

Letter to The Editor

Dear Editor:

On behalf of the City of Seattle, I want to congratulate you and all the staff of The Medium on the third anniversary of your newspaper. The growth and success of your publication is a direct result of the service which it performs to the Central Area community, providing a full and honest account of the news, sports, religious events, and arts and entertainment that are of interest to the people of our city.

I noted that the anniversary editorial of your paper expressed the view that during your three years of publishing, things have not noticeably improved for black Seattle residents. I believe, however, that despite a lack of progressive leadership from the federal government, which you cited, things are beginning to improve for minority persons in our city. I also believe that a large portion of the credit for these gains must go to the community awareness efforts of the Medium.

I want to thank you for your service to Seattle, and I look forward to many more years of fine reporting.

Sincerely,
Wes Uhlman

Unsung heroes honored

read by Harold Moss, Tacoma City Councilman and Kora Vann, Medium's Editor.

Also receiving awards for their years of unselfish service to the community were:

Lucille Brooks, John Raye, Julius Young, Sam McKinney, Dorothy Hollingsworth, Gertrude Dupree, Robert L. Scott, Claudia B. Ward, Isaiah Edwards, Nate Long, Roscoe Bass, Carver Gayton, C. J. Adams, Robert Gary, Frank Little, Vivian M. Covington, John C. Little, Mary E. Wright, Veltry Johnson, Joe White, Eddie Rye, Rosalind Woodhouse, Freddie Mae Gautier, Martha W. Smith, Frank Fields and Louise McKinney.

In beginning the presentation ceremonies, Chris Bennet, Publisher of the Medium told the 1972 unsung heroes not to be disappointed if they didn't win one of the top awards.

"The fact that someone recognized your contributions to the community is an honor in itself because blacks are seldom recognized for any achievements we make in this country."

The judges who selected the three recipients were:

Wade Hill; Barbara Lanners, UW law student; attorney Lem Howell; Lacy Steele; Eva Banks and Yvonne Carr, Meany school teacher.

The Medium staff has expressed gratitude to all of the persons and agencies who helped make the merit awards a success and particularly to the Catholic Interracial Council and Mr. Roger Yockey for the awards.

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