

RELIGION BRIEFS

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Episcopal Church has announced to the women of the church that the Executive Board of the Episcopal Church Women, Diocese of Atlanta, is looking for nominations for several ministries in their diocese. One person will be elected to a three-year term on the Mikell Camp and Conference Board of Governors. Also, a United Thank Offering coordinator and four members-at-large will be elected to the Executive Board of the Diocesan ECW. For information, call 365-1024.

SENIOR PASTOR NAMED:

Christ Church, which meets in the DeKalb Christian Academy building, recently called its first senior pastor: David Seifried and his family moved here from Manhasset, N.Y. The Rev. Seifried, his wife, Jill, and four children are living in Tucker. The Rev. Seifried and his wife formerly worked as missionaries in Spain for seven years.

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CATHEDRAL QUARTET ON TAP:

The Cathedral Quartet will be appearing at the Redan First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. Oct. 6. The quartet has received four Grammy awards and 10 Dove Awards, including "Southern Gospel Album of the Year" in 1989. The group will perform as part of a monthlong celebration of the church's 120th anniversary. For free ticket requests and information, call 482-8551.

FEMALE NOMINEES SOUGHT:

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Classes Will Begin August 26 At DeKalb Christian Academy

DeKalb Christian Academy will start classes Aug. 26 for the 1991-92 school year, the institution's 33rd year of operation on its 25-acre campus on LaVista Road in the Toco Hills area of central DeKalb County.

Howard R. Brandon, Jr., newly-elected headmaster, said that classes will begin on August 26 both at the main campus and at the DCA-Lilburn extension center. A full K-12 program will continue to be operated here in DeKalb County. The Gwinnett County satellite campus at Lilburn Alliance Church will be expanded to offer both kindergarten and first grade. Last year, when the branch was opened, only kindergarten was available.

Teachers for both campuses will report for duty and pre-planning on August 19. Registration is now in progress for the two locations. "Early enrollment is most encouraging," Brandon said. Applications are still being accepted.

"Both the LaVista main campus and the fledgling Lilburn center are fully accredited," the DCA headmaster stressed. Plans call for the Lilburn campus to add a grade a year. Meantime the main campus will further enlarge and upgrade the K-12 preparatory pro-

gram developed over the years.

Last weekend the DeKalb Christian Academy Parent-Teacher Fellowship, headed by Co-Presidents Michael and Melonie Behan, sponsored an open house and picnic on the LaVista campus for new and prospective parents. Parents visited classrooms and met the teachers. There were also tours of the elementary and secondary facilities, including the 11,000-volume library, gymnasium, and soccer and baseball fields.

Assisting in the orientation and entertainment were the other PTF officers: David and Carol Lucas, Co-Vice Presidents; Mrs. Bonnie Fewell, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Jane Cook, Recording Secretary; and Richard Fewell, Treasurer.

Sweigert Named Outstanding Teacher Of American History

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Carol C. Sweigert, Chairman of the Social Studies Department of DeKalb Christian Academy, has been named Outstanding Teacher of American History for 1990 by the Atlanta Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Presentation of this annual award was made by Dr. Linda Harvey, Chapter Regent, at a recent luncheon hosted by the DAR at their Atlanta headquarters.

A veteran instructor of 29 years, Mrs. Sweigert has been on the faculty of DeKalb Christian Academy for the past 22 years. She earned her B.A. degree in social studies from Bryan College and resides in Atlanta with her husband, Dr. Ray Sweigert.



Carol Sweigert

She was cited by the DAR for "being committed to her students, making history live, requiring excellence, maintaining good rapport, and promoting patriotic endeavors." For several years she has sponsored students in the DAR American History Essay Contest and has produced winners in 1987 and 1989.

Robert J. Smith, DCA Director of Development, was also present for the award presentation, along with Mrs. Sweigert's husband. "Her students, headmaster and peer teachers are full of praise for Carol's dedication to her students, and emphasis on patriotism and appreciation of the American way of life," Mr. Smith said. 3/28/90

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DeKalb Christian Academy Is Accredited By SACS

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DeKalb Christian Academy has been accepted as a fully accredited secondary school in the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS). Announcement was made to James W. Vaught Jr., headmaster, and Ronald D. Kyzer, board chairman, during a recent ceremony in Atlanta.

This regional achievement culminated a 2½ year process which saw the academy earn accreditation status with SACS, the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI), and the Georgia Accrediting Commission (GAC). Headmaster Vaught stated, "To my knowledge DeKalb Christian Academy is the first school in the state to be accredited by all three agencies."

