

## Patterson Avenue Y summer camp offers enrichment for city's youth

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The Patterson Avenue YMCA has a history of offering enlightening enrichment programs to the black community.

Its annual summer camp, which began June 4, offers various programs for children ages 8-14.

Richard Glover, the Patterson Y's executive director, says he believes the programs have proven a vital part of the community.

"The summer camps give the kids a chance to interact and have something constructive to do during the summer," he says. "The community has been receptive and the enrollment is up."

The day camp costs \$25 for children 8-14 whose parents are members of the Y and \$35 to non-members. Kinder camp is designed for youth ages 4-7 and the cost to attend is the same as the day camp. For those children whose parents cannot afford to pay for the camps, United Way sponsors scholarships, says Glover.

The computer camp, however, is a new addition to the summer program.

"We started the computer program back in November of last year," says Glover, "and this summer computer camp is just a natural offshoot, plus the interest is still high."

The students of the computer camp have only two weeks to learn all that is offered in the upstairs room, where the Commodore 64, the IBM Personal Computer and the TRS 80 are housed.

David Wyse, a senior computer science student at Winston-Salem State, was the teacher. He says it's not

just the pay he looks forward to, but the challenge of teaching.

"I enjoy working with the kids," he says. "They're getting hands-on experience, which is better than books as far as I'm concerned."

In the computer camp, seven of the eight students enrolled are male. Students in the camp are required to be at least 9 years old and should possess a strong interest in computer technology, says Wyse.

Fourteen-year-old Gerald Wright, face glued to the

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computer screen, stops for a second to explain his mission at the terminal.

"I'm trying to find my base and when you get to your base you have more energy," says Gerald, "and when you leave your base, you have more Klingons."

He and 12-year-old Torre Johnson were playing a "simple game."

To develop discipline, Wyse has his young students write out simple computer programs as their homework.

"They don't like it," he says, "but they do learn. They do know how to load disks, save their programs and I feel they're ready to go on to the next level of computers."

Also, to acquaint the young computer enthusiasts even more with the ever-growing technology, Wyse took them on an industry tour to Wachovia Bank and Trust Co.'s computer operation.

"I think they were impressed," he says. "I don't know



### Summer Learning

Fourteen-year-old Gerald Wright and 12-year-old Torre Johnson learn early the basics of computer programming at the Patterson Avenue YMCA Summer Camp Series (photo by James Parker).

if they understood everything that was going on, but I think they enjoyed it."

The only girl in the class was absent on the last day, but she wasn't missed. Her absence meant that 10-year-old Byron Jordan could have the terminal all to himself.

"My mom came home one day and surprised me," says Gerald. "I didn't even know I was going to be in this program, but I'm glad I am."

"I want to study about computers," he says. "I think they're fun. Really, it's mostly what I'm into now. I'm

going to be a computer programmer."

The summer camp programs all offer a variety of activities designed to promote the child's physical, social and emotional growth through group activity.

The computer camp, which began another session June 24, will offer two more of its two-week sessions at a cost of \$45 for members and \$65 for non-members, July 9 and July 23. The classes are held Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon.

All the programs will continue through Aug. 24.



Since coming South, Dr. Deboera Boyd Winfrey has made a number of adjustments in addition to picking up the lingo (photo by James Parker).

## Winfrey's enthusiasm for Twin City shows

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Until Dr. Deboera Boyd Winfrey moved to Raleigh with her husband, Robert, last year, she had spent no more than two days in the South.

She's been here a year now and it's still taking the 33-year-old Warren, Ohio, native some time to adjust to the ways of the South. However, Winfrey has only been in Winston-Salem three weeks, not quite enough time to draw any solid conclusions about her new home, she says.

A clinical child psychologist, Winfrey came South by way of Topeka, Kan., where she practiced there. In Raleigh, she was chief of psychology at the Women's Correction Center in Raleigh. Since moving to the Twin City with her husband, who joined the law firm Henderson and Summers, Winfrey serves as a member of the clinical staff at the Child Guidance Center on Glade Street.

"So far, I like Winston-Salem," she says. "It's a lot different from Raleigh in terms of the amount of culture and the people seem friendlier here -- and I like my job, too."

