

# Math and Science Academy wraps another year

*The accelerated learning program has earned high marks from parents and students over the years*

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For the last 11 years, the Math and Science Academy of Excellence in Winston-Salem has helped countless children reach their academic potential during the summer.

The academy is a summer enrichment program at Winston-Salem State that works with the public school system by selecting middle school students with high capacity in mathematics, to help further their strengths — branching off into science, computer technology, critical thinking and English.

"I want you to know that mathematics is the queen of sciences and the foundation of the entire spectrum," said Dr. Virginia K. Newell, the director of the academy.

The program is held each June and ends with a commencement in the R.J. Reynolds Center at WSSU. There, students and teachers are recognized for their hard work over the four- to five-week period.

"You must expect the best out of that child," Newell said at the commencement. "If you expect the best, then they'll give it to you."

A special highlight this year was when the students visited N.C. A&T State University, where they concentrated on different aspects of engineering. Performing actual college work, they did projects such as building a plastic straw tower. The towers were tested with cans of food to see who constructed the strongest.

During the commencement, numerous awards were given to those outstanding students who

excelled in a particular area of study. Sauntoya Nails, 11, won an award for public speaking, partly due to the radio work that she has done with WSNC 90.5.

"I like video and speaking," she said. She plans to attend WSSU after high school.

Shirley Mosely, host of WSNC's afternoon jazz program, teaches public speaking for the academy and hopes that the program stays.

"Students learn so much and get to learn other things here," she said, "but we need more funds to keep the program running."

Newell said that if it wasn't for WSSU providing the learning facility at no cost, along with other financial providers, children would have to pay more for the program. But funds are still scarce.



Left to right: Delores Settles, Barbara Puryear, Deborah Smith, Dr. Virginia Newell, Kevin Henderson, Emilie Johnson, Barbara Massey, Ada Harvey and Shirley Mosely.

The academy asks that anyone wishing to provide additional financial assistance contact them at (336) 761-8362 to make next year's academy another success. VKNEW@aol.com or fax them at

# Bush, Mississippi hot topics at NAACP Convention

*Bond says President Bush has a way to go with blacks*

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WASHINGTON — The NAACP, convening its 92nd Convention in New Orleans this week, is demanding change in America's flawed electoral system after Election 2000 "confirmed our deep national divisions," said Chairman Julian Bond.

"We didn't choose as a theme 'Let's get over it! We didn't choose 'Please and Appear!' And we didn't choose 'Cave in and Compromise!' We chose 'Speaking Truth to Power!'" Bond said in prepared remarks released to NNPA as the five-day convention began on Sunday.

Vowing to continue "speaking truth to power," on election reform and a string of other issues that reveal America's racial segregation, Bond said the historic civil rights organization will not only push for strict standards for election reform, but will also issue a "nationwide election reform report card" grading governors, legislators and other election officials specifically on their sensitivity to election reform standards and issues. The grades will be released in the fall, he said.

President Bush, who has

remained quiet on election reform, has not helped the racial divide, Bond said. He said the president has selected "nominees from the Taliban wing of American politics, appeased the wretched appetites of the extreme right wing and chosen cabinet officials whose devotion to the Confederacy is nearly canine in its uncritical affection." Taliban is the name for a reputedly oppressive Islamic regime that has harbored known terrorists.

Bond said the election itself, including in Florida, where the NAACP has filed a lawsuit, showed the depth of racial divide in America. While Al Gore won 90 percent of the black votes, whites made up 95 percent of Bush's total vote, he pointed out.

The election also revealed the level of bigotry in America, he said. While black voters were cast as "black sheep led down a one-party path," those stereotypes are never applied to "the 60 percent of white males nationwide and the 70 percent of Southern white males who voted as a racial bloc for Bush."

NAACP Washington Bureau Director Hilary Shelton has been actively lobbying for election reform before Congress, where at

least two competing bills are moving through the House and Senate.

The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights has reported that black voters in Florida were nearly 10 times more likely than white voters to have had their ballots rejected in the November election. But, the tactics were not restricted to Florida, Bond said, pointing out that more than 2 million presidential votes went uncounted, mainly those cast by black and other minority voters.

This week's convention is the first major NAACP event since the election fiasco, which Bond said flooded the NAACP's Baltimore headquarters with calls from around the country.

According to Bond, evidence of racism in America is still very prevalent in a string of civil rights, health, social and legal issues.

"Discrimination against black Americans alone is estimated to bleed about \$240 billion each year from the economy in lost productivity," he said, noting that even as the nation becomes more diverse, "white Americans still choose to live largely segregated lives."

