

Grads key to the future

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volumes of poetry, urged the graduates not to forget those "heroes and she-ros" who played second-class citizens to survive and ensure the survival of their families.

"I think we too seldom concern ourselves with those who were not tickled," said Angelou, "... to send someone to school -- like you.

"You have been paid for," she said, "with humor as well as pathos ..."

Looking out over the graduating class, Angelou said she hoped there were some among them who would "show us how to vote for a person, not a race; a policy, not a platitude; to examine the condition of the aged.

"We need you to look at reduced financial aid and increased prison rolls," she said.

And what Angelou called a great day in the lives of the graduates was summed up by the graduates themselves.

"I'm excited -- I've waited a long time for this," said Robin Lewis, a nursing major from Winston-Salem. "It won't dawn on me until school starts in the fall and I'm not there."

Lewis will begin her job as a nurse at Forsyth Memorial Hospital next month.

Fifty-two-year-old Elizabeth Orr of Sandy Ridge drove 37 miles three nights a week for the last four years to complete her degree in special education. During that time, she has worked as a teacher's aide at Walnut Cove In-

termediate School in Stokes County.

Orr, who plans to remain an educator, said she chose WSSU because of its location and because it offered the degree she wanted.

And she said she doesn't regret a minute of the time and effort she has put in.

Newport News, Va., native Renaldo C. Robinson said he has enjoyed his stay at WSSU and that he has been interviewing for marketing, management and sales jobs in the area, though he prefers no particular area. While a student, Robinson, a business major, helped pay his college expenses by bartending at local nightclubs and for private parties, which, he said, also helped him establish many business contacts.

In addition to the degrees conferred upon the seniors, four students received military commissions into the U.S. Army as second lieutenants, and honorary doctor of humane letters degrees were conferred upon Angelou, Dr. James Ralph Scales, president emeritus of Wake Forest, and James Gordon Hanes Jr., a member of WSSU's board of trustees from 1971 until 1979 and former president and chairman of the board of the Hanes Corp.

Fifteen students graduated *magna cum laude* (a cumulative average of 3.50-3.79 on a 4.0 scale) and 45 graduated *cum laude* (3.0-3.49).

Students from Forsyth County receiving degrees last Sunday were: Joe Adams, Jan Anders, Reginald Barnette, Rickey Baskett, Annette Beatty,

Starlin Beatty, Lisa Brandon, Sherry Broadie, Elizabeth Brown, Teresa Brown, Bonnie Burton, Carol Campbell, Dianne Clarke, Patricia Clement, David Collins, Joseph R. Cowen, Deve' Davis, Barbara S. Devlin, Glenna Eaton, Sharon Edmond, Jennifer Elamin, Edward Elijah, Edward Elliot, Ora Emerson, Florence Famuyima, Joanne Fennell and Sarah Finch.

Also, Cassandra Forbes, Jimmy Forney, Carolyn P. Gillis, Geraldine Gist, Victoria Graves, Terri Gullick, Mary Gwyn, Anita Hatcher, Syveria Hauser, Patricia Hayes, Celia Hemphill, Rayvon Howell, Wanda Howell, Paxton Hughes, Linda Hutchins, Lorna Hutchins, Thelma Johnson, Mary King, Judy Kramer, Noah Lewis, Ricardo Lewis, Robin Lewis, Beleita Lomax,

Elliot Lowery, Cynthia Lyons and Janet Martin.

Also, Randy McBroom, Vanessa McCray, Pamela McCullough, James McGuffin, Dennis Mendenhall, Ann Moore, Clifford Moore, Phillip Owens, Jane Palmese, Ruth Poindexter, Charlie Rawley, Fredia Roberts, Fonda Rouse, Romaine Saylor, Janet Sills, Deborah Sturdivant, Roslyn Suber,

Reba Teeter, Dawn Tillery, Carl Townsend, Dennis Turnage, Wanda Waiters, Janet Washington, Percell Wilkins, Claudette Williams, Denise Williams and Tonya Witherspoon.

