

King County News

Black Students Honored For Academic Excellence At University of Washington

Over 100 students, parents faculty and staff attended the ninth annual Convocation Program hosted by the University of Washington Ethnic Studies Department on May 23, at the University of Washington.

The programs purpose is honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in education and also to award students who have contributed in some ways to the community at-large.

The theme of the program was "Securing Our Future The Task is Yours." Dr. Artee Young, who is well known in this area for her community service and is an active faculty member on Campus, was the Keynote speaker. 40 students were awarded for maintaining a grade point average of 3.0 or better for the 1982-83 school year.

53 graduates were also honored and 8 awards were given in the area of community service and academic excellence. The Dr. Samuel E. Kelly outstanding community service award went to Desley Brooks, who is a graduating senior in planning and will be attending the University of Puget Sound Law School.

A \$25.00 award for outstanding academic achievement for the highest cumulative GPA in their classes went to; Katriru Moultry Freshmen, Yvonne Morgan Sophomore, Dianne Bell Junior and Sharon Cronin Senior, who has received the award for every year at the University.

The Outstanding Alumni Award went to Hayward Evans, President of the General Coordinating Council, who was the master of ceremonies for the Program.

RENO NIGHT SATURDAY, June 18, 1983
AT
RANDOLPH CARTER CENTER
IN SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

The RENO NIGHT which we have talked about for several months will be held Saturday evening June 18, 1983 at 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. in the Randolph Carter Center located at 23rd and Yesler (100 - 23rd Avenue South) Seattle, Washington.

The games played will be mostly Twenty-One (Similar to Black Jack). There will be no Admission Charge, but participants will be asked to make a Tax Exempt Contribution of \$8.00 to the Northwest Conference of Black Public Officials. The contribution will be a matter of choice and will have no affect on entry into the affair.

Proceeds from the affair will be used to pay expenses of an Educational Seminar on Strategy for 1984 to be held October

14, 15, and 16, 1983 probably at the Sea.-Tac. Red Lion Inn.

The Games will start promptly at 6:00 p.m. so that those who have other obligations can get in a couple of hours of playing and then move on to other plans.

NATIONAL LABOR LEADER NORMAN HILL TO KEYNOTE A PHILLIP RANDOLPH INSTITUTE BANQUET AND DANCE

On Saturday June 4th the A. Phillip Randolph Institute will hold their fifth annual Banquet and Dance at the Executive Inn 200 Taylor Avenue North.

The Institute was created as an umbrella organization for Blacks within the labor movement and it has been one of the leading civil rights organizations of the last few decades.

The Keynote speaker for the Banquet will be the National President of the Institute, Norman Hill who has quietly emerged as the most powerful voice in the nation for Blacks within the labor movement.

As a highlight to the event **Seven Beautiful Young Ladies** will compete for the title of **Ms. A. Phillip Randolph Queen**. All of them have been involved with organizing Blacks within the union as well as numerous community projects.

The Cost of the Banquet and Dance is \$20.00 per person, cocktails will be served at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7:30.

The Institute strongly urge the Black community at large to come out meet Norman Hill, enjoy the Banquet and Dance and finally to root for the lady that you think should wear the crown of Ms. A. Phillip Randolph.....See You Their. For ticket information call **Charles Witner** at 325-1026.

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WHY DID RAY O'NEAL DIE?

I watched the student rallies, marched with them for a while, listened to the speeches, heard the pain in their voices and saw the tears in their eyes; they wanted to know why Ray O'Neal had to die?

Ray was a drama student in his second year at the University of Washington who from all accounts has a promising career in front of him. That career came to an abrupt end on the morning of May 21st when he was shot 2 times by a 27 year old manager of an apartment building that Ray had visited only once before.

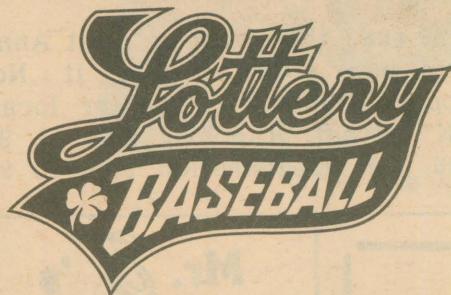
This time he had come to watch, with three other Blacks students a basketball game between San Antonio and Los Angeles. The game ended around 1 a.m. in the morning and a little over an hour later the manager decided that the students were making too much noise and went upstairs to confront them with a gun.

Details are still unclear about exactly what happened, but other residents reported that they heard the manager beat on the door loudly, an argument ensued in the hallway and shortly afterwards the shooting began and two of those shots struck Ray O'Neal.

When the other students, who lived in the apartment, are questioned the details will finally become clear; but it still won't change the fact that a white male, who claimed to be an ex-policeman with military background, used deadly force to deal with a noise complaint.

If he thought that the students were that dangerous the police should have been called, and if he is an ex-policeman one must assume that he took the gun with all intentions of using it on un-armed students.

This situation highlights the plight of Black students on the University of Washington campus, and the shooting came on the heels of prior demonstrations against consolidating all the ethnic studies programs. The issues goes beyond whether you are a student or not they affect all of us and all of us in the black community should turn our eyes toward the University of Washington and help them answer why Ray O'Neal died, and the white male who did it is walking around free.....THIS IS CHARLIE JAMES WITH THE BOTTOM LINE.....More to come next week.



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