After discovering she couldn't dissect an eel, Winfrey she says it was then that she knew she wouldn't become a medical doctor. So instead

of pre-med, she earned a degree in psychology from Ohio University in Athens and later her master's and doctorate degrees from Kent State University in Canton, Ohio.

Between getting settled and unpacking, Winfrey says she really hasn't had the opportunity to get out and about in Winston-Salem. But she says she is looking forward to the fall so she can find about the school her 5-year-old daughter, Paya, will be enrolled in. "The schools in the Raleigh area were great," Winfrey says.

### Newcomer

Coming from the Midwest with little knowledge of the South has led the way for a new discovery, says Winfrey.

"I had to get used to the overt racism," she says. "I'm used to the covert racism. I had to get used to the Klan folks riding around in their cars doing their thing."

"Another funny thing I noticed about the South, six snow flakes fall and the whole place panics and closes down. That, I had to get used

to."

She laughs when she realizes she's beginning to pick up a Southern dialect.

"I can say, 'Hey, ya'll' and 'yung'in.' I'm slowly getting the jargon."

While in Topeka, Winfrey also served on the YWCA's nominating committee. She served on the council of the Status of Women and was a member of the Black Democrats there.

Having the same interest for the Winston-Salem community, Winfrey says she's made contact with several organizations here and expressed her interest to become involved, one of which includes the Task Force on Black Families.

"I can contribute lots of energy and enthusiasm to Winston-Salem," she says. "I can contribute my expertise on the child and the black family. ... I think I can make Winston-Salem my home."

She thinks about how little she knows about Winston-Salem and the South, and laughs.

"You know, I knew nothing about this place," says Winfrey. "I only found out a month ago how Winston-Salem got its name."

## Ready for challenge and competition

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Come next year this time, 17-year-old Titia Long expects to be readying herself for her first year at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York, the nation's capital of fashion.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Long of Bolick Avenue, Titia works part time in the crafts department at Belk's Department Store in Hanes Mall.

Her ambition is to become a fashion coordinator or a buyer some day.

"I like fashion not just for the glamour of it," says Titia. "I like the classroom part of it, too."

Titia has experimented and dabbled in clothes designing but refuses to wear her own creations. She also sketches her own designs and says shoes are her favorite designs. To get a taste of what it was really like, Titia says she took a modeling class at Rutledge College last year.

At Parkland Senior High School, where Titia will be a member of the senior class next year, she was an active member of the Student Government Association and served as president of the alternate junior board.

Titia was a Dancing Boot for the Boys Club when she was just a sixth-grader. She is also a former member of the YWCA Marching 100 and sings in the Young Adult Choir at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Last year, Titia's uncle, who lives in New York and was aware of her desire to study fashion, arranged for a meeting with one of FIT's professors. The meeting gave Titia the opportunity to tour the famed school and discuss the possibility of her studying there.

somebody wants to do something, everybody is behind them."

Independent and aggressive, Titia designs window displays and helps customers at Belk. After a lot of searching in a competitive job market, Titia convinced the management at Belk that she could be an industrious employee.

"At Belk, they really want you to get into your work," she says. "They want you to be dedicated and for a part-time worker, I'm dedicated."

"I like to work," says Titia. "I like being responsible and having things on my own. I don't like to feel like I'm a burden on someone."

### Young & Gifted

Titia says she also has her sights set on becoming a business woman someday.

"After I get a little money, maybe then I'll go back to school and study law," she says. "I love law."

Her mother, Mrs. Rubye Long, who was slowly pecking away at a typewriter, stopped for a minute to confirm what she's taught her daughter all along.

"I think a person can do anything they want," she says. "Titia has the ability to do whatever she decides to do."

Unafraid of challenges, the teen-ager, who describes herself as typical of her age group, says she's looking for-



Working Girl: Titia Long explains the specifics of a face hoop to co-worker Debbie Ingert (photo by James Parker).

ward to her future in fashion or whatever career she chooses to pursue.

"I can handle the competition," she says. "I'm not

afraid of it at all. "If I'm confident in myself that's all that really matters."