

Kappa of The Month



Eugene Skinner

A product of the Omaha Public Schools, he attended Howard Kennedy School for most of his elementary education. He was a graduate of Omaha Technical High School where he competed in track and basketball. He was the state champ in the quarter mile and hundred yard dash.

He matriculated at the State University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa, where he enjoyed continued success in track.

After graduation with a Bachelor's Degree in the Romance languages, he was employed on his first job in the Rockingham County, North Carolina, schools. He taught French, Spanish and English for two years and coached the boy's basketball team.

He joined the staff of the Omaha Public Schools in September, 1948, as a physical education teacher at Long Elementary School. Shortly after obtaining his Master's Degree at Iowa University, he was appointed principal of Long, becoming the first Negro principal in the State of Nebraska.

He has done graduate work both at Ann Arbor, University of Michigan, and University of California at Berkeley.

He served as principal at Lothrop Elementary School from 1959 to 1963 (the largest elementary school in Omaha). He was assigned to Horace Mann Junior High School in 1963 where he served until he was appointed director of Community Relations in August of 1968.

During his teaching career in Omaha, he has been active in such professional organizations as Phi Delta Kappa, honorary educational fraternity, and served as secretary and treasurer. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the Omaha Education Association for two terms, and served as President of the Omaha School Administrators' Association.

He has grown, through the years, to know the problems and aspirations of the inner city residents since he had lived there most of his life. He has been active on such boards as the Near North Side YMCA, Omaha Branch of the NAACP, Urban League of Nebraska, Community Relations Council of the Omaha Women's Job Corps, Regents' Commission on the Urban University, and was a delegate to the 1970 "White House Conference on Children". He taught with the Teacher Corps at its inception on the Omaha University campus.

On September 1, 1969, he was appointed Assistant Superintendent of Human Relations of the Omaha Public Schools, and served as a part time instructor at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Mr. Skinner has taught Human Growth and Development courses at UNO. He also taught Adolescent Psychology at Dana College in Blair, Nebraska.

He is currently serving on the following boards: Omaha Opportunities Industrialization Center, Chairman of the Board and Regional Vice-Chairman; Douglas County Red Cross, Board of Directors; Rotary Club of West Omaha, Secretary; American Cancer Society.

Mr. Skinner is a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity; Phi Delta Kappa Honorary Education Fraternity; State and National Honorary Membership Parent-Teacher Association; Omaha School Administrators' Association, past Treasurer, Secretary, and President of same.

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