Asian cultures.

A.S.I.A. has already begun planning next year's annual awareness month. Paul Bridges, A.S.I.A. publicity chairperson, said, "Even though we experienced some success with our first celebration, we hope to surpass our efforts next year. Bridges added that "Asian-American students are anxious to learn as much about their ancestral cultures as they are others." The group is actively seeking dedicated members who wish to contribute to the growth of the organization. Interested persons should contact the Multicultural Student Organizations Office for more information.

HALO Visits the 'Windy City'

Nick Rodriguez

On October 11-13, 1991, 26 members of K-State's Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO) attended the Ninth Annual United States Hispanic Leadership Conference in Chicago, Illinois.

More than 2,500 people attended this year's conference, making it the largest conference of its kind in the nation. The conference was held at the McCormick Center Hotel and was sponsored by the Midwest/Northeast Voter Registration Education Project. The theme for this year's conference was "Making Democracy Work." The conference focused on the development of leadership and stressed the growth of Hispanic communities by manifesting that growth into political participation and representation by Hispanics throughout the U.S.

Highlights of the conference included keynote speakers Miriam Santos, city trea-

surer of Chicago, IL, and Henry G. Cisneros, former mayor of San Antonio, TX. Ian Bautista, junior in pre-law, stated, "I really enjoyed listening to Cisneros. He talked about many important issues facing Hispanics."

Youth forums examining political, educational, and social issues facing today's Hispanic youth were held on Friday afternoon. Exhibits were also on display by different organizations and corporations throughout the day.

On Saturday, workshops highlighted critical issues related to redistricting in the Hispanic community and the cultural implications of Latinos in the United States. Elsa Diaz, senior in industrial engineering, stated, "The workshop helped me realize the great diversity that occurs among the Hispanic community and how we must find unity within the diversity."



Members of HALO embark on a sightseeing venture during a conference break.

Black Males Connect During Symposium

Dedra Martin

Prison and school dropout are two major problems facing Black men today. In the opening address of the K-State Black Male Connection Symposium, James Boyer, K-State education professor stated, "There are more black men in prison than in college and more dropping out of high school than completing it."

Setting aside a measure of time to address and reassess issues related to African-American men in elementary and high school as well as the university was the intent of the event according to the symposium planning committee. "Few people understand the framework of thinking that the African American male brings to the university, and the end result is that they are not received as the intellectual asset they really are," Boyer said.

The participants were addressed by speakers, shown a video on black males in today's society, and entertained with music. More than 125 high school and university students, along with K-State faculty and community members, attended the thought-provoking symposium.

Keynote speaker Millus Bass, Kansas City (Missouri) Public School systems, attributes the educational deficit to the fact that African Americans are often missing in the study of American history. "If you're going to tell the story of man, tell the whole story," Bass said, "But you (black males) need to be there to tell your side of the story."

To validate the bearing that education may have upon solving the plight of African American males, Joseph Mitchell of the University of Alabama said, "What's in the books is not education, it is schooling. Society was taught that philosophy started with Aristotle and Plato, but society wasn't taught that it came from Africa," Mitchell said. He continued, "You are here (at the university) for information, not knowledge, not for affirmative action, but for educational reasons."

Coupled with the educational constraints facing African-American males are societal problems associated with drugs and gang violence. "An African-American male has a good chance of reaching the ripe age of 64 if he can make it past the age of 25," said Calvin Mayfield, senior in electrical engineering.

'Wild Weasel' Strikes Positive Note at K-State

Dorothy Roberts

In September, students from Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, Kansas, who were interested in transferring to a baccalaureate program were invited to visit Kansas State University. Approximately 50 students and sponsors attended the event, which was organized by Will Baldwin, regional representative for A.I.S.E.S. (American Indian Science and Engineering Society), and jointly sponsored by Haskell and KSU.

Haskell math and science faculty were interested in providing opportunities for their students to visit area universities that offered math, science, and engineering programs. Baldwin, a junior in electrical engineering at KSU and a representative of a nine-state area, worked with Harold Bowen and Dr. Raine, Haskell, and Deans Donald Rathbone and Bill Feyerharm, KSU, to coordinate a two-part exchange to introduce Haskell students to K-State. Baldwin first organized a visit to Haskell by KSU AISES members to provide information to Haskell students about K-State. Each AISES student made a brief in-class presentation to provide information about the visitation, academic and support programs,

transfer information, and general admissions requirements at KSU.

