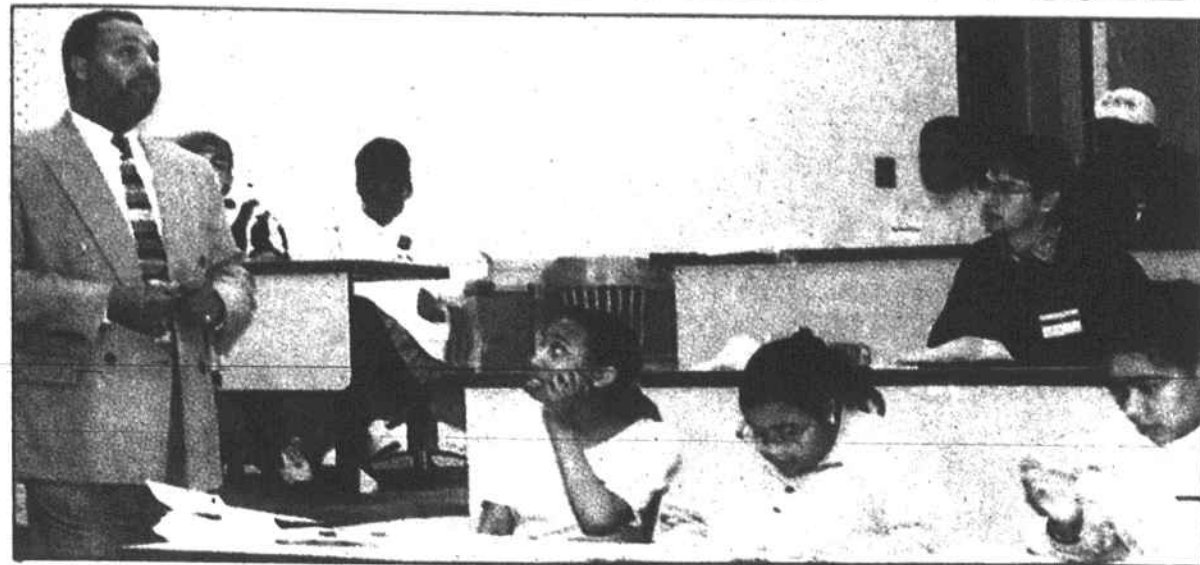


Parker Tells Wake Students To Reach Out



Forrest Parker, vice president for Multicultural Affairs at Mary Washington College, talks to Wake Forest University Students at a recent Multicultural Summit.

▲ Maintain cultural identity, but relate to other races

By JOHN HINTON
Chronicle Senior Staff Writer

Minority students at Wake Forest University must maintain their cultural identity while reaching out to other ethnic groups on campus, the vice president for Multicultural Affairs at Mary Washington College said recently.

"There are many roadblocks to multiculturalism," said Forrest A. Parker, the presenter at the Multicultural Summit at WFU's Worrell Professional Center. "We have a tendency

to gravitate toward comfort zones and to people who share a likeness with us. You have to move beyond that comfort level."

About 30 student leaders attended the event sponsored by the university's Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Multiculturalism includes the cultures of all students on campus, he said. "You have something to offer, but you take that for granted," he added.

Parker divided the students into groups throughout the day to see how

they would interact with people of various races.

After each session, the students and Parker talked about why they chose to associate themselves with different students.

The students admitted they made those decisions based on the race and gender of the other students.

"I picked that girl because she is cute," said Ansen Brown, a sophomore at Wake Forest.

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Churches Hold Joint Service to Improve Race Relations



Dr. Richard Groves, pastor of Wake Forest Baptist Church shakes hands with the Rev. Wendell Johnson pastor of First Baptist Church.

By MAURICE CROCKER
Community News Reporter

Sunday at 11 a.m. typically is the most segregated time of the week. But in Winston-Salem, two churches have joined to try to improve racial relations, by worshipping together.

Members of First Baptist Church of Highland Avenue and Wake Forest Baptist Church recently came together for a combined service.

The service, which was held at First Baptist, marked the fifth time the churches have worshiped together since 1994. More than 700 people attended the service.

"We've had five services in the past two years, and each time we alternate the place the services are held," said Richard Groves, pastor of Wake Forest Baptist.

Members prayed and sang together, a scene rarely witnessed in America.

Groves said the services have worked well and seem to accomplish what they were designed to do: enhance race relations between the two congregations.

"In the beginning, you could clearly tell where Wake Forest members were and where First Baptist members were," he said. "But now it is hard to distinguish what group belongs to what church."

