

# The Regional Boulés



## GAMMA KAPPA HOSTS SOUTHEAST REGION BOULÉ



**Grand Sire Archon Cornell Leverette Moore administers the oath to newly elected SER officers: Immediate Past Sire Archon Paul Mohr, SER Sire Archon William Webb, Sire Archon-Elect Tom Larkin, Grammateus Clifton Johnson, Thesauristes Marvel Turner and Rhetoricos Lawrence Westley.**

**M**ore than 400 Archons, Archousai and guests from the Southeast Region (SER) participated in an educational and entertaining weekend October 25–28 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The event, A Cultural Cornucopia: Appreciating Our Contributions to History, Education and the Arts, owed its title to Gamma Kappa Boulé's Grammateus Daniel Murphy and Sire Archon James A. Beaty, Jr., hosts of the 14th SER Biennial Boulé. Various venues and splendidly decorated settings showcased the cultural highlights of the community known as the City of the Arts. Tours included visits to the Downtown Arts District, the historical village of Old Salem (with an emphasis on the African American influence), Winston-Salem State University's Diggs Gallery's Ethiopian art exhibition, the nationally acclaimed North Carolina School of the Arts and a bus excursion to the Childress Vineyards for a wine tasting. A luncheon for the Archousai featured comedian

Debra Singleton Terry and a fashion show of the latest accessories.

Friday's Youth Focus Breakfast honored several students in Gamma Kappa's career mentoring program. That evening, the Winston-Salem Youth Arts Initiative presented A Forum on the Plight of Young African American Males. Gamma Kappa Archons Nigel Alston and Harold Martin led the discussion; panelists included Ben Piggott, the supervisor at the Sims Recreation Center; Nathan Ross Freeman, director of the Winston-Salem Youth Arts Institute; Robert Stephens, president of the WSSU student body; Donald Martin, superintendent of Winston-Salem/ Forsyth County Schools; Ruth Hopkins, director of the Carter G. Woodson School of Challenge (a charter school); Donnie Holt, director of student services for Lexington, North Carolina, schools; Benny Murrill, director of the Forsyth County Youth Services Center (a juvenile detention center); and Winston-Salem police chief Pat Norris. Archon George Mims,



**Gamma Kappa Sire Archon Jim Beaty (center) and Social Action Chair Napoleon Richardson (second from left) with school principal Bertha Caldwell and other participants of the Gamma Kappa mentoring program**



**The Forum on the Plight of Young African American Males: Archon George Mims, school counselor Donnie Holt, detention-center director Ben Murrill and charter-school coordinator Ruth Hopkins**



**Forum participants: WSSU student body president Ron Stephens, chief of police Pat Norris, youth community leader Ben Piggott, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County schools superintendent Donald Martin, Winston-Salem youth-initiative director Nathan Ross Freeman**



a retired educator, Gamma Xi Boulé, Sarasota, Florida, also participated.

Contrary to the often-quoted myth that there are more black men in prison than in college, the U.S. Census data of 2000 indicated that there were approximately 200,000 more black men in college than behind bars. However, according to Dr. Harold Martin, former chancellor of WSSU, the situation remains dire. He said black men are twice as likely to be unemployed as their white counterparts and nearly seven times as likely to be entangled in the criminal-justice system. The solution, per Donnie Holt: strong family ties along with those of school, church and community, all working together to support our young people and overcome the hurdles.

Saturday's dinner highlighted the SER's mission to focus on education. Immediate Past Sire Archon Paul B. Mohr, Sr., of Phi Boulé, Montgomery/Tuskegee, Alabama, announced the three recipients of the SER Youth Development Awards: Gamma Upsilon of Asheville, North Carolina; Kappa of Atlanta; and Gamma Kappa, the host boulé. Each received a \$2,000 check for its education program.

Grand Sire Archon Cornell Leverette Moore administered the oath of office to the newly elected SER officers: Sire Archon William A. Webb, Sire Archon-Elect Tom L. Larkin, Grammateus Clifton Johnson, Thesauristes Marvel Turner, Grapter Reginald Rigsby, Rhetoricos Lawrence A. Westley, Agogos Andrew Dixson and Immediate Past Sire Archon Paul B. Mohr, Sr.

