

WSSU Students to do Research Work In Norway

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Wilgeria Atkinson's Project Strengthen students understood that they would have to spend a summer doing research at an off-campus location. What they didn't know was just how far off campus they would be.

On Monday, three Winston-Salem State University molecular biology students will leave for a three-month stay in Norway. There they will participate in extensive research projects while also having the opportunity to learn more about the Norwegian culture.

The students are Micheala N. Jones of Madison, Travis L. Perry of Wendell and Carlos J. Privette of Durham.

"A lot of different countries are going global and scientific exchange is now global," Atkinson said. "I

wanted our majors to have the opportunity to interact with professionals from different cultures. One way for them to do that is for them to spend the summers abroad. In addition to being exposed to innovative science and technology, they'll have a chance to live in a foreign country and to get to know people from a different culture. People from their culture are going to get to know black Americans."

Norway's strong reputation in scientific research made it a logical choice in terms of identifying a location with good research opportunities, she said. Also, Atkinson said, everyone in Norway speaks English so that language barriers will be kept to a minimum.

In addition to the students traveling in Norway, Project Strengthen students also will participate in research projects around the coun-

try. Students have been accepted for summer research projects at Tufts University in Boston, Yale University, the University of Idaho, North Carolina State University, the Environmental Protection Agency and the MCC lab at Research Triangle Park. In total, 21 major universities and national laboratories in the United States are providing research experience for WSSU biology majors. Any Project Strengthen student who has spent at least one summer at a domestic research facility is eligible to apply for summer research abroad.

Project Strengthen, which was initiated in 1971, is designed to encourage biology students to pursue education beyond the undergraduate degree level. It also provides basic research opportunities for faculty and students. To date, graduates of the program have

begun careers with the National Institute of Health, the Department of Energy and NASA, among others.

While the majority of Project Strengthen members are biology majors, students majoring in chemistry, psychology, exercise physiology, math and computer science and special education also are eligible for membership.

Project Strengthen also offers two summer programs for high school students planning to pursue careers in the sciences. One summer session is a four-week program that allows students to live on campus while in the program and offers a stipend. The other session is a six- to eight-week program that allows the opportunity for research in laboratories and also provides a stipend and the opportunity to stay on campus.

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Creator of Tech Prep Program to Speak at Luncheon

Dale Parnell, professor of the School of Education at Oregon State University and the father of the Tech Prep (Technical Preparation) Program, will be the keynote speaker at the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce's Fifth Annual Education Luncheon May 20. The luncheon, which will begin at 12 p.m., will be held at the Benton Convention Center.

Parnell has served as president and chief executive officer of the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges, as well as commissioner of Oregon Commu-

nity Colleges. He has written extensively about the Tech Prep Program. His works include "The Neglected Majority" (chosen best National Association Publication - 1985); "Tech-Prep/Associate Degree," which he co-authored; and "Date-line 2000: The New Higher Education Agenda."

The Tech Prep Program is designed to link high school curriculum, curriculum of two-year colleges and work-place experience so that students are prepared as skilled employees capable of high productivity in today's globally competi-

tive work force. Tech Prep is a national educational reform movement assisting the majority of students beginning in high school and continuing through at least two years of college, usually a community college.

Parnell holds a bachelor of arts degree from Willamette University and a masters in education and doctorate in education from the University of Oregon. He has lectured extensively, received numerous awards, and has been recognized by the *Chronicle of Higher Education*

as one of the top national leaders in higher education. He is a board member of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

The 1992 Teacher of the Year from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools will be announced prior to Parnell's keynote address.

Tickets for the event are \$15 per person or \$120 for a table of eight. For a reservation call the chamber at 777-3787, ext. 1333. The deadline for reservations is May 17.

YMCA Summer Program to Offer Yoga Course

The Central YMCA will offer a course in Hatha Yoga as part of the early-summer program starting May 24.

The class will meet on Monday and Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for five weeks.

Instruction will include yoga sitting positions, breathing exercises, physical exercises and control of weight through yoga. Hatha Yoga is designed to strengthen and tone muscles and to teach students the art of total relaxation. A special feature

of the program will be the use of Hatha Yoga to relieve lower back problems.