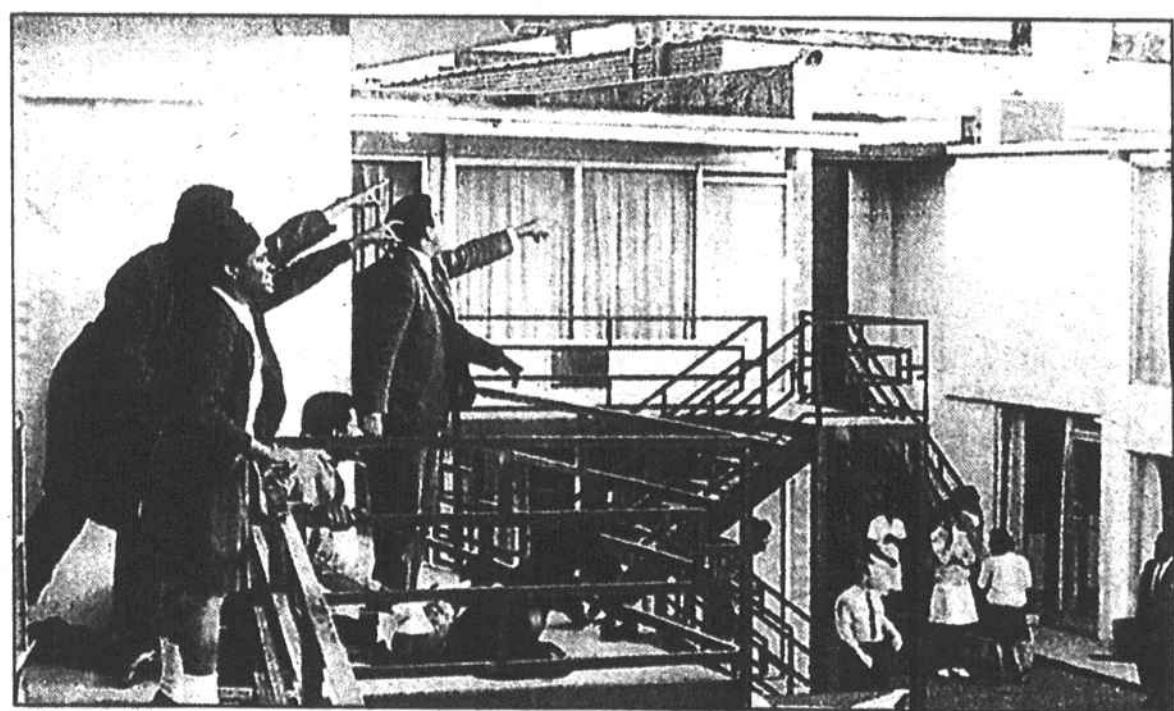
The services are conducted twice a year, once in the spring and once in the fall. The services are alternated between the two churches and held in the spirit of the host church's way of worshipping.

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Members of First Baptist and Wake Forest Baptist enjoy combined worship services.

King Assassinated 28 Years Ago in Memphis, Tenn.



Aides to Martin Luther King point to the area from where they heard the shot that killed King, lying on the balcony, in Memphis, Tenn. April 4, 1968.

By JOHN HINTON
Chronicle Senior Staff Writer

(Editor's Note: This is an account of the assassination of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and world reaction to his death, which occurred on Thursday, April 4, 1968).

Memphis, Tenn. — The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., 39, Nobel Peace Prize winner and leader of the Civil Rights Movement, was shot to death by a sniper here on Thursday, April 4.

News of King's assassination evoked dismay and shock across the United States and throughout the world.

The killing precipitated rioting and violence in Washington, D.C.,

Chicago, and other American cities. Authorities said 34 people were killed and thousands injured and arrested in the disorders by Wednesday, April 10.

More than 20,000 regular federal troops and 34,000 National Guardsmen were sent to the cities after King's death as local police called for help to end the disorders.

President Lyndon B. Johnson lauded the slain Negro leader and appealed to "every citizen to reject the blind violence that has struck Dr. King, who lived by nonviolence."

The bullet that killed King hit him on the right side of the neck at

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King's Death Results In Marches, Rioting

(Editor's Note: This story looks at local reaction to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.)

The account is based on newspaper reports from Friday, April 5, 1968 and interviews with people who remember King's

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This Week
Thursday, April 4, 1996
• Martin Luther King, Jr. assassinated in 1968
Friday, April 5, 1996
• Good Friday
Sunday, April 7, 1996
• Easter
• Daylight Savings Begins

Diggs Elementary To Offer Afrocentric Curriculum in Fall

By JOHN HINTON
Chronicle Senior Staff Writer

Jefferson Davis Diggs Elementary School has become the 401st school in the nation to incorporate an Afrocentric curriculum into its way of teaching.

The faculty and staff recently approved the curriculum at the school, which will remain an arts and academic magnet.

"It is not a split focus," said Bobby J. Robinson, principal of Diggs Elementary School. "The Afrocentric curriculum is a perfect fit with the history of the school."

Diggs will keep its basic studies with an immersion of African American culture. The Afrocentric theme will begin this fall.

"We are asking our parents to make a three-year commitment," Robinson said. "We will make a commitment to your children."

Anne Elizabeth G. Jenkins will teach the Afrocentric curriculum next fall in a kindergarten class. She will focus on the history of Africa.

More than 87 percent of the school's population of 252 students are African American children, primarily from the Happy Hill Gardens neighborhood. And 50 percent of its teachers are also African American.

"We are fortunate that there are African American teachers at Diggs," said Delores Smith, presi-

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Bobby J. Robinson, principal at Diggs Elementary School, explains the Afrocentric program at her school.