

People On The Move

WSSU professor releases new book

Dr. Lenwood G. Davis, a history professor at Winston-Salem State University, has released a new book, "Black-Jewish Relations in the United States: 1752-1984; A Selected Bibliography."

The book was published by Greenwood Press and traces the history of blacks' and Jews' relationships since 1752. Other topics deal with black Jews, black-Jewish marriages and differences over Middle East policy.

The "New Jewish Agenda" says the book "is a useful ... research and reference tool." Davis has written more than 15 books and more than 79 bibliographies



Lenwood G. Davis



Ricky Ricardo Little



Al Spain

Ricky Ricardo Little, a native of Winston-Salem, received his master's and doctoral degrees in musical arts from Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. He is the son of James Little and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johnson.

Little led the singing of the Ohio State alma mater during commencement exercises in August.

Little is a member of Phi Kappa Lambda and was the assistant director of the Oealians at Oakwood College in Huntsville, Ala., where he graduated with honors.

Little has been nominated as one of the most outstanding men in America

Al Spain has been selected to serve on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Association of Minority Businesses Inc. Spain, a resident of Winston-Salem, will meet with the Executive Board Friday, Oct. 11

Rhonda Brannon, former receptionist at the Voluntary Action Center, has been assigned a new post as coordinator of a new youth program.

Brannon's duties will include coordinating the student volunteer service corps at the center.

She will be responsible for placing student volunteers in

United Way agencies and has initiated recruitment programs at Winston-Salem State University and Wake Forest University

Walter S. Tucker of Winston-Salem has joined the North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees. Tucker was elected by the University of North Carolina Board of Governors.

Tucker, who works for Mechanics and Farmers Bank, was a member of the North Carolina Board of Trustees for 12 years

Twelve students at the N.C.

School of Science and Mathematics have been named semifinalists in the 1986 National Achievement Scholarship Program for Outstanding Negro Students.

Among the 12 students is Winston-Salem resident Cheryl L. Martin of 1656 E. 22nd St. Martin is a student at J.W. Hanes High School.

These students are among 1,500 semifinalists nationwide remaining in competition for about 700 National Achievement Scholarships.

The scholarships are worth more than \$2 million and will be awarded next spring

Family Awareness Task Force addresses concerns of black families

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
Chronicle Staff Writer

Many social researchers say the black family is on an irreversible downslide. Winston-Salem's Family Awareness Task Force begs to differ with the prediction.

The task force's Third Annual Conference on Families will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28, at the Winston Lake Family YMCA, 901 Waterworks Road, and the conference coordinators plan to address issues that will help families cope with various family situations.

Conference Chairman Johnetta Huntley says the one-day session will focus on determining strengths as well as addressing other areas.

"Our primary focus will be on the theme 'Will the Circle Be Unbroken?'" says Huntley, a counselor at Winston-Salem State University.

"The circle is being tested and 'the family' has been broken into a lot of sub-structures, so the strengths of families are being tested."

Huntley says the family is difficult to define because there are many different, non-traditional groups that are now referred to as families. Along with other conference coordinators, she hopes the conference will pose questions that will command answers from the community.

"We have to ask, 'Is the black male an endangered species? Does he have strengths? Who's taking care of our elderly?'" says Huntley.

"These are some of the issues we hope the conference will address," says Huntley. "People need to be abreast of the changing society so they can be better equipped to handle new family situations."

Huntley says conference attendance in the past has been "very good," and she expects an increase in attendance at this year's conference. She credits the location of the conference at Winston Lake and support from community leaders with the conference's success in the past.

She says, "The community has been very, very supportive with time, enthusiasm and funds. We've grown threefold financially since our first conference. Our fund-raising efforts have been tremendous."

Huntley says the task force has received funding from individuals, foundations and



Members of the Family Awareness Task Force are prepared for a productive conference on families. Members of the task force include, left to right seated, Marilyn Odom, Johnetta Huntley and Florence Corpening. Standing, left to right, are Paul Huntley, Rhonda Coirington, Marcella Oglesby and Reedy Carter.

legislators. This year's conference co-sponsors are Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the Council on Negro Women, the Links, the Experiment in Self-Reliance, the Guard (Dennis Nelson, owner), Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation and the Baptist Ministers and Associates.

Huntley says the task force, founded in 1982, was started to "assess needs of families on a grass-roots level."

"Not enough efforts were being made to bring about an open forum concerning families, especially black families," explains Huntley. "We needed a vehicle to stress the strengths of the black family."

The task force, says Huntley, now deals with family issues and is a way to learn coping skills. Participation in the task force is open, and Huntley emphasizes that the group wants people to come and take part in discussions.

Commenting on some deterrents to maintaining strong family structures, Huntley says there is too much emphasis on "separate."

"Independence is fine, but there is an undercurrent of being separate," says Huntley. "People don't eat meals together anymore, and everyone has his own car, so there is always the occasion of someone doing

something separate from the rest of the family. The question is, 'Is separate good?'"

In light of deterrents to stability in the black family, Huntley scoffs at the idea that the black family is on the verge of collapse.

"No way will it completely collapse," she says. "It may distort itself and branch off into a number of directions, but the family itself will not collapse."

Huntley encourages "all people" to come to the conference and seek answers to problems.

"Come to the conference whether you're part of a family or not. Blacks in particular should come and participate and seek solutions," says Huntley. "When you reach out to others, you are more likely to find solutions rather than relying on your own instincts. You get solutions when you seek them."

Calendar

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Park Child Care Center and Bethlehem Child Care Program.

• The YWCA basketball league will begin play the last week in October. If you have a team or are interested in joining one, call the YWCA at 722-5138. Games will be played from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

• The Glade Street Playhouse, the YWCA's preschool for pre-kindergarten-age children, will hold registration through Sept. 30. The objective is to bring together children of diverse backgrounds and encourage social, intellectual and physical development within a structured learning environment. For more information call Patricia Saylor at 722-5138.

The Chronicle welcomes Community Calendar notices. Announcements should be concise and typed or neatly printed. They should include the day, time, place and sponsors of the event, plus a number to call for additional information. Announcements should be addressed to the Winston-Salem Chronicle Community Calendar, P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102. The deadline for announcements is Monday at 5:30 p.m.

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