In conclusion, Grand Sire Archon congratulated the Archons and Archousai of Gamma Kappa Boulé for making the 14th Biennial SER Boulé a great success.

*Archon Eddie V. Easley  
Grapter, Gamma Kappa Boulé*

**Recipients of SER Social Action Program awards: Archon George Mance, Gamma Upsilon; Archon Napoleon Richardson, Gamma Kappa; SER Immediate Past Sire Archon Paul Mohr; Archon Norman Thomas, Kappa Boulé**



# SOCIAL ACTION STARS AT SOUTHEAST BIENNIAL



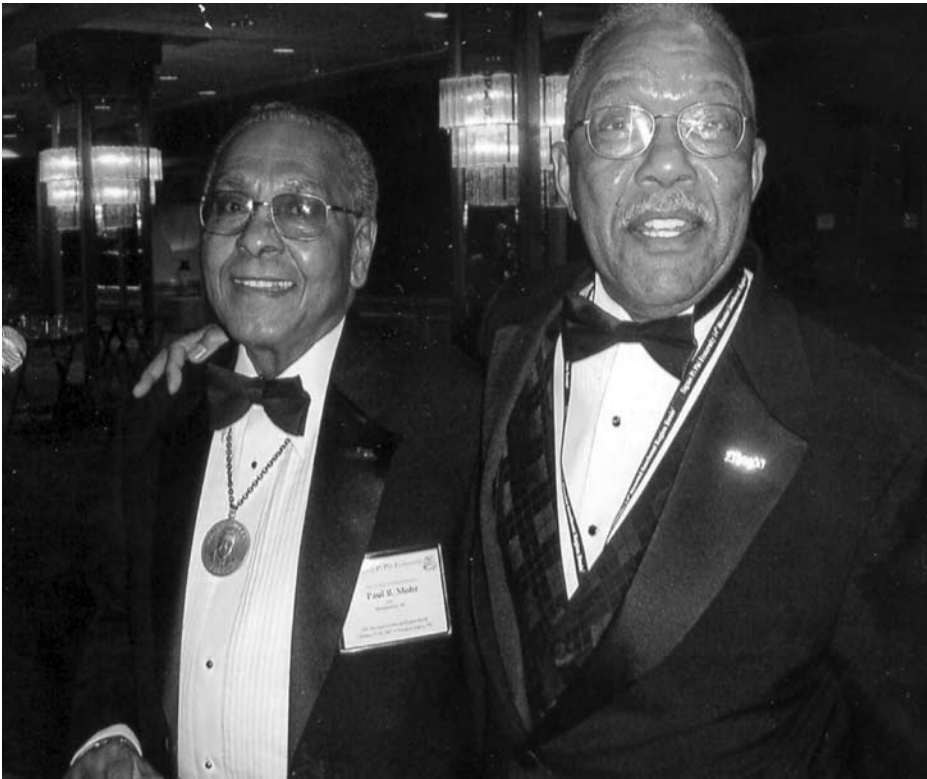
**Archousa Vanzetta McPherson and Archon Thomas McPherson of Phi Boulé, the principal developers of an evaluation process for the Southeast Region's social-action programs, are shown with Grand Sire Archon Cornell Leverette Moore and his Archousa, Wenda Moore.**

**S**ocial-action initiatives have always been a top priority of the Southeast Region, but the programs received additional attention during the region's fourteenth Biennial Boulé, which took place October 25–28 in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The executive committee awarded, for the first time, \$2,000 minigrants to three member boulés – Kappa Boulé of Atlanta; Gamma Kappa Boulé of Winston-Salem; and Gamma Upsilon Boulé of Asheville, North Carolina – for programs benefiting African American males.