The course instructor is White East. He has received extensive training in Hatha Yoga science and

has over 4,000 hours of teaching experience in the field of Hatha Yoga.

For more information and a summer program brochure, call Whit East at 721-2072.

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THURSDAY, MAY 13
7 p.m. — "Death of a Family Pet," a free workshop for children and adults, will be held in the Hospice conference room, 1100-C S. Stratford Road. Topics include "Euthanasia: The Painful Choice," "Grief and Mourning," "What to Tell the Children," "Rituals and Memorials," and "Future Pets." For information call 768-3972.

SATURDAY, MAY 15
8:30 a.m. — The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools will hold a public auction of surplus materials at Ferguson Warehouse, 5337 Old Rural Hall Road. Items on sale will include desks, tables, cafeteria utensils, equipment and several vehicles. For information call 727-2527.

9 a.m. — The Winston Lake YMCA Gold 12-and-under AAU basketball team will hold a car wash until 3 p.m. at the Gant station on Old Walkertown Road. Proceeds will be used to help fund their trip to the National Invitational Tournament in Cocoa Beach, Fla. July 10-17. Your support is very much needed. For information call Jon Alexander at 595-3685.

12 p.m. — The Atkins High School Class of 1943 Planning Committee will meet in the East Winston Branch Library, 1110 E. Seventh St., to plan its 50th anniversary to be held July 23-25. All classmates are asked to attend. For information call Arabelle Watts Parker, chairman, at 722-0705 or Nathaniel Colson at 650-1323.

4 p.m. — The Benson family of Winston-Salem will present a program based on black history and culture travels, featuring

pictures, music and singing, at New Life Seventh-Day Adventist Church, located at 922 Cotton Grove Road. Elder E.J. Lewis is pastor.

SUNDAY, MAY 16
4 p.m. — The NAACP will hold its regular general membership meeting at Grace Presbyterian Church, located at 3901 Carver Road.

7:30 p.m. — Hair By Tomi, Coordinated Affairs and Night and Day Formals will sponsor a fashion drama entitled "Puttin' on the Ritz" for the benefit of the Best Choice Center at the Marquee Hotel. The event will be held every year for needy or underprivileged children. The public is invited to attend. For tickets call Tomi Richard at 725-8800 or 761-0808.

TUESDAY, MAY 18
5 p.m. — The W.C. Sims Sr. Recreation Center and Imani Communications will hold a speech workshop through June 24. Participants will learn to speak with confidence, organize your thoughts and develop your listening skills. The center is located at 1201 Alder St. To register call Deloris Huntley at 767-7233 or 727-2837.

6 p.m. — Sandra W. Randleman, community leader, nurse, speaker and financial planner, will present a seminar "Women and Finances ... The Majority as the Minority" at the Stouffer Winston Plaza Hotel. The seminar will include such issues as what type of investments are appropriate for women and why, the gender differences regarding women and money, and why the urgency to

invest. The evening will include hors d'oeuvres, international desserts, networking and door prizes. For information or to register call 725-4370.

ONGOING
• National Nursing Home Week will be observed through May 15. National Nursing Home week was established by the American Health Care Association to acquaint the public with the services provided by long-term care facilities. The Winston-Salem Convalescent Center has a week-long list of activities planned. For information call Christie Parson at 724-2821.

UPCOMING
• The Best Choice Center will hold L.A.P. Screening May 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the center, located at 1031 N. Highland Ave. The test is for kindergarteners who will be attending Lewisville Elementary, Southwest Elementary and Clemmons Elementary School in the fall. For information call Rebecca Cumbo at 945-5355.

• Pfafftown Packers will hold registration for boys and girls ages 5-15 at the Northwest Middle School gym May 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring certified birth certificates and report cards. There is a fee. For information call Rick Ackley at 945-9143.

• Consumer Credit Counseling Service will conduct a workshop on "Premarital and Newlywed Finances" on May 25 from 6-8 p.m. at the CCCS office, located at 926 Brookstown Ave. There is a fee. To register call 725-1958.

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