The following week, a small "caravan" from K-State provided transportation to and from Manhattan for all interested students. This was a critical factor in the success of the program, since Haskell has a small campus with city bus service and many students simply do not bring cars to school.

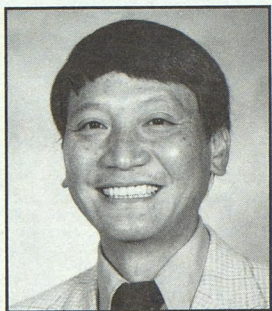
Upon arrival at K-State, Haskell students attended a seminar where faculty and staff spoke about transfer credits, housing, advising and selection of majors, services for new students, and financial assistance. After the seminar and lunch, which was sponsored by the Division of Institutional Advancement, visiting students were encouraged to visit particular departments and programs. Students were introduced to peer guides who provided campus tours. Members of K-State's Native American Student Body (NASB), a cultural support group for Native American students and friends, also served as peer guides. Feedback from Haskell and KSU faculty and students was very positive, and plans to expand the program are under way.

Faculty Focus:

Dr. Daniel Yee Fung

Paul Bridges

Dr. Daniel Yee Chak Fung is a professor in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. A man of many talents, Dr. Fung is an accomplished pianist, an extraordinary cook (he taught two cooking classes for University for Man), a sports enthusiast, and currently the advisor of the newly organized Asian-American Students for Inter-cultural Awareness (A.S.I.A.).



Daniel Yee Chak Fung

Born in Hong Kong, China, Dr. Fung studied at the International Christian University in Japan where he received his B.A. in

1965. He later attended the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill where he obtained his M.S.P.H. in 1967. In 1969, he received his Ph.D. from Iowa State University. Following graduation, Dr. Fung was hired as an assistant professor and assistant director in the Department of Microbiology and Central Administration at Pennsylvania State University from 1969 to 1978. Since arriving at K-State in 1978, he has acquired full professorship status since 1985. Dr. Fung has received both national and regional awards for his achievements in academic and professional arenas. He is internationally known for his lectures on "Rapid Methods and Automation in Microbiology."

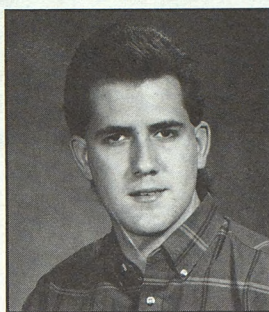
As the advisor for A.S.I.A., Dr. Fung provides a wealth of knowledge about Asian cultures and life in general. His zest for life is evident in his desire to help people enjoy life to the fullest. And he is a man doing just that!

Senior Profile:

Tony Carreno at K-State

Eric Lynum

"Coming to K-State is the best thing I could have ever done," exclaimed an en-



Tony Carreno

thusiastic Tony Carreno. A senior in business accounting, Carreno is excited about his professional future, which begins following his graduation in December. Tony has been involved in a number of organizations, including Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO) and Beta Alpha Psi, a honorary society, while working part-time at KSU. Tony considers his in-

volvement in HALO a great experience because of the opportunity to meet and work with many outstanding individuals. He has also achieved the honor of being a National Hispanic Scholar.

Originally from Topeka, Tony states that his tenure at Kansas State University was one of the most positive ventures to date. He feels really good about graduating but states that the key to succeeding in college is "to remember why you came." As the first member of his family ever to attend and graduate from college, Tony plans eventually to attend law school. However, his immediate goal is to obtain employment with a regional accounting firm.

Tony Carreno is a shining example of what motivation, determination, and dedication can achieve.

Speak out

Racial Harmony: There is Still Hope

Alvin Burzynski

Imagine this. A world where all individuals, regardless of their ethnic origin or social status, are accepted equally. Through the eyes of the populace, the reality exists. But for many minority students like myself, it's a mere fallacy.