More than half of all new HIV infections occur among black people, who are 10 times more likely to contract AIDS and 10 times

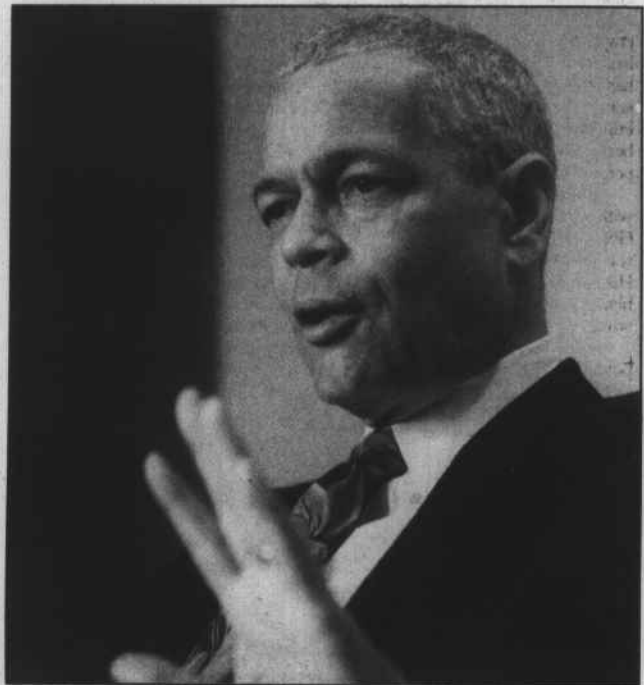
more likely to die from it, in part, because of poor funding for AIDS education and health coverage in black communities, he pointed out.

He also cited the higher unemployment rate in black communities and the lower rate of health coverage for racial minority children.

One out of six black children and one out of four Hispanic children have no health coverage, compared to one out of 11 children who are white, he said.

"And a new study has just found that if you are black, the mere presence of your dark face can lead non-blacks to misperceive an object in your hands as a weapon."

Bond told NNPA two weeks ago that the NAACP would also decide this week whether it would wage an economic boycott against Mississippi, whose state flag still includes the Confederate flag, a symbol of racial hatred.



Julian Bond makes a point at a recent news conference. Photo by KPT

# Museum to have free admission

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SciWorks, the Science Center and Environmental Park of Forsyth County, will open its doors from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, July 13, free of charge to its visitors.

Museum officials say the free Friday is a great way to kick off the weekend. They encourage residents to bring a picnic supper and enjoy the outdoor picnic area!

Currently at SciWorks is an interesting traveling exhibit, "Insect Zoo, Arachnids Too!" This exhibit takes an up-close and personal look at the lives of

insects and their relatives, the arachnids. Forget the itchy-bitsy spiders, we'll have awesome arachnids, including the Emperor Scorpions and the Cameroon Red Baboon Tarantula. Visit with Death's Head Cockroaches, Giant Spiny Stick Insects, see unique Red-Eyed Assassin Bugs, giant Black African Millipedes, the King Baboon Tarantula and others! You won't want to miss this fascinating exhibit!

SciWorks is a 65,000-square-foot facility located in the northern part of the county on 30 acres. Sci-

Works' mission is to promote scientific literacy, life-long learning and an appreciation of the sciences by providing innovative educational and recreational experiences for all people through interactive programs and exhibits, collections, an environmental park and unique facilities.

SciWorks is easy to find, located off University Parkway on Hanes Mill Road, or just off exit 116 (Hanes Mill Road) on Hwy. 52 North. Hours are 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call 767-6730 for information.

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*"Remember, to hate, to be violent, is demeaning. It means you're afraid of the other side of the coin — to love and be loved."*  
 — James Baldwin

## Sabbaticals

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statewide, regional or local nonprofit organizations.

The applications are screened by a selection committee — composed of representatives from the foundation's board of trustees, advisory panel, the foundation staff and former recipients — by February. Ten finalists have an opportunity to meet with the committee in March and winners are announced in April.

The number of awards may change from year to year.

"North Carolina is blessed with talented, dedicated leaders of nonprofit organizations across our state," said Thomas W. Ross, the executive director of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation. "We believe this program is accomplishing its mission, and we hope North Carolina nonprofit organizations will encourage their leaders to apply for sabbaticals in 2002."

The other four recipients are: Linda Dunn, the director of the Alamance County Dispute Settlement Center in Burlington; Berline P. Graham, the director of the Zara Betterment Corp. in Riegelwood; Frances W. Henderson, the executive director of the Orange County Dispute Settlement Center in Carrboro; and Kay Reibold, the director of the Vietnam Highlands Assistance Project at Lutheran Family Services in Raleigh.

## Azalea Terrace

Housing For Older Adults

Opening Late Summer, 2001

Comfort and convenience await you at Azalea Terrace, one of Winston-Salem's newest apartment communities for older adults. Located on the corner of Derry Street and Northwest Boulevard, just minutes from downtown Winston-Salem, Azalea Terrace is a multi-level apartment community offering 100 energy efficient units with elevators, laundry facilities, trash chutes and storage areas conveniently located on each floor.

<p><b>Apartment Features:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Range, Refrigerator &amp; Disposal</li> <li>Carpet &amp; No-wax Vinyl Flooring</li> <li>Energy-efficient Heat Pumps</li> <li>Patio or Balcony</li> <li>Pre-wired for Cable</li> <li>Smoke Detectors</li> </ul>	<p><b>Community Highlights:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lobby/Sitting area with Fireplace</li> <li>Lounge/Library</li> <li>Hair Salon &amp; Exercise Room</li> <li>Dining/Activity Room</li> <li>Remote Closed-Circuit TV for Entry</li> <li>Recreation/Social Services Available</li> </ul>
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