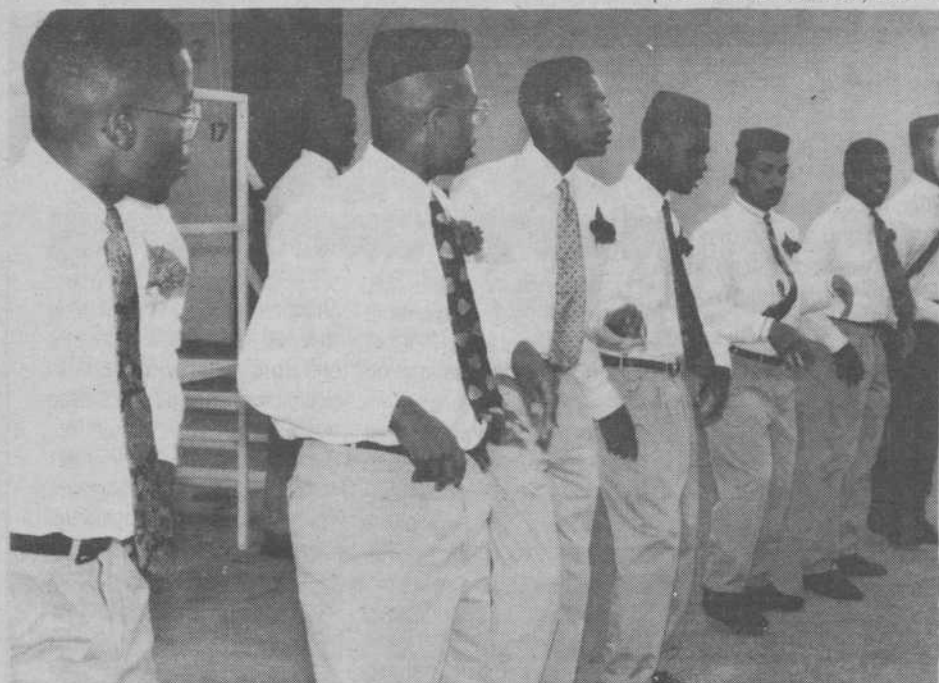


KAPPA LEAGUE OF LAS VEGAS RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION AS THEY GET READY FOR "ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP BOTILLION BANQUET" AT UNLV

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Members of the Kappa League Step Team go through their routine prior to performing.



Jr. Kappa Leaguers remain masked until ceremony for acceptance is completed.

By Muhammad Abdullah

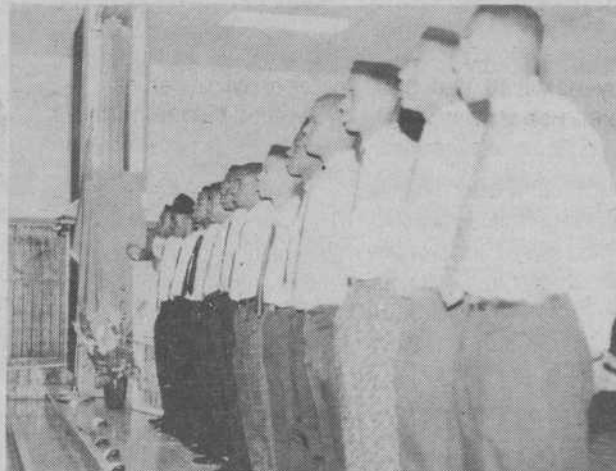
In a recent interview with Lawrence Weekly, Community Affairs Director of KCEP radio, the SENTINEL-VOICE was informed about some of the successes of the "Kappa League" of Las Vegas, a branch of the National Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. The Kappa League, which has been in existence according to Weekly, since 1960, was formed with a vision of cultivating the "academic talent" in African-American male youth in grades 9-12. One of the main aims of the Kappa League in the "cultivation of academic talent" of African-American youth, is to foster "leadership" in them to integrate in a high tech society. Through the efforts of Lawrence Weekly, Advisor to the Kappa League of Las Vegas, along with Steven Horseman, its local President, the local branch has proven itself to be one of the foremost "active" and one of the "most competitive" branches in the Western Region.

Weekly had these comments for the SENTINEL-VOICE as he reminded our readers of this year's "scholarship Botillion Banquet" which will take place on Friday, May 17, 1991 on the UNLV campus in the Moyer Student Union ballroom at 7:00 p.m. This banquet is one of numerous banquets that will be held concurrently at different times throughout the country. Tickets are \$12.00 which are tax-deductible. Proceeds will go towards the "Scholarship Fund" to benefit graduating High School Seniors. High School students, parents, community organizations and civic and social leaders will be "honored" for their "academic" achievements, general, moral and financial support in assuring that African-American male students are given an opportunity to excel and advance in a highly competitive society.

"We are a "community service" organization. We take our students to "forums" "enrichment programs", "banquets", anything that is "positive" and that will "instill" something positive in our young men."

We keep them involved as far as sporting events. One of our "overall goals" is their "academics." That is one of our "main concerns". We stress "academicS" strongly in the organization. The majority of the guys in our organization are all "honor roll" students, He emphasized.

Our local chapter of the Kappa League was started in February of 1990. We started a Junior League based on a local idea. The Kappa League is a national organization. I think that we are the "only Kappa League in the nation" that has a Junior Kappa League. It started out as a "tutorial program" and blossomed into something that we had not expected.



Newly accepted Kappa Leaguers present themselves to their big brothers, family, friends and peers.



Keeping it in the family, Jr. Kappa League cousins, Kunta Patterson (left) and Jason Patterson display their musical talents at a recent Kappa nite.

"I'm proud to say that we are the only chapter that has a Junior Kappa League Consisting of Sixth through Eighth grade students," he said.

When asked about some recent "achievements" of the Kappa League, Weekly talked about a national prestigious award entitled the "Western Provincial Award" which was recently bestowed on their local chapter and explained how they qualified to be the recipients.

We were awarded the "Western Provincial Award" for having the "Best Chapter of The Year" in the Western Province. We also received the "Advisor's Award" as one of the Advisor's Of The Year. One of the members who is the president of our local chapter received the "Students Of The Year Award." So, we received three prestigious awards of the national Kappa League and the fraternity. We were fortunate to receive such an honor. As far as what must be done in order to achieve these awards, it is based on how "active" your organization is in the community. Also the "activities and programs" that are as far as benefiting the students in you area."

I would like to remind your readers that our organization will be sponsoring our "Annual Scholarship Botillion Banquet" on Friday, May 17, 1991 on the UNLV campus, in the Moyer Student Union at 7 p.m. The National League does this each year where they present a "botillion" to their high school boys, where they present scholarships to their seniors and they give awards out to the students, their parents who have been very supportive, and a lot of community people and individuals that have helped us to achieve our goals throughout the year. We will be issuing "Academic Awards", "Initiative Awards", "Outstanding Achievement Awards" and "Community Achievement Awards" as well as awards for parental support.

The SENTINEL-VOICE would like to congratulate the Kappa League members for taking "First Place" in the UNLV Step Show" this past Saturday. They competed against several high schools throughout Clark County performing varied "step routines" and were victorious. Keep up the good work. We hope to see you all grow and prosper and eventually "give back" of your talents, education and expertise to the Junior Kappa League and the upcoming youth who will follow in your footsteps as well as the general Las Vegas community. There is more going on in West Las Vegas than the old "stereotype" of drugs, crime and gangs. The Kappa League and the Junior Kappa League are here to stay and we support their efforts 100%. Keep on "Stepping-Up" to higher goals and greater achievements!