Throughout my tenure at K-State, I have witnessed and encountered many acts of cultural discrimination. Some minority students deal with discrimination on a daily basis. Let me illustrate. Recently, I had an opportunity to examine many of the documented cases of discrimination filed in the Affirmative Action Office by minority students on this campus. Needless to say, I was appalled and immediately empathized

with many of the problems those students encountered.

Everyone is aware of the racial garbles that exist in our society. There are times we feel that cultural diversity holds no promise, and occasionally feel its suppression by society. It's during those times that it's easy to feel vindictive and bitter. Yet, we must try to remember the individuals in our society who are attempting to make our world a better place in which to live.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge those individuals who have tried to improve the quality of life for all students at K-State. Professor Phil Anderson is one of the driving forces behind Racial/Ethnic Harmony Week. Another illustration. I recall

during earlier celebrations of Racial/Ethnic Harmony Week that student participation was rather dismal. This state of apathy might have deterred many individuals from participating in subsequent celebrations. But Professor Anderson always seemed optimistic about the upcoming event. One must admire his perseverance. I draw inspiration from his efforts. If there has been any one individual at this university who has made the biggest impact on my life, I would have to say it was Professor Phil Anderson.

On the other hand, I would like to take this moment to acknowledge Diana Caldwell, whom I respect and admire. Dedicated to the cause of racial harmony and diversity, she is always willing to lend a person or organiza-

tion a helping hand. For example, when A.S.I.A. (Asian-American Students for Inter-Cultural Awareness) did not have a place to meet last summer, she graciously opened up her home to us. She is a valuable asset to our university.

To conclude, many individuals do not receive the recognition they deserve. I wish I could acknowledge and thank all those individuals who make our lives a bit more pleasant. But they know who they are. In our own little way, as trivial as it might seem, we can make a difference. So the next time you think there is no hope for the future, I implore of you to remember this aphorism: "The Civil War wasn't won by the majority, but the passionate few."

Parents' Weekend '91 Activities

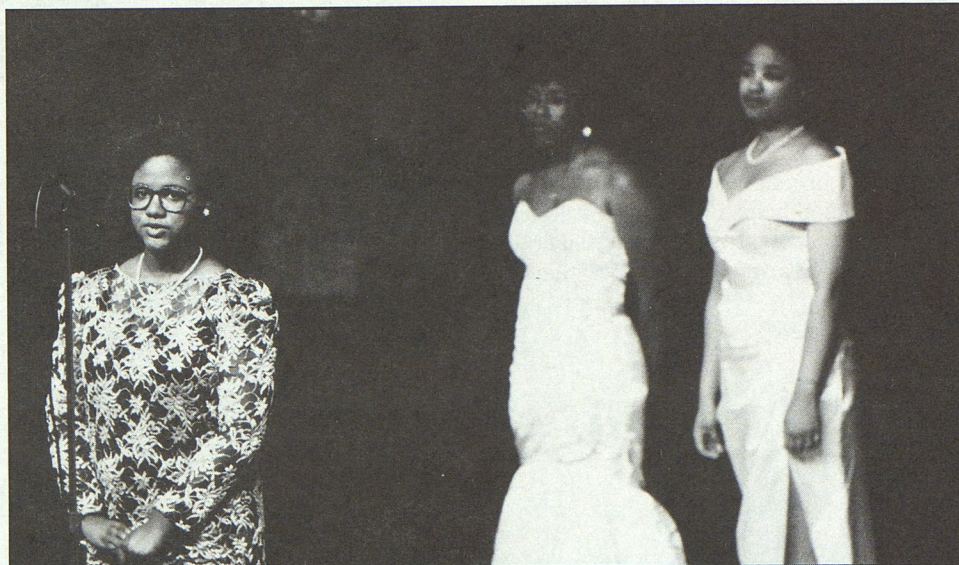
Dedra Martin

Teams composed of family and organization members competed in the 2nd Annual Family Feud on Friday, October 25. "It was really nice seeing diversity among the families and students," said Dionne Lewis, president of Multicultural Student Council. The teams responded to questions about campus life and everyday experiences. The group Statistically Inclined was the grand prize winner after six rounds of feuding.

