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**WSSU Prof Makes Capt.**

Ms. Adeline Gracey, assistant professor of Nursing at Winston-Salem State University, was recently commissioned Captain in the Reserve

Ms. Gracey a Fairfield, Ala., native, received her B.S. degree in nursing from A&T State University in Greensboro. She received her M.P.H. from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Ms. Gracey has taught in Forsyth Technical Institute's School of Nursing Program. She has also taught at Lincoln School of Nursing. Ms. Gracey did general duty nursing at Vanderbilt University Hospital in Nashville, Tenn. She was an Inservice Education instructor at Reynolds Memorial Hospital.

Presently, Ms. Gracey is Senior Coordinator in the School of Nursing at WSSU.



Rodney Sumler insist that Blacks in the city have the wrong impression of the Dungeon club.

**Chronicle Profile**

**From The Depths Of The 'DUNGEON'**

Is the saying, "You can't judge a book by its cover," true? The members of the Dungeon Social Club think it is. Many people have pre-judged the Dungeon Club because of its location and outside appearance. "They don't take the time to come in and experience the club," said its president, Rodney Sumler. "Many people do just like they do when they see people; they say what he is before taking the time to find out."

The club is located at 1415 Liberty Street. There is a pool room next door. The area is considered by many to be a hang-out for non-workers, hustlers and drug users. Sumler said many people think drug users are regulars at the club. "But they are not," he said emphatically. "Even the name 'night club' is a misnomer.

"We are a black culture center," Sumler said in a recent interview. "The total experience of our existence is centered around many talents put to use. Our members did all of the black art, the interior decorating, the lighting scheme, the plumbing, electrical work and the carpentry. More than half of the entertainment is provided by our members."

While many private clubs have moved from the inner-city into the outer areas, the Dungeon has vowed to remain within. "The problems of black people are not in the suburbs," said Sumler. "We intend to stay where the problems are and take the necessary actions to solve them. Somebody has to stay and deal with them."

The problems that the club attempts to deal with are primarily social, but include political, civic and recreational problems as well.

Sumler feels that blacks in Winston-Salem are immature socially. "Fourteen years ago blacks in Winston-Salem and throughout the south could not go to nice night clubs and restaurants, which meant we partied in basements and honky-tonks.

"Our social practices today are still second-class oriented. We don't go out to public places. All of that is part of our social immaturity."

Sumler said that many blacks think that white involvement in a night club makes it better. "But whites also look down on night clubs," he said. "Nice whites won't go near those white night clubs. But, so-called sophisticated blacks will go because they think that white makes it respectable...but that's not true."

The Dungeon is an incorporated, state chartered non-profit social membership club. But, Sumler feels that the club does not enjoy the same rights and privileges as its white counterparts:

"We should have the same social and legal rights given to white elite social clubs where membership is based on status and wealth. Just because we are poor materially doesn't mean we shouldn't have those rights."

The name Dungeon generates the worst of criticism from some people, Sumler said. "The term Dungeon to this organization is symbolic of the still present social enslavement of blacks. This social enslavement is experienced by all blacks in our society today to some degree, no matter what status blacks achieve. This organization is striving to use this negative term to promote a positive social attitude in the minds and actions of young black adults.

"The Dungeon is poor materially and black. But we are rich in ideas and with service for our community. The organization believes that what we do is our name-social service for our membership and our community- The Dungeon."

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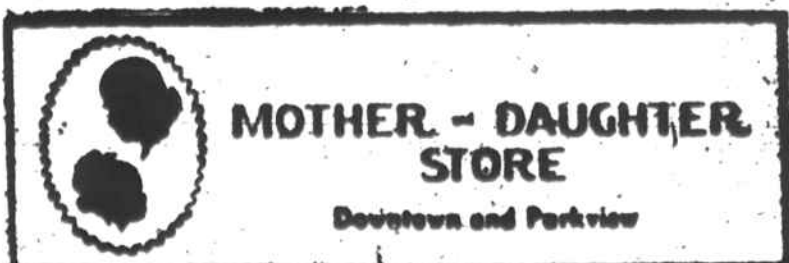
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