

Banker to speak on black history

Walter S. Tucker, executive vice president/city executive officer of Mechanics and Farmers Bank in Winston-Salem, will speak at the Black Local Awareness League's annual Black History Month program. The program is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 21, at 6:30 p.m. at Shiloh Baptist Church.

During the program, the speaker will reflect upon the past and present black history and offer comments on future opportunities for black history from an economic perspective.

Tucker is a native of Baltimore

and was educated at Virginia State College and Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University.

He is a member and trustee at University Park Baptist Church in Charlotte. His past professional and civic activities have included positions as president of the National Bankers Association, executive committee member of the Housing and Real Estate Division of the American Bankers Association, chairman of the Redevelopment Commission of the City of Charlotte, the Board of Visitors of Johnson C. Smith University

and the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Tucker currently serves on the Board of Directors of East Winston Community Development Corp., the Board of Trustees of North Carolina Central University, the Mecklenburg County ABC Board and the Board of Directors of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce and is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity.

Tucker, a widower, is the father of three children.

'Cogitators' drama group plans reorganization

Potential members of the Cogitators met at the home of Mabel Jessup Saturday, Feb. 4, to discuss plans to reactivate the Cogitators.

The Cogitators is a drama group founded by the late Dr. Joseph N. Patterson, an instructor at Winston-Salem State University. Patterson was

a strong advocate of the arts, particularly Greek plays and he instilled in his drama group that same kind of love and devotion.

The Cogitators became known locally as a drama guild that presented such plays as "Medea,"

"Antigone," "Electra," "Othello" and others.

The meeting was an organizational meeting. It enabled the members to discuss the what, when, where and how to showcase their talents while also continuing to honor Patterson's memory.



The local Johnson C. Smith University Alumni Association recently awarded a "CIAA Get-Away." Pictured, from left, are Audrey Brown, Amos Harper, Lettie Holland, Rhonda Covington, Tiffany Walker and Wendy Walker.

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Mount Tabor H.S. student big winner in Johnson C. Smith Alumni CIAA contest

The Winston-Salem Alumni Chapter of Johnson C. Smith University recently elected its 1989 executive committee.

The chapter was recently reorganized and has been operating under the guidance of a reorganization committee. The executive committee is as follows: Rhonda Covington, '74, president; Paul Stoney, vice president; Carolyn Burns, '83, recording secretary; Audrey Brown, '79, corresponding secretary; Amos Harper, '52, financial secretary; Richard Erwin, '47, parliamentarian; Ernest Wade, '61, sergeant-at-

arms; Marty Penn, '54, members-at-large; and Kenny Faulkner, '74, executive committee.

Members are elected for a term of two years.

The chapter also wishes to thank the alumni and community for supporting its first annual "CIAA Get-Away" fund-raising project. The raffle was a great success and the chapter is looking forward to other fundraising and social ventures.

The drawing was held at the JCSU vs. WSSU basketball game on Saturday, Jan. 28.

This year's winner was Tiffany Walker, a ninth grade student at Mount Tabor High School. Alumnus Lettie Holland, '72, sold the winning ticket to the lucky young lady. Tiffany and her mother will make the trip to Norfolk, Va., for the CIAA tournament.

The chapter meets every fourth Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Tony's Lounge. Alumni and friends of JCSU are encouraged to attend.

For more information write W-S Alumni Chapter of JCSU, P.O. Box 1325, Winston-Salem, 27101.

Afro-American historical society kicks off membership drive

Charles Weldon Wadlington, a consultant with the North Carolina Department of Resources, will be the featured speaker at the Society for the Study of Afro-American History's Open House program Sunday, Feb. 12, from 4 to 6 p.m. The ceremony is being held to make the public aware that Winston-Salem State University has donated the office space for the

organization. The second purpose of the occasion is to kick off the society's 1989 membership drive.

The organization collects, preserves and disseminates information on local Afro-American history.

Wadlington, a graduate of WSSU, is considered an authority on Afro-American history. He studied ethnic history at Bowling Green Uni-

versity and received a master's degree in Constitutional history. Wadlington has published tips on collecting and preserving black family history and a guide to planning a successful black family reunion.

For more information contact Herman Aldridge or any member of the society.

Grant to aid minority volunteer recruitment for BB/BS

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of America will receive an \$18,500 grant from Pacific Telesis Foundation toward Phase II of its "Pass It On" -- Minority Mentorship Campaign.

The contribution will be used specifically to produce a training manual for local agencies to help them recruit more volunteers from minority communities. It is expected that by 1990, the proportion of black children living with one parent will represent almost 60 percent of all black children compared to 17 percent of all children who reside with

only one parent.

In many communities with Big Brothers/Big Sisters programs, the racial composition of children who need and want Big Brothers or Sisters is not reflected in the volunteer pool. As a result, many minority children remain on waiting lists, some for as long as two to three years. The problem is especially acute for black youth where waiting lists often comprise up to 75 percent of the waiting list total.

"We believe the new recruitment manual will help end the severe short-

age of minority volunteers," said Tom Donahoe, president of Pacific Telesis Foundation. "One of our primary goals is to enable organizations like Big Brothers/Big Sisters to make measurable difference through their programs in our California communities and across the country."