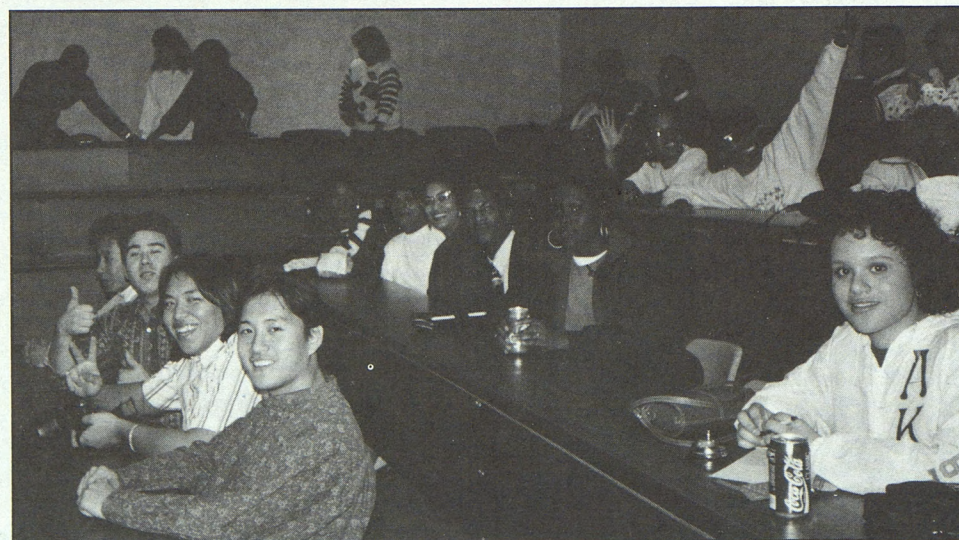
Multicultural Students were honored for their outstanding academic achievement on Saturday October 26 at the Multicultural Student Scholarship Brunch. Students were awarded certificates of achievement in honor of their accomplishments by Pat Bosco, associate vice president of institutional advancement, and Andy Cordero, director of the Minority Engineering Program. Keynote speaker Steve Cadue, chairman of the Kickapoo Nation, enlightened the audience about Native American issues. Laura Wallingford, senior in music, provided a delightful repertoire of gospel and inspirational music.

Faculty, students, and their parents gathered at All Faiths Chapel for a special KSU gospel service on October 27 to celebrate Parents Weekend. Multicultural Student Organizations and the Religious Activities office co-sponsored the service as a concluding activity to the weekend's events. To help foster a greater understanding and appreciation of diversity, each multicultural student organization was encouraged to participate in the service.

The Multicultural Student Council was host to a foodfest held at Ecumenical Christian Ministries on October 26. The purpose of the foodfest was to bring representatives of the various multicultural student groups together for a time of fun, food, and fellowship. Entertainment for the event included musical selections by Rev. Marion Scott and Monrovia Scott, Andy Cordero, and Darren Pitts and a step routine by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.



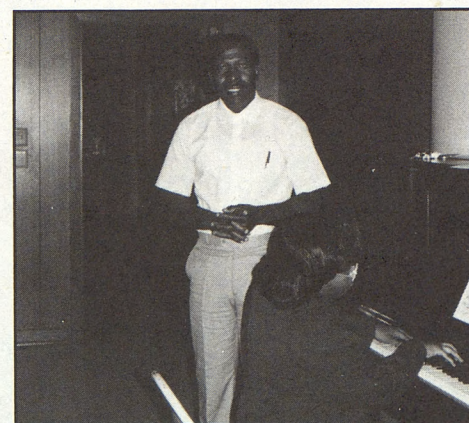
Students vie for titles of Mr. and Ms. Black Student Union 1991.



Family and friends enjoy feuding.

Four students competed in the 1991 Mr. and Ms. BSU Pageant on Saturday, October 26. John Kitchings, senior in psychology, and Michelle Redmond, freshman in pre-medicine, won the Seventh Annual Pageant. The

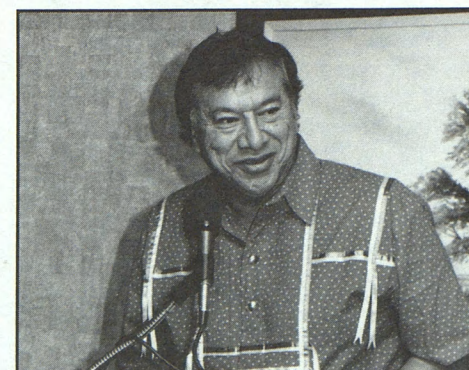
duties of Mr. and Ms. BSU include serving as ambassadors at the BSU Big Eight Conference, making the organization more visible on and off campus, and promoting unity among its members.



