

Close-Up

Hopkins: Balancing the scales

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The walls of the Wake Forest University staff attorney's office are filled with certificates, licenses and plaques — testaments to years of hard work and dedication to a decision that was made at an early age.

The office and the honors belong to Beth Hopkins, who began her distinguished legal career

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at Marshall-Wythe School of Law at Virginia's College of William and Mary, but who made her career choice at the tender age of 11. Now, with her legal career well under way, Mrs. Hopkins says she finds that the legal field, historically a male-dominated

profession, is offering unlimited opportunities for women and for blacks.

"There is no limit on what a good student can do," she says, in an upbeat but down-to-earth way. "There are opportunities in the space program, in computer contract law, communications and labor law. Five years ago I could count the black lawyers in Virginia. Now the numbers there, in South Carolina and in North Carolina have multiplied. The key is making good grades and passing the bar exam. There are vast opportunities after that."

Although she cast her eye toward a legal career before she had even entered high school, it was her experiences during the civil rights movement that allowed her to focus in on the branch of law that she would pursue.

"I picketed at the Holiday Inn on behalf of the NAACP, and I knew at that time that I wanted to be a lawyer, but because of that experience I later decided that I wanted to be in government law," says Mrs. Hopkins, recalling that her mother, a chemistry teacher, tried to persuade her to go to medical school but that she chose law instead because she "always liked talking and thinking that I was persuasive."

"I decided that the government needed a different point of view," she says, "and by focusing on government law, I would be in a good position to offer another point of view."

Mrs. Hopkins' beginning in the field of law came



Wake Forest Staff Attorney and working mother Beth Hopkins says balancing a career and family is no easy task (photo by James Parker).

at a time when historical precedents were being set during the 1960s civil rights movement.

She started practicing law at Hill, Tucker & Marsh Law Firm, a civil rights law firm in Richmond, Va. During her tenure at the firm, she had the opportunity to be involved in several school desegregation cases and some employment

discrimination cases which were heard by the Supreme Court.

From that beginning, Mrs. Hopkins moved on to a position as the assistant attorney general in Richmond and later was named assistant United States attorney general in Richmond. She has also held the

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JULY 18

• The 1986 Winston-Salem State University Upward Bound Program will hold its Annual Awards Program in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium at 7 p.m. The program is free and open to the public. For more information call 761-2234.

THURSDAY, JULY 24

• Artists Nila Chamberlain and Susan Holloway will exhibit their work in Winston Square through Wednesday, Aug. 13. An opening reception will be held Sunday, July 27, from 2 to 4 p.m. The show and reception are free and open to the public. For more information call 722-0340.

• The Winston Lake Family YMCA will hold its a doubles and mixed doubles summer racquetball classic through July 26. The entry deadline is July 23 at 6 p.m. Starting times will be available at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 24. For more information call 724-9205.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

• The Winston Lake Family YMCA will present its annual YMCA Aerobic Marathon competition for both women and men beginning at 10:15 and 11:15 a.m., respectively. All entrants must register before 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 26. For more information call 724-9205.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

• Members of the Eastern Music Festival will present "Project Listen," a music appreciation concert, in the Main Public Library auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free, and people of all ages are invited to attend. For more information call 727-2057.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The Glade Street YWCA will hold its "Dinner on the Balcony" on Tuesday, July 22, at 7 p.m. Another dinner will follow on Saturday, Aug. 26. Connie Hance will prepare meals which will be served on the YWCA library balcony, overlooking the courtyard and pool. Reservations must be made by 5 p.m. on Monday, July 21. The cost is \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. For more information or the menu, call Scottee Cantrell at 722-5138.

• The Glade Street YWCA is accepting registration for its fall After-School Program for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. The program will be from 3 to 6 p.m. on weekdays. Children will participate in a wide range of activities, from skating to arts and crafts and gym. These activities are part of the YWCA's year-round child-care plan, Discover Adventure. The plan includes child care during teacher work days, school emergency days and throughout the summer. The cost to members is \$8 a day or \$24 a week for the first child. Each additional child is \$6.50 a day or \$20 a week. Youth memberships are \$7 a year. For more information, call the YWCA at 722-5138.