The goal of the Minority Mentorship Campaign is to assist local Big Brothers/Big Sisters agencies in obtaining more minorities to serve as Big Brothers and Big Sisters, providing one-to-one friendships for children from single-parent homes.

TEEN TALK to present FOCUS Theatre Group of Charlotte

On Feb. 10, at 7:30 p.m., TEEN TALK is presenting the FOCUS Theatre Group of Charlotte as the special teen and parent event for the winter quarter.

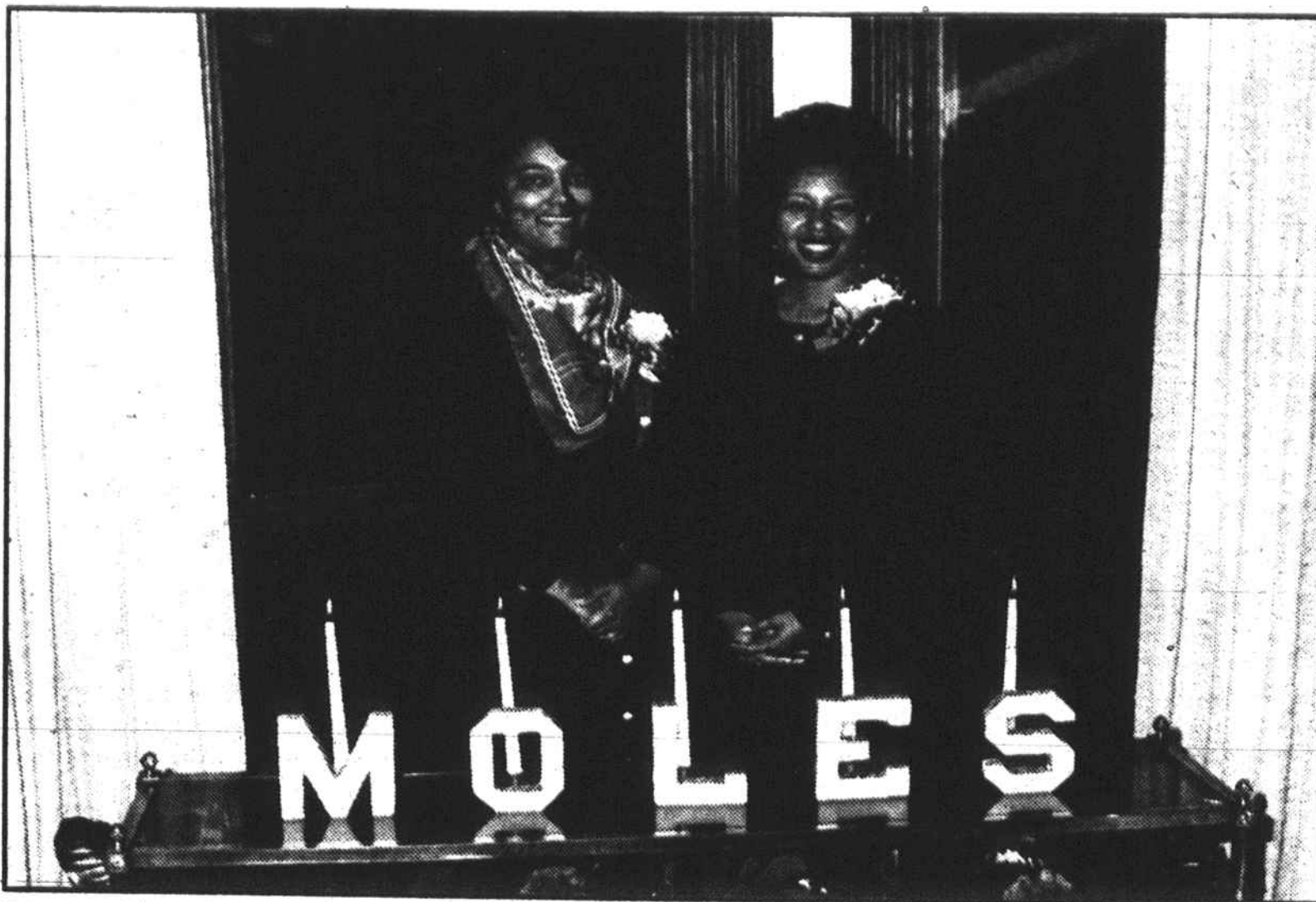
The format will feature a presentation of a series of skits that last

approximately one hour and a question and answer sessions, at which cast members entertain questions from the audience as the characters they portrayed in the skit.

FOCUS is in its seventh season and has played for more than 35,000

people. The nationally renowned company is founded on the well-known premise that teens are the number one source of information for their peers.

The actors work through improvisational theater as they endeavor to reach their audiences.



Two Inductees

Two new Moles recently were inducted into the Winston-Salem Chapter. They are Avon Ruffin and Renita Thompkins-Segers. The induction was held at the lovely home of Mole and Mule Roland Watts. Mole Olivia Thompkins, president, presided over the induction, assisted by Moles Irene Hairston, Connie Greenwood, Elaine McCloud Bernadette Murphy, Lois Turner and Edwina Thompson.

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