Reverend Marion Scott and daughter Monrovia Scott render a musical selection at the MSO FoodFest.



Dionne Lewis and Elsa Diaz read scripture bilingually at the gospel service.



Steve Cadue speaks passionately about Native American issues.

Community Unites Through Diversity

Racial/Ethnic Harmony Week '91

Stephen Moore

The concept of America being a cultural mosaic continues to be tooled and laid at K-State. Racial and Ethnic Harmony Week '91 etched another notch in the pattern of events designed to bring together individuals of different cultural backgrounds. By involving a broad spectrum of individuals from the university and local communities, a platform was established to tear down racial and stereotypical barriers. The impetus for Racial and Ethnic Harmony Week occurred as a result of a racial incident three years ago in a local drinking establishment.

Working in collaboration with the Manhattan Community Harmony Committee, the University Committee developed the operational theme, "Building Unity Through Diversity." The Manhattan community group provided rainbow ribbons to symbolize diversity and unity.

Racial and Ethnic Harmony Week was kicked off with a dynamic address by Rev. Samuel Mann of Kansas City, Missouri. Mann stressed that in order for cultures to come together for "true" harmony, people have to sacrifice some societal rewards in order to eradicate the present "racial" status quo. Mann stated, "In our heart of hearts, we desire unity

but it will require a sacrifice, giving up that which is successful."

The week was interspersed with diverse forms of entertainment. Comedienne Bertice Berry, Ph.D., presented a lecture on cultural appreciation and diversity with a comic relief. The Albert McNeil Jubilee Singers, world-renowned for their harmonious singing prowess, presented a performance as part of McCain Auditorium's cultural programming.

The week was also filled with many workshops. Asian-American B.D. Wong (known for his performance in *M. Butterfly* and many theatrical productions) delivered a workshop on diversity in Hollywood and the theater. However, most of the workshops

during the week were conducted by K-State faculty, staff, and members of the Harmony Week committee.

The Harmony Walk capped the week's activities and involved more than 70 students, faculty, and Manhattan residents. Prior to the walk, Bernard Franklin, associate dean for student life, set the tone for singing songs of freedom and unity after he delivered Dr. King's "I Have A Dream" speech.

Harmony Week was a time for diverse groups to come together for greater understanding and appreciation. However, Harmony Week organizers left the distinct message that the "spirit" of the week should be present throughout each day of the year.

Students Mix Business with Pleasure

Melanie Hooper

Hosted by members of Student Senate and the Multicultural Student Council (MSC), K-State marked its first Fashion Show Extravaganza on October 17 in Union Station. The fashion show was a far cry from any run-of-the-mill event since its main purpose was not to present the latest couture but to promote interaction between two groups of distinction. The overall goal of the event was to create greater sensitivity regarding the needs of members within each group.

Live jazz music by the band "Mr. Direction" set a provocative mood of excitement as male and female models took center stage on the runway. Models were adorned with clothing supplied by Seiferts, Maurice's, and their own wardrobes, and ranged from business attire to formal wear. However, fashion was not the only aspect of the show. The cultural extravaganza also featured such segments as poetry readings, vocal solo presentations, and dance selections, all of which, in some way or

form, dealt with racial and cultural harmony. Participants in the show represented members of diverse ethnic groups: Native-American, Asian-American, Hispanic-American, African-American, and Caucasian.

Shirlyn Henry Brown, student activities assistant and coordinator of the show, said that the fashion show was the first in a series of events which she expects will promote interaction between the Student Senate and MSC; however, those upcoming events have not yet been made public. If this show is an inkling of what future events will contain, students and faculty can be guaranteed an activity filled with talent, entertainment, and thought-provoking programming.

One final note: The fashion show was comprised entirely of volunteers who donated their time and expertise. Ms. Brown would like to convey a "very special thank you to those who were there in body and in spirit."



