

Students' Thoughts: What's On Their Minds

Imagine

They are born into this cold place helpless, serene and naive. The complacency on each face seems too peaceful to conceive.

If you tell them you will catch them, they won't hesitate to spring. If you promise you will love them, they'll return the love you're promising. At some point in their simple lives they're taught this honesty must end. They're taught to hate and to tell lies — love and trust put to the wind.

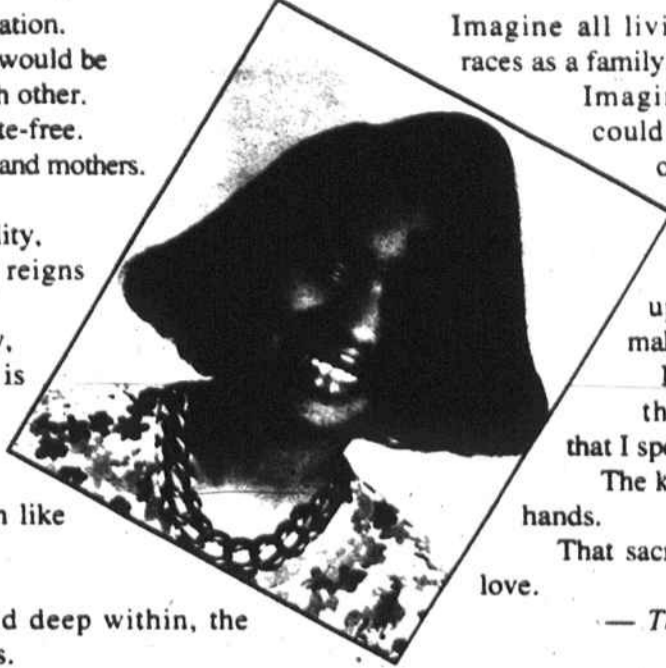
If twisted morals weren't instilled from older, "wiser" generations, the world's pain soon would be healed.

yielding a more loving nation. Imagine how this world would be if people truly loved each other. Every heart would be hate-free. All would respect fathers and mothers.

But now back to our reality, where greed of power reigns supreme, daily murder a normality, where making money is the theme.

Don't you see the state we're in? We can't keep going on like this!

The answers are found deep within, the problems too great to dismiss.



Imagine all living in peace, all races as a family.

Imagine the love that could release once we omitted enmity.

It's not up to me and it's not up to you, it's up to us both to make this come true.

Imagine, if you can, the peacefulness that I speak of.

The key to this is in our hands.

That sacred key is simply, love.

— Tamara Gadson, 16

Peace

Peace, a happy, and calm kind of thing that a man had dreamed about named Martin Luther King.

Peace is graceful and quiet. Peace is what calmed the L.A. riot.

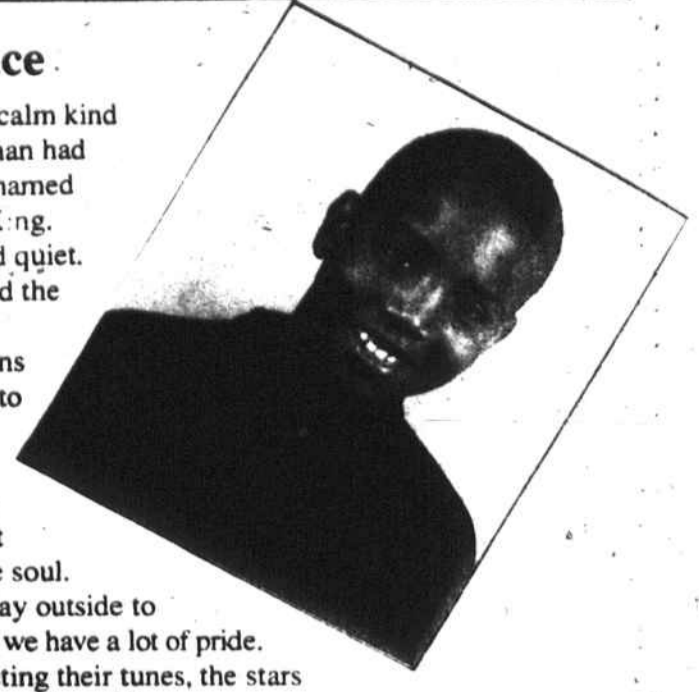
Peace is when humans come with love to live together.

