

# FOR THE LADIES

## FIRST BLACK COLLEGE ATTENDEES LUNCHEON

By Bonita Armstrong

Assemblyman Wendell P. Williams and friends recently held the First Black College Attendees Luncheon at Frank Hawkins Lounge. The luncheon was deemed a tremendous success and raised much needed funds for college students. I commend Assemblyman Williams and his colleagues for their support of black college students in Las Vegas. The affair was more than a social gathering, it was a powerful message.

It told Las Vegas that the black community loves and supports black scholars and

## \$30,000 IN DONATIONS, ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHT AKA LEADERS CONFERENCE

Atlanta, Ga. They came here to hone their leadership skills as a means of increasing their ability to deliver services in their communities. But during their July 23-24 conference, 2000 Alpha Kappa Alpha members did more than theorize and participate in simulations.

They used the dollar and the pen to show they had completed Advance Leadership with honors: a \$25,000 donation for Somalia, \$5,000 for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, a call for Jocelyn Elders to be confirmed as Surgeon General, and a laudatory telegram to Senator Carol Mosely Braun.

Additionally, the group recognized it's Peace and Justice Awards winners, saluted one of it's own for being named by President Clinton to head the African Development Bank, presented it's high school travel grant winners, and unveiled the two latest volumes in it's Heritage Series.

Presenting a \$25,000 check to Africare's C. Payne Lucas for use in Somalia, AKA international president Dr. Mary Shy

wants to see their dreams come true. It told the political machine that our brothers and sisters who are part of the political system that they are concerned about the welfare and well-being of their constituents.

It tells us, as citizens and members of this community, that if we are to see our children grow into well-rounded human beings and a valuable member of the community, we must push our sleeves up, get to work and not be afraid to get dirt under our fingernails.

Black colleges and universities are a valuable part of our culture as black people. Let us

Scott of Atlanta said she was confident that the funds would have as great an impact and touch as many lives as the \$17,000 which AKA donated in September and Africare used to provide medical supplies for Baidoa Hospital in southern Somalia, making treatment available for 7,000 patients.

Dr. Scott also gave Southern Christian Leadership Conference president Dr. Joseph Lowery \$5,000 for it's women's division.

Moving from money to politics, AKA, praising Dr. Elders as one whose credentials, experience and sensitivity made her ideal for the job of Surgeon General, sent wires strongly urging the Senate Leadership to move expeditiously to confirm her.

In another political move, Dr. Scott singled out the actions of Senator Carol Mosely Braun (D., Ill.) who "... on July 22 spoke for a segment of society that for too long has been voiceless in the United States Senate. Her action," she said, "thwarted Senate endorsement of the Daugh-



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support Assemblyman Williams and others in their effort to keep the educational foundation of black American alive and well.

ters of the American Confederacy logo which prominently features a Confederate flag."

Introducing the recipients of AKA's annual Peace and Justice Awards, Dr. Scott credited PBS's Dr. Jennifer Lawson for "making a difference in the kinds of programs which are available to us." Accepting the media award, Dr. Lawson told the audience that one of television's greatest potentials was teaching all people about the diversity of cultures in this nation, and PBS's programming was designed to do that.

Africare was the recipient of the award in international relations, but it was AKA which received the praise. C. Payne Lucas, president of Africare, said "No organization has given the kind of sustained support to Africa which AKA regularly gives through it's contributions and adoption of African villages."

Special recognitions were also part of the two-day event. Alice Dear, President Clinton's designate for director of the African Development Bank on the Ivory Coast and the 30 high

## AVON BEAUTY BEAT

### Quick Tips For Women Of Color

(NAPS)—Summer means it's time to shed complicated beauty routines in favor of the quick and easy. Miriam Muléy, Avon's director of African-American beauty marketing, offers these hints to help you put your most beautiful face forward in the months ahead.

**Q: Help! How do I get my foundation to look more natural?**

**A:** On top of your moisturizer, dot foundation on your forehead, cheeks, nose and chin. Blend well with a cosmetic sponge. Pay special attention to your jawline to avoid obvious lines. Finish off with a light dusting of translucent powder over your entire face.

**Q: What blush colors are best for black skin?**

**A:** In general, use warm blush colors to counteract your skin's tendency to look ashy or gray. If your skin is light, choose neutral subtle tones over bright ones. Clear soft coral, soft brick, terra cotta or even a very pale red will warm your complexion. If your skin is medium or dark, look for deep corals, soft browns, dark dusty pinks, or medium shades of burgundy or berry. Colors should be vibrant since the darkness of your skin will tone down most blush colors.

**Q: My color cosmetics tend to look chalky. What can I do?**

**A:** The chalky look is caused by "binders," chemical agents used



Miriam Muléy, Avon's director of African-American beauty marketing, answers some common beauty questions.

for blending multiple ingredients in cosmetic formulations. In most cosmetics, the binders are white, which can look chalky on dark skin. But *Tones of Beauty*, Avon's new line of 31 blush and eyeshadow shades for darker-skinned women, is specially formulated with clear binders so the true color can shine through. The result is beautiful, vibrant color—without a chalky or ashy look.

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Atlanta, Ga. C. Payne Lucas, president of Africare, beams after accepting a \$25,000 check for the Somali relief effort from AKA international president, Dr. Mary Shy Scott, during AKA's biennial leaders conference. Showing their pride (L-R) are AKA members Dr. Eva L. Evans, first vice-president, Lansing, Mi.; Dr. Scott, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Alison H. Alexander, executive director, Chicago, Ill.; Development Bank on the Ivory Coast.

school travel grant winners were presented.

Further stimulation came

through the unveiling of *Black Women in the Judiciary* and *Black Women in Medicine*, and a series of more than 20 structured workshops completed in sharpening.

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