Models (from left) Mary Wilson, Arleen Baiges, and Melanie Hooper don traditional dress.

AKA Tradition Continues at K-State

Dina Bennett

The tradition of historically black sororities is embodied in the spirit and strength of young black women on today's college campuses. Kappa Pi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., celebrated AKA Week from October 14-20, 1991, on the KSU campus. Patricia Watkins, Basileus of Kappa Pi, said, "The purpose of AKA week is to fulfill the organization's community service objectives, to increase an awareness about Alpha Kappa Alpha, and to build campus community through service."

This is the second year that Kappa Pi has celebrated AKA week. The various activities of AKA week included: a Health Day, a focus on the Black family, a focus on World Food Day with canned good donations to the Flint Hills Food Basket, and a session about the pros and cons of graduate school. One of the significant contributions of AKA week was

the compilation of a directory containing a listing of Black businesses in the Manhattan and Junction City communities.

Established on January 15, 1908, at Howard University in Washington, D.C., Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was the first black sorority founded on a college campus. The Kappa Pi chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., was chartered on May 1, 1976, at Kansas State University. Members of Kappa Pi have been involved extensively in the campus community. They have participated in numerous campus groups such as: United Black Voices, Ebony Theater, Blue Key, KSU Panhellenic Council, Black Student Union, Student Government, Union Governing Board, KSDB Radio, Union Program Council, Human Ecology Ambassador Program, Residence Hall, Governing Boards, Mr. and Ms. BSU Pageant, and the Collegian staff. Service and community involvement are hallmarks of the Kappa Pi chapter.

Students on Campus Have a Spiritual Haven

Dina Bennett

Fall semester activities at K-State included numerous programs and projects planned with the intent of creating a hospitable environment for students. One of the special activities was the KSU Gospel Service. Because some students enter a university setting with a religious tradition that is usually absent in the traditional collegiate system, the KSU Gospel Service was developed as a support construct to aid in the retention of multicultural students. Diana Caldwell, coordinator of Multicultural Student Organizations said, "The concept of the KSU Gospel Service is designed to put into place a structure that could create a sense of community among students of color."

The KSU Gospel Service is scheduled once a month in K-State's All Faiths Chapel from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., allowing hall residents to return for their midday meal. Each month the service revolves around a central theme that brings attention to a university campus focus such as: Racial and Ethnic

Harmony Week, Parents Weekend, and other cultural celebration periods (e.g., Hispanic Awareness Month, Native American Month, Asian-American Month, and Black History Month). The service is jointly sponsored by the Religious Services office and the Multicultural Student Organizations office.

Former guest ministers at the KSU Gospel Service have included Bernard Franklin of KSU, Doris Shields of Junction City, and Mervyn Hammond, Jr., of Wichita. Rev. Marion Scott of Great Bend, father of KSU junior Monrovia Scott, has been a frequent and favored guest speaker. The most recent addition to the KSU Gospel Service has been the formation of the KSU Gospel Chorus, which consists of KSU students and staff members.

The KSU Gospel Service is open to the public, regardless of denomination. Individuals who are interested in participating in the service may contact Rev. Don Fallon, 102 Holton Hall, 532-6432, or Diana Caldwell, 201 Holton Hall, 532-6436.

Education Channeled Through New Association

Will Baldwin

The formation of the KANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION, OR KANAE (pronounced kaw-naw-ee) was official as of September 13, 1991. The association, formed in conjunction with the Kansas White House Conference for Indian Education, was organized for the purpose of promoting high-quality educational opportunities for Native Americans of all ages in Kansas.

The White House Conference on Indian Education (WHCIE) is a national task force that was appointed to develop recommenda-

tions for improvement of Indian education at national, state, and local levels. K-State faculty members Karren Baird-Olson, sociology, and Cheryl May, director of news services, served as members of the Kansas WHCIE steering committee.

The primary goal of the association is to provide and coordinate information about Native American education and Native American cultures to both Indian and non-Indian audiences. KANAE plans to promote Native American involvement in educational planning at both state and local levels, support

legislation to improve American Indian education, and establish committees to review textbooks, curricula, and methods as they relate to Native American students.