DeKalb Christian Academy was recommended for accreditation to SACS and ACSI in April by a team of educators co-chaired by Elliot Galloway, founder of the Galloway School, representing SACS, and Ollie Gibbs, Director of Academic Affairs ACSI. The visiting team was part of a pilot project in the state of Georgia to conduct a combined study with the two accrediting agencies. This joint process began when both agencies invited

DeKalb Christian Academy to become a part of the project. Other states that have had similar joint studies include Tennessee, Alabama and Florida.

The accreditation study included rewriting curriculum, reviewing textbooks, evaluating facilities, and looking at the overall planning of the school. This study ranged from faculty certification to the effectiveness of the facilities. A self-evaluation, using strict accreditation guidelines, was then prepared by the school to see if its programs relate to the overall philosophy. This resulted in a 330-page self-study which was reviewed by the visiting committee evaluating the school during a three day visit, reviewing the facilities, library, textbooks, teaching materials, and observing classroom instruction.

In recommending DeKalb Christian Academy for approval, the joint visiting committee commended the school in several areas, including: the feeling of community between faculty and students, the Christian commitment of students and staff, the clear integration of the school's philosophy in all areas, the main-

tenance of a low teacher-pupil ratio, and the support of the school parents.

DCA board chairman Ron Kyzer, administrative partner with Ronald Blue & Co., and a resident of Stone Mountain, said: "Being accredited by the three agencies is one of the great milestones in the 30-year history of DeKalb Christian Academy."



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Miss Evans Wins Essay Award

Kelley Elaine Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Stephen Evans of Atlanta and eighth grader at the DeKalb Christian Academy, was honored by the Atlanta Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. Under the direction of Ms. Carol Sweigert, Miss Evans composed an essay entitled "My Favorite Patriot of the America Revolution (1775-1783): Nathan Hale," which was chosen to represent the chapter in the state level American History Month Essay contest sponsored by the national society Daughters of the American Revolution. An American History Medal and Certificate were presented at the meeting and luncheon honoring our essayist. Pictured, left to right, are Mr. and Mrs. C. Stephen Evans, Ms. Carol Sweigert, Kelley Elaine Evans, and Mrs. Jonathan Ray, chairman American History Month.

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Christian Academy*

Christian Academy Marks 25th Year

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DeKalb Christian Academy, DeKalb County's oldest Christian school, celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

DCA began offering classes during the 1959-60 school year while meeting in the old Shepherd home at 1985 LaVista Road.

Today, enrollment totals over 500 students who enjoy facilities covering 24 acres on the old Shepherd place, with new additions on the drawing board.

Having begun as "Trinity Schools of the South," whose parent organization was the Atlanta Bible Institute, the name was changed in 1966 to DeKalb Christian Academy.

In the early days, classes were held in every room of the old house, today called "The Mansion," from basement to garret, from garage to chicken coop.

Even now, the remains of a respectable chemistry and biology lab can be found on the second floor of the old garage, now used as a maintenance workshop.

The chicken coop has also become a maintenance facility.

By 1966-67, there were 14 faculty, four support staff and 88 students seeking academic excellence and God's wisdom in that one old mansion.

Expansion was imperative.

The following summer saw the construction of the present library building. Ground breaking took place on April 29, 1967. Brince Manning, then chairman of the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners, and Dr. John Blanchard, then executive director of the National Association of Christian Schools, of which DeKalb Christian is an outstanding member, participated.

"The new building was an experiment in 'modern education,'" said Mrs. Marcella Childers, DCA's senior faculty member.

"There were two large rooms on either side of a restroom-lounge-conference-room core, the 'walls' of which were bookcase, chalk and bulletin board combinations on casters.

"The floor plan," continued Mrs. Childers, "looked something like a Damascus flea market. The noise wasn't quite as intense, but the teachers, although patient, were bananas after a year of trying to keep kids turned to their own side of the chalkboard."

During the 1968-69 school year, First Alliance Church on North Druid Hills Road adopted the school, and in 1975 the present headmaster, Marshall Gillam, Ed. D., became head of administration.



DeKalb Christian Looked Like This

The original home of DeKalb Christian Academy when founded in 1959 was "The Mansion," located at 1985 LaVista Road.

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Private School Will Open On LaVista Road

Minister Heads New Institution

By FRED D. MOON

Trinity Schools of the South, the first institution opened in DeKalb county in modern times to provide private, Christian education, will begin operation of its elementary division on Wednesday, Sept. 2.

The schools, headquartered at 1985 LaVista road, N.E., will launch its session with capacity enrollment in kindergarten through the eighth grade, says Dr. Charles Seidenspinner, president.

The enrollment of 60 to 70 students in various age groups will include a number of children previously qualified to enter Ponce de Leon academy. The academy, a venture planned by the Southeastern Educational Foundation, Inc., will not be opened.

Non-Profit Group

Trinity Schools of the South, explains Dr. Seidenspinner, is a non-profit organization founded by a group of Atlanta area men interested in the welfare and training of young life. The group joined

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