Peace is as solid as gold, it can't be seen, because it comes from the soul.

Peace is when we play outside to show each other we have a lot of pride. Peace are birds tweeting their tunes, the stars in the sky, and the big yellow moon.

Peace is what will get you to heaven, not robbing the 711.

Peace is the rule that we should all obey. We'll look up at our Creator and get the O.K.



— Jason Pitt, 11

If They Only Knew

White people don't often know what I am.

They'll call a black person a nigger in my presence, and not give a damn.

To this, how do I react? How do I respond?

To fight ignorance with ignorance, that, I am beyond.

Why get angry? Because if they knew I was black, I'd just prove what they already believe.

The root of America, which is racism, plants many a seed. What do I say? I just simply look them in the eye and say, "I have work to do."

"You have work to do."

"My brothers, my sisters, We all have work to do."

— Chrystal Sheff, 17



Malcolm

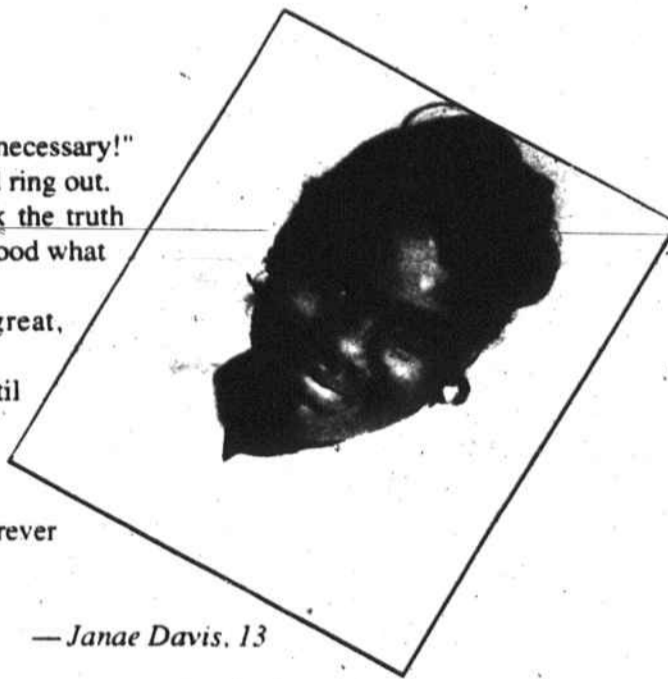
"By any means necessary!" His voice would ring out. He would speak the truth

'til everyone understood what he was about.

His pride, so great, his passion, so deep, he would not rest until his people knew their value.

And death would finally and forever put him to sleep.

— Janae Davis, 13



These works of prose are by students involved in the Young Black Writers' Program, which is sponsored by the Arts Council. It provides minority students with artistic and cultural opportunities that promote the literacy arts and assists with overall educational development. The program

is a series of weekly seminars for high-school-age young adults that teaches a new generation about literature and provides specialized instruction in the craft of writing.

The author, a student at Moore Elementary School, recited this poem at the conclusion of Monday's Peace Run, in which he participated.

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April

THURSDAY, APRIL 29

3:30 p.m. — The New Horizons Fair Housing Committee of the Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission is sponsoring a housing fair entitled "Purchasing and Maintaining a Home on a Shoestring Budget" at the Benton Convention Center until 6:40 p.m. Admission is free. The fair will provide potential homeowners with access to a free credit report. Representatives from financial institutions will help participants determine their eligibility for home loans. Realtors, builder and developers will highlight what types of dwellings may be found in the price range of participants. Other representatives will help participants realize the American dream of owning their own home. For information call the Forsyth County Housing Department at 727-2540 or Winston-Salem Human Relations Department at 727-2429.