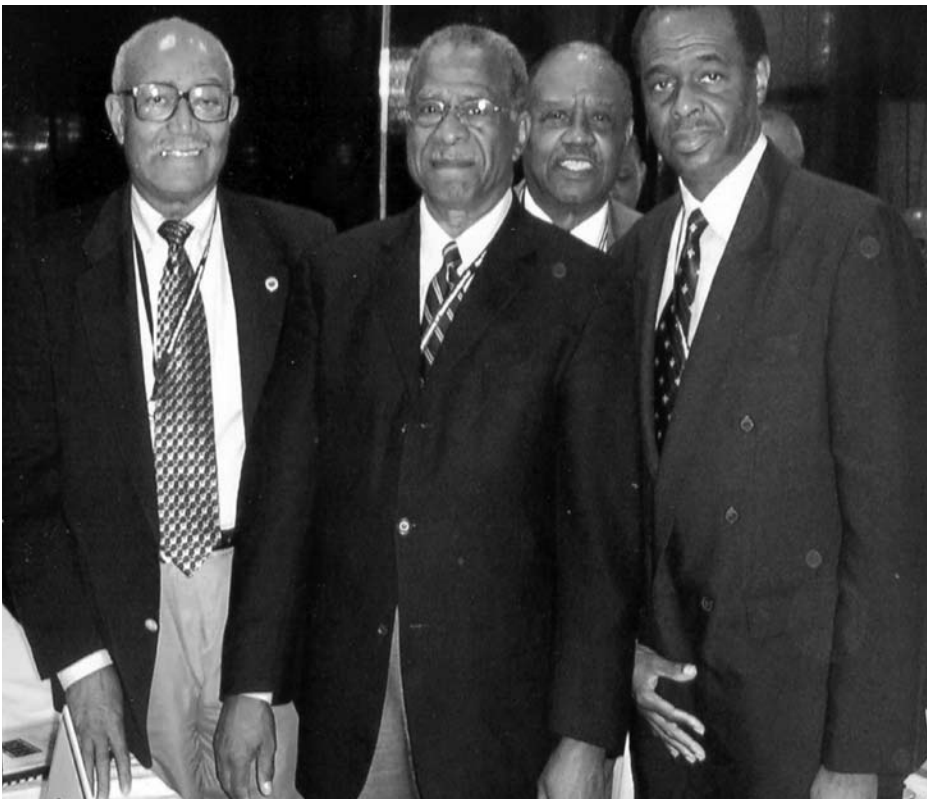
Archon George Mims of Sarasota, Florida's Gamma Xi Boulé, chairman of the Southeast Region's social-action committee, provided the following program descriptions:

## **Kappa Boulé**

Kappa Boulé has a long, distinguished history of organizing and developing comprehensive programs for African American students. During the past year, eighty to 110 students have participated in the Chess Club or the Succeed With CREED program; both Kappa initiatives are more than twenty years old. Students enjoy activities such as field trips and workshops and also receive mentoring and tutoring. The programs, which have had a positive impact on the students' grades and attendance, have inspired them to stay in school and attend college. The Atlanta Public Schools is a partner with Kappa Boulé in emphasizing school attendance, achievement and good citizenship.



**Southeast Region Sire Archon Paul B. Mohr, Sr., and past Southeast Region Social-action Committee Chairman George L. Mims are shown during the awards ceremony of the fourteenth Southeast Region Biennial Boulé.**



**These Gamma Xi delegates were on hand to support past committee chairman Archon George L. Mims: Archons Harvey Webb, Jr., and W. Donald Vance, Gapter Alphonse Carter and Sire Archon Andrew Dixon, who was chosen as the new Southeast Region Agogos.**

## **Gamma Kappa Boulé**

For the past year, as part of Gamma Kappa Boulé's mentoring program, its Archons have volunteered to help students at the Kennedy Middle School identify their career goals. The students visited the Archons at their workplaces and took field trips focusing on social, educational and recreational pursuits. Afterward participants were invited to write essays and present them to the Archons at their monthly meetings, where the students discussed their career objectives and received encouragement from role models. Counselors, teachers and the Gamma Kappa volunteers will monitor the students' progress throughout their high-school years.

## **Gamma Upsilon Boulé**

For more than five years Gamma Upsilon Boulé has conducted a promising initiative known as Smarter Choices to benefit more than sixty students from eighth grade through high school. Through a range of activities – including mentoring, career planning, counseling, tutoring, music and fine-arts exposure and educational tracking – the program has helped reduce the number of school suspensions and improved the students' study habits and grades. The program, which requires active participation by its members and monitors their academic performance until they graduate from high school, solicits feedback from parents and the community as well as from teachers, counselors, principals and superintendents.

## **Selection Process**

The Kappa, Gamma Kappa and Gamma Upsilon programs were among eighteen initiatives evaluated on the basis of program effectiveness, level of participation and impact on the community and creativity.