Also, Anthony Yarbrough, Diane Barber, Trena Gregg, Dorothy Henry, Henry Smith Jr., Ralph Dampier, Jack Helms, Dewey Brantley, Jerry Humphrey and Frank Garrett.

Business building

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Opening remarks were made by Dalton Ruffin, regional vice president of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. and a WSSU trustee.

"We hope the R.J. Reynolds Center will stand as a monument to the continuing cooperation between the academic and the business communities," Ruffin said.

John W. Davis III, chairman of the WSSU Board of Trustees, accepted the keys to the new building from ar-

chitect Lloyd Walter of Hammill-Walter Associates Inc. of Winston-Salem. Assisting Davis were Dr. Faustina Holman, director of the WSSU Division of Applied Arts and Sciences, and Priscilla Stanfield, an honor student in the WSSU business curriculum.

Approximately 725 students are enrolled in the university's business curriculum, which offers majors in accounting, business administration, business education, economics and

office administration.

The new R.J. Reynolds Center contains classrooms, offices, the campus' academic computer center, a lecture hall, a printing and duplicating center and an instructional word processing center. It also houses three business information labs, seminar rooms, department offices and student study and lounge areas.

The contractors for the project included L.P. Cox

of Sanford, F.E. Davis Plumbing Co. of Greensboro, Overcash Electric Inc. of Mooresville and B & R Sheetmetal Inc. of North Wilkesboro.

The Enhancement Campaign, the university's first major fund-raising drive, was chaired by Edward A. Horrigan Jr., executive vice president of R.J. Reynolds Industries Inc. Horrigan has been elected president and chief operating officer of Reynolds Industries, effective June 1.

Open Line

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vide public bathrooms, says Will Jenkins, manager of the shopping center, but closed centers, such as Hanes Mall, usually do. So, he says, your complaint is not only with the East Winston Shopping Center, but with similar facilities such as Parkview Thruway and Parkway Plaza.

Jenkins also notes that retail establishments, unlike restaurants, aren't required by law to have public bathrooms, which is why the food mart or the clothing shop may be reluctant to let patrons use their bathrooms. Besides, he says, customers don't usually spend extended amounts of time in grocery stores and drug stores.

But the bigger problem, say store managers, is that they have found that shoplifters use the restrooms as convenient hideouts to conceal stolen items. This is why Food Lion locked its public bathrooms, says the assistant manager. But if an emergency arises, says Jenkins, the stores don't mind opening their staff restrooms to customers.

Jenkins also points out that two fast-food restaurants -- McDonald's at the corner of Claremont and Cleveland avenues and Burger King at the corner of Claremont Avenue and Fifth Street -- do have public bathrooms and are just a few steps from any store at the East Winston Shopping Center.

Transportation Matters

Q: According to Public Law 94-142, a city must provide transportation services for the handicapped. What does Winston-Salem do in this respect?

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A: The Trans-AID division the Winston-Salem Transit Authority provides a door-to-door shuttle service for handicapped and elderly individuals who may qualify, says Robert Smith, Trans-AID coordinator. Whether a person qualifies is determined on an individual basis, he says. For further information, call the Trans-AID office at 727-2257.

In addition to door-to-door service, the Trans-AID division also provides group trips for people over 60 who live in the same neighborhood. Bus reservations should be made at least a week in advance and the group must consist of at least eight people. In special circumstances, the service is provided at night and on the weekends.

The TOTE (Transportation of the Elderly) buses provide shuttle service to and from shopping centers, Hanes Mall and similar facilities, and are available to different townships on different days. A TOTE runs to Walkertown on Mondays, Kernersville on Tuesdays, throughout Winston on Wednesdays, Clemmons and Winston on Thursdays and Rural Hall on Friday.

Once again, for further information, call 727-2257.

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