FRIDAY, APRIL 30

7:30 p.m. — Forsyth Technical Community College will hold its GED graduation exercises on the West Campus. Lee Kinard of News 2 will be the featured speaker.

SATURDAY, MAY 1

10 a.m. — The Winston-Salem Bar Association presents "Law Day" with panel discussions until 12 p.m. at the East Winston Branch Library, 1110 E. Seventh St. The theme is "Equalizing the Balance: Empowerment through Education." Topics discussed will include "The Ramifications of Pleading Guilty: How It Can Come Back to Haunt You" and "How to Deal with Harassing Creditors: What Remedies are Available to the Consumer." A question and answer session will follow from 12-2 p.m. Local

attorneys and elected officials will answer general questions on a variety of legal issues.

10:30 a.m. — The Children's Theatre presents Theatreworks/USA musical production of "The Secret Garden." Based on Frances Hodgson Burnett's classic book, the show tells the story of Mary Lennox, a young girl who comes to live on the estate of her mysterious uncle after the death of her parents. In these strange, new surroundings, Mary learns the meaning of friendship with her cousin, Colin, as together they nurture the estate's neglected garden and one another. Recommended for ages 7 to adult. Tickets are \$5 for children and adults. For information call 725-1711. The Children's Theatre is located in the Arts Council building at 610 Coliseum Drive.

MONDAY, MAY 3

6 p.m. — The 1993 People's Law School of the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers features Harold L. Kennedy Jr. of Kennedy, Kennedy & Kennedy at the File-Goodwin Center of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Kennedy will speak about wills and estates. Free. For information call 724-2828.

THURSDAY, MAY 6

7 p.m. — The FC Foster Parent Association will have a panel presentation addressing summer programs at Crestwood Baptist Church, 530 Motor Road. Potential foster parents are invited. The group meets the first Thursday of each month. For more information call 727-2446.

ONGOING

FmHA Farm Loan funds are available to assist minority farmers in Forsyth and Stokes

counties who wish to purchase and operate farms. There is a current balance of over \$7 million that must be utilized within North Carolina by Sept. 30. For information call (919) 631-5185. The office is located in the Forsyth County Agriculture Building, 1450 Fairchild Drive.

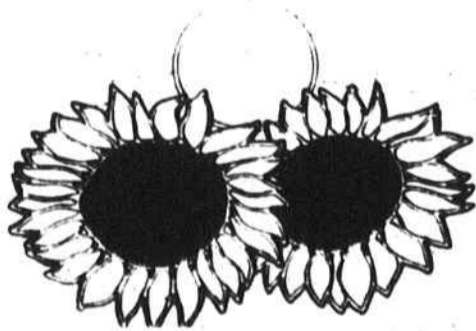
The Winston-Salem Tiny Rams Football Organization will hold registration for football players, cheerleaders and coaches from May 1 through Aug. 1 at the Miller Park Recreation Center field. For information call 922-3922 or 744-7518.

UPCOMING

Plans are being made for the 25th Class Reunion of Atkins High School, Class of 1968, set for July 2-3. For information call Mary Gore Thompson at 924-6200.

Forsyth Technical Community College's summer quarter begins May 24. Free GED and Basic Skills classes are held in the following East Winston and downtown locations: (Night-time GED classes) Ephesus Church, Sprague Street Recreation Center, Southgate Apartments and Macedonia Holiness Church; (Day-time GED classes) Goodwill Industries, Piedmont Park, Happy Hills, Lakeside Community Center and HeadStart; (Adult Basic Skills) East Winston Library, Experiment in Self-Reliance, Union Baptist Church, Union Chapel Baptist church, Goodwill Industries, Paisley Middle School and Sprague Street Recreation Center. All classes are free. To register call 760-2373.

Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful is looking for groups and individuals to form litter teams for the Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful Litter Round-up on May 8. If you wish to clean up some litter, call Keep Winston-Salem Beautiful at 727-8013.



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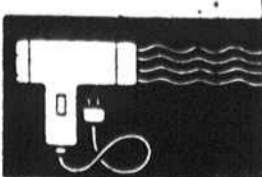
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