The following Archons assisted in evaluating the programs: Archon George L. Mims of Gamma Xi Boulé; Archon Henry L. Cook, Sr., of Gamma Psi Boulé, Columbus, Georgia; Archon Norman Thomas of Kappa Boulé; Archon Thomas McPherson of Phi Boulé, Montgomery/Tuskegee, Alabama; Archon Richard T. Middleton III of Beta Gamma Boulé, Jackson, Mississippi; and Archon Alfred Whitesides of Gamma Upsilon Boulé, Asheville, North Carolina.

*Archon Paul B. Mohr, Sr.  
Gapter, Phi Boulé,  
and Immediate Past  
Southeast Region Sire Archon*



# BIENNIAL BOULÉ JUDGED OUTSTANDING



**Archousa Bernadette Murphy, Archon Daniel Murphy, master of ceremonies of the reception and dinner dance, guest Juanita Craighead and Gamma Xi Archon Harvey Webb**

**T**he Southeast Region's fourteenth Biennial Boulé, which was hosted by the Archons and Archousai of Gamma Kappa Boulé in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, October 25 - 28, was an overwhelming success. The event, with the theme "A Cultural Cornucopia: Appreciating Our Contributions to Education, History and the Arts," highlighted both the African American connection to the historic Old Salem Moravian community and Winston-Salem's reputation as the City of the Arts, as Gamma Kappa Sire Archon James A. Beaty, Jr., pointed out. With more than four hundred Archons, Archousai and guests attending, the hosts provided a stimulating opportunity to mix business and pleasure in the company of old compatriots and new ones.

Archon Harvey Webb, Jr., of Sarasota, Florida's Gamma Xi Boulé, was so impressed by the smooth blend of conviviality and efficiency that he submitted a letter of congratulations for the "outstanding" meeting: "The hospitality and social activities transcended those of many Grand Boulé

functions because of the intimacy and small-group dynamics. Individuals were able to circulate and converse with many Archons and Archousai from old and new boulés, which might not have been possible with the larger crowd of a Grand Boulé." Of the business meetings, he said, "The agenda was full, but regional officers and committees were well prepared to dispatch issues, answer questions and resolve problems in a competent and efficacious manner. Support from the increasingly efficient national office of the Grand Grammateus made the meetings informative and kept the deliberating delegates current on national issues, policies and direction."

All in all, the range of events admirably demonstrated the Southeast Region's unsurpassed ability to fulfill the Sigma Pi Phi tenet espoused by Past Grand Sire Archon Henry Minton: congeniality, culture and good fellowship.

*Archon Paul B. Mohr, Sr.  
Grapter, Phi Boulé,  
and Immediate Past  
Southeast Region Sire Archon*



# DELTA MU HOSTS WESTERN REGIONAL BOULÉ



**Western Regional Boulé cochair Maurice Barksdale, Grand Sire Archon-Elect Ed Harris, Past Grand Sire Archon Charles Teamer, Grand Sire Archon Cornell Moore and Delta Mu Sire Archon James Austin**



**Western Region officers are sworn in by Grand Sire Archon Cornell Moore and Western Region Sire Archon Clarence McGowan.**



**Students receive scholarships from Western Region Boulé cochairs Archons Don Washington and Maurice Barksdale (center).**



**Delta Mu Sire Archon James Austin and cochair Archons Maurice Barksdale and Don Washington present an award to Archon Harry Ratliff and his company, Merrill Lynch, for sponsoring the Western Region scholarship luncheon.**

**D**elta Mu Boulé, Fort Worth–Arlington, Texas, hosted the fourteenth Biennial Western Regional Boulé on October 18–21, 2007, at the historic Hilton Hotel. There were more than 200 Archons and Archousai in attendance.

Along with the regular meetings, the participant activities included a golf tournament, a scholarship luncheon, a hospitality suite, a gala at the Bass Performance Hall and a memorial service. In addition, the Delta Mu Archousai hosted a unique

luncheon and fun walk through beautiful downtown Fort Worth.

Each of the thirteen boulés in the Western Region were represented and greeted by Grand Sire Archon Cornell Moore, Regional Sire Archon Clarence McGowan, Delta Mu Sire Archon James Austin and the planning committee, led by Archons Maurice Barksdale and Don Washington.

*Archon Calvin Reynolds  
Grapter, Delta Mu Boulé*