• The Little Theatre will present "Peter Pan," with preview dates on Wednesday, Aug. 6, and Thursday, Aug. 7, at 8 p.m. Ticket prices will be \$2 for children 12 years old and under, \$3 for students and senior citizens and \$4 for adults. Other performances will be held on Aug. 8 and 9, and on Aug. 13 through 16 at 8 p.m. There will be a 3 p.m. performance on Sunday, Aug. 17. Ticket prices for these performances are \$6.50 for children 12 years old and under, \$8.50 for students and senior citizens and \$9.50 for adults. Box office hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For reservations call 725-4001.

• The Home of Hope is holding a contest to find a phrase to use in Please see page A11

Social Notes

Six local youths to benefit from Omega summer camperships

Six Winston-Salem youth will attend summer camp in Ellerbee July 21 to 25. Patrick Cummings, Pierre Cummings, James Footman, Roderick McCollum, Kevin Turner and Geoffrey Turner will join more than 200 other young males for the camp session.

The camp is sponsored by the 6th District of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

Boys selected to attend the summer camp must be recommended by a sponsoring chapter of the fraternity. Locally, the sponsoring group is the Psi Phi graduate chapter of Omega Psi Phi.

Benny Murrill is chairman of the local chapter's Social Action Committee, which selected the local recipients of the chapter's camperships. All expenses of those chosen by Psi Phi chapter are included in the group's operational budget.

Commenting on the objectives and activities of the camp experience, Murrill said, "Obviously, we want the young campers to enjoy the recreational aspects of the camp program. To this end, a number of individual activities and group sports will be offered."

Murrill identified swimming, boating, arts and crafts and basketball as some of the "fun options" available to each

camper. He also pointed out that each camp participant will have an opportunity to select and complete one special woodworking project.

The camp counselors will also conduct growth workshops. Self-esteem and career awareness will be the focus in the group sessions. All of the volunteer camp counselors will be members of Omega Psi Phi.

"Manhood, scholarship, perseverance and uplift are the cardinal principles which our fraternity advocates," said Murrill. "We recognize and promote this camp as an excellent opportunity to instill these principles in young people who may come under our influence."

He also noted that recent media attention may have intensified the interest of others regarding the black family and especially the young black male.

"Character-building has always been a primary part of Omega's thrust," he says. "We welcome the added support others in the community have given to our efforts by their endorsement of our camp project."

Assisting Murrill are Charlie Bethea, Charlie Kennedy and Gregory Bradshar.

James Franklin is the chapter's basileus.



Dr. Charlie Kennedy examines camper James Footman before his departure to summer camp. Joining them is fraternity member Benny Murrill (photo by James Parker).

WSSU Upward Bound awards program set

The 1986 Winston-Salem State University Upward Bound Program will hold its Annual Awards Program at 7 p.m. on Friday, July 18, in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium. The program is free and open to the public.

A highlight of the program will be the presentation of trophies to students who have achieved the

highest academic honors in biology, communication skills and mathematics.

Upward Bound is designed to increase the academic performance and motivation of its participants to help them complete high school and enter post-secondary institutions.

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About Town

Carver alumni prepare for third annual 'Yellowjacket Roundup'

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Carver High School graduates are busy rounding up their former classmates for the Third Annual Carver Roundup, scheduled for Labor Day weekend.

The alumni reunion will have its headquarters in the Hyatt Hotel and will begin Friday, Aug. 29, at 6:30 p.m. The day's activities will include registration and a social reception at the Hyatt.

A picnic is planned for Saturday at Carver High School from noon until 4 p.m. Participants will browse, reminisce and make use of the gymnasium and the six hard-surface tennis courts.

Classmates are asked to bring their own tennis rackets, sneakers, blankets, lawn chairs



Carver Alumni Association member Harold Martin chats with scholarship winner Felecia Sharpe (photo by James Parker).

and anything that can be used for fun.

The weekend's big event will be

from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. on Saturday night.

The weekend will end with

the Blue and Gold Dance at Beneath the Elms in the Hyatt worship services from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Carver High School Auditorium.

As a result of last year's efforts, the alumni association was able to award \$1,000 in scholarships to two deserving seniors. The recipients were Felecia Sharpe, who will major in engineering at North Carolina State University, and Kashem Rorie, who will be majoring in chemistry at Howard University.

The cost of the weekend activities is \$15; the cost of the picnic is \$4. Tickets are available at the Record Boutique, Wilkins Store, Jones' Gulf and from any alumni officer.

For more information call Harold Martin, 996-5433; Munirah Razzak, 767-7618; John Please see page A13