Kansas is home to four federally recognized tribes: the Kickapoo, the Prairie Band Potowottamie, the Iowa, and the Sac and Fox. The state association will concentrate on issues of concern to tribal people within the state, such as articulating the roles of the tribes in Kansas history, including authentic cultural information about the tribes within the curriculum, and promoting awareness of current issues for Native Americans.

Dorothy Roberts, graduate student in Student Affairs and co-advisor of KSU Native American Student Body, was elected to the Board of Directors for the new association. Roberts stated, "The association's primary function is to act as a united voice for Native Americans in the educational system." According to Roberts, a major effort will be to develop a communications network to provide Kansas educators with information about Native American students, education, cultures, and resources.

Black Student Organizations Go "Into the Streets"

Adrienne Carter

Members from several Black student organizations banded together to participate in a community service project designed to assist citizens of the local community. On Monday, October 28, students unloaded commodity trucks from the Social and Rehabilitation Services (SRS) office. The food was made available to the elderly and needy families within the Manhattan and Junction City areas. Members of the Black Student Union (BSU), National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), Ebony Theatre, Alpha Phi Alpha

Fraternity, Inc., and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., volunteered their time for the worthwhile project.

Eric Lynum, a senior in electrical engineering, approached Adrienne Carter, BSU co-advisor, about developing a project that could bring members of Black student organizations together. Together, they broached the idea of a community project before the organizations. Carter advanced that idea to Lynda Bachelor, assistant program director of the KSU Community Service Program. According to Bachelor, "Into the Streets" is a Na-

tional Outreach recruitment and education program. Bachelor stated, "The program was created to increase the quality and quantity of college students involved in community service and community problem-solving."

Students who participated in the service project boasted of their pleasure in providing assistance to members of the surrounding area. William Coleman, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., said, "It was hard work, but our organization is about providing service to the community. It's nice to see that students care." Shanta Bailey, BSU president

and an Alpha Kappa Alpha soror, said, "Black students need to do more service projects like this one—it brings us closer together!"

The Community Service Program and SRS extended a warm thank you for the students' participation. Members of the community also acknowledged the students' efforts. "Accomplishments in community service are not measured by academic achievement, but by the difference that involvement makes in your life and the lives of others," said Carol Peak, Community Service Program director.

KSU Office Welcomes Back Students

Dina Bennett

Prior to the semester's official beginning, activities within the Multicultural Student Organization's office (MSO), were well under way. As part of Wildcat Welcome Weekend, the office held the second MSC Annual Retreat and Multicultural Community Social on August 24.

Students representing members of the 12 multicultural student groups served by MSO arrived early at Rock Springs Ranch for a fun-filled, informational workshop. Activities centered around the topics of leadership components, motivation, financial business, and conflict resolution. Following a family-style luncheon, members enjoyed horseback riding

on a country trail. The purpose of the retreat was to begin the process of community building among the membership.

More than 60 guests turned out for the Multicultural Community Social held later that evening in Triangle Park. The evening was highlighted by good food and good music. Mr. Direction, a local band, and the Juan Rosario Duet provided a mixture of music representative of the diverse groups in attendance. Graphic Arts Theater was on hand to deliver a dramatic presentation.

All in all, the welcome back activities proved to be a delightful way of saying, "Welcome Back, Multicultural Students."



Members of the Native American student body enjoy welcome back activities.

Student Organizations Assert A K-Statement

Dionne Lewis

Multicultural students made a definite K-Statement during Homecoming '91 activities as the KSU Wildcats were taking the KU Jayhawks by storm with a 16-12 victory. Members of the Multicultural Student Council (MSC) were still reeling with the excitement of winning earlier homecoming competitions during Spirit Week. Sponsored by Greek Affairs, competitions were divided into three categories: student organizations, greek organizations, and residence/scholarship halls.

Several MSC organizations placed in various spirit week activities. Black Student Union (BSU) took first place in the window painting competition, and MSC and the Hispanic American Leadership Organization (HALO) tied for second place in the same competition. Using their combined artistic talents, MSC/HALO took first place in the Banner Competition. Black Student Union again took first place in "Pant the Chant" for the third consecutive year. The parade competition was the final event of Spirit Week. Second place went to BSU, while MSC/HALO placed third.

Overall, winners within the organizations' divisions did extremely well. Spirit Week sponsors congratulate all of the multicultural student organizations who helped make an outstanding K-Statement.

Black Alums Return to Alma Mater

Dedra Martin

There comes a point in all our lives when we long to revisit our old stompin' grounds. As a venue for Black alumni and graduates of Kansas State University, the K-State Minority Alumni Reunion was held September 20-22. "It's always good to see old faces of yesteryear, but I feel we are here for a purpose and that is to support the small minority here at K-State," said Wallace Kiddi, 1946 K-State graduate.

Since the first reunion in 1987, there has been a yearning to reassemble. "The Minority Alumni Association got together and de-

ecided we were going to have a reunion no matter what the results were, and I'm very honored that the alumni have maintained their interest in K-State," said Veryl Switzer, associate director for intercollegiate athletics.

Future goals of the minority alumni association are to support ongoing minority student programming such as Black History Month and establishing the Veryl Switzer Scholarship. Helping students obtain success in their majors and future employment opportunities is another way in which the association hopes to assist. "We're striving to gain a part of K-State. We, the younger students, are

glad to have minority alumni to look up to and to have standing beside us. Hopefully, one day we can do the same for the future minority students coming to K-State," said Erick Harper, senior in marketing.

The Minority Alumni Association plans to sponsor the reunion more frequently, either annually or every two years. "I think this is wonderful. I feel reunions are necessary, and that they are something that needs to be done on a regular basis. Not only from the minority perspective, but just being an alumni giving something back to K-State is a great opportunity for me," said Linda Roberts, 1981 K-State graduate.

NSBE Conference Focuses on Knowledge

Daryl E. Horton

K-State's premier Black engineers of tomorrow recently attended the Fall 1991 Regional V Gateway Conference on October 18-20. Ten representatives of the KSU National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), ranging from freshmen to graduate level, convened at the Stouffer Concourse Hotel in St. Louis for the regional conference. The conference theme, "Knowledge is Key," was indeed appropriate for the weekend's undertaking. The purpose of the regional conference was to disseminate information across

the board from the national and regional levels to the five individual chapters within the region.

The Region V Gateway Conference also served as a business meeting where the discussions centered around critical issues such as the national agenda, deadlines, finances, and other priority matters. In addition, the conference accommodated NSBE members as a forum for interaction, problem solving, brainstorming, and reviewing successes.

Motivational strategies, networking techniques, and diversity in the workplace were

just a few of the workshops available for conference participants. The Conference career fair was another opportunity for students to network with corporate sponsors in hopes of obtaining employment or internships.

Overall, the conference provided everything the students in the K-State chapter expected. Michael Wilson, senior in electrical engineering, said, "The purpose of the conference was basically to network and motivate undergraduate students in technical fields."

Health Pre-Professionals Attend National Conference

John Buchanan

The Minority Assembly of Students in Health (MASH) traveled to St. Louis to attend a day-long segment of the National Association of Medical Minority Educators Sixteenth Annual Conference on September 15. Focusing on the educational pipeline that students should pursue to become health professionals, the conference theme was "Pathways to Tomorrow: Minority Health Professions Education." The student activity day included the College Student Brunch and Program and the College Recruitment Session.

Mae Jemison, M.D., a Black female astronaut with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), delivered the keynote address at the College Student Brunch. Dr. Jemison inspired students as she spoke of personal experiences in her pursuit of a degree in medicine. Selected as an astronaut candidate in 1987, she completed her training program in August 1988, which qualified her for assignment as a mission specialist on

Space Shuttle flight crews. She is currently assigned on Spacelab-J, a cooperative mission between the U.S. and Japan scheduled for launch in 1992.

Following the keynote address, students had the opportunity to visit with 69 graduate school representatives from universities and colleges representing the Central, Northeast, Southern, and Western regions of the United States. The student recruitment session was followed by a reception for student conference participants.

The conference offered pre-professionals in the health field an opportunity to meet graduate school admission and financial aid representatives. It was designed to provide participants an opportunity to engage in thoughtful and stimulating interactions and discussions. Shanta Bailey, junior in life sciences, said, "The conference was very valuable; it helped us explore our post-baccalaureate options in the health career field."



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