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Nurse wants mental health misconceptions to be eliminated

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If you want to make Kim Hutchinson angry, use the word "crazy" in her presence.

Hutchinson, Ed.D., a clinical nurse specialist at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, has dedicated her career to eradicating the use of the "C-word" and other practices that lead to a negative perception of people with mental illnesses.



Kim Hutchinson

"My goal is that (staff members) eliminate completely the use of the word 'crazy.' It's my issue that we do not use disparaging language like that," she said. "I tell people (who

call for consults), 'I'm not walking into crazy because that could be anything; help me understand ... what the patient's needs are.'"

A native of Queens, N.Y., Hutchinson says she didn't really choose the discipline; it chose her. During her post-graduate rotations, she began to notice that she was always assigned the patients who were the most difficult to get along with. At first, she resented it.

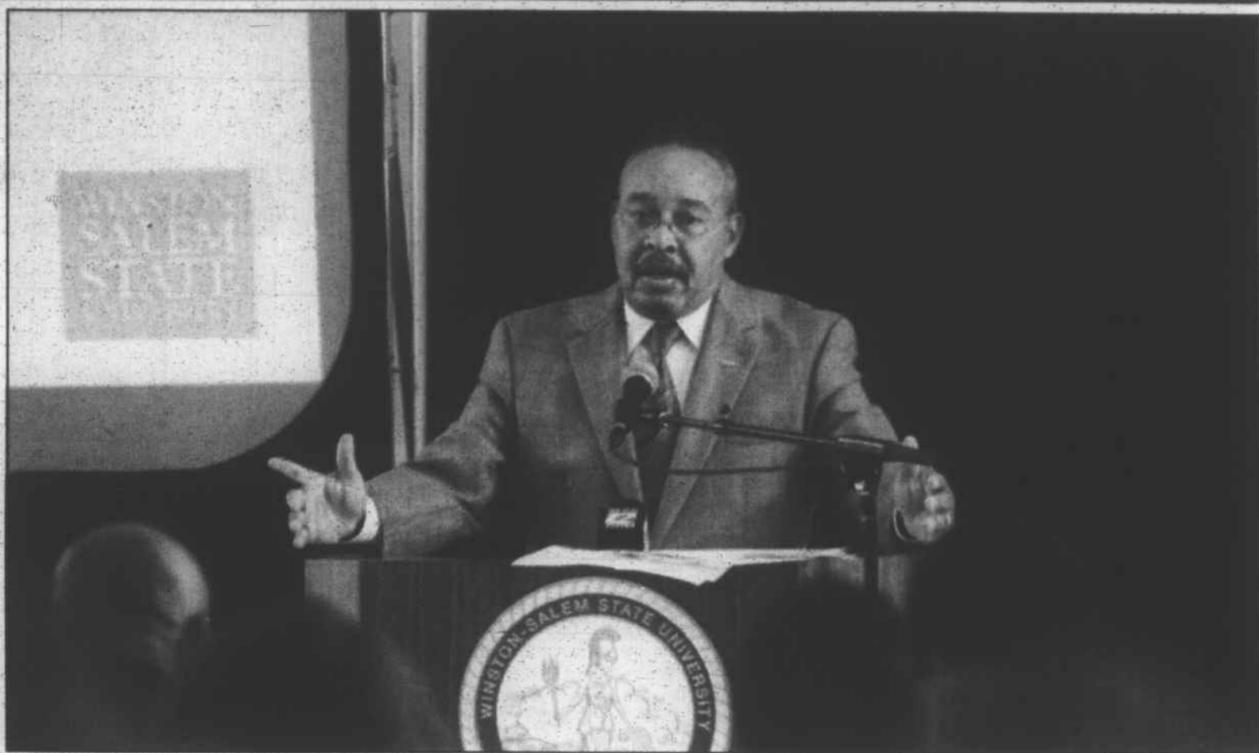
"...then the light bulb went on. I had this affinity for people who weren't able to make connections. I ... still was able to connect with them in ways that other people didn't," she explained. "My background as a minority ... made me develop this sort of appreciation for the underdog ... this really big heart for people who suffered, and suffered in ways that further stigmatized them."

Hutchinson said she learned early in her career not to judge a book by its cover.

"You don't write off anybody; there's strengths in every single person," said Hutchinson, a former instructor at Winston-Salem State University. "I really believe if you spend a little time and nurtured the strengths with some folks ... you could help people blossom with their own special kind of gift."

Seeing the value in all of the patients that come to WFUBMC for mental health care is not something that comes easily

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Dr. Donald Reaves addresses WSSU alumni and supporters at a recent meeting.

WSSU Photo by Garrett Garris

STICKS AND STONES Reaves unfazed by nameless, faceless critics

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The formation of a Web site that states it will "be posting everyday until (WSSU Chancellor) Dr. (Donald) Reaves resigns his position" has created a buzz among some WSSU alumni and supporters around town, but the chancellor says it is just the latest trick in the bag for an unidentified group that wants him out of a job.

The Web site surfaced in early May. It includes a blog by an anonymous author called, "Concerned Citizen." The first entry accused Reaves of using racial epithets; questioned his hiring and firing methods; and railed against him for the format of the recent com-

munity meeting held at the school's Anderson Center.

"He fires people quite publicly and marches them out under police escort as if they were common criminals," the blogger wrote. "...He rules by fear and intimidation and then tries to recruit people who rule the same way."

The chancellor, who denies all the allegations, says the criticism comes with the territory.

"I think it has to do with change. It has to do with the threat that change represents... some people deal with it better than others," said Reaves, who officially assumed his position less than two years ago. He succeeded the popular Dr. Harold Martin, who will become the

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Memorial Day ceremony celebrates 20th anniversary

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The audience stood frozen in the atrium of the Lawrence Joel Veteran's Memorial Coliseum Monday evening as the deafening sound of unified gunshots exploded in the darkening sky beyond the coliseum. Veterans with stern expressions saluted as the shells sprang from the rifles and clinked onto the pavement.



Turner

At the rear of the room, a lone trumpeter began to play the opening chords of "Taps," the somber melody washing over the audience before him.

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Photos by Layla Farmer

Local veterans handle the American flag with care during Monday's Memorial Day program at the coliseum.

PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

Photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Antwan Richards-Jamison/ AP Photo/ Navy Visual News Service

U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Phillip Allen (center, in light blue shirt) shares a laugh with Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai, right, and fellow sailors. Allen, who lives in Winston-Salem, met Karzai when the president came aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt when it was in the Gulf of Oman last December.



Residents take frustrations with schools to commissioners

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Forsyth County Commissioners had their hands full Tuesday night. Citizens from seemingly every segment of the community packed the room for a Commissioners' budget meeting.

Supporters from nonprofits such as Old Salem Museum and Gardens, SciWorks and the Downtown Winston-Salem

Partnership, which typically receive public money to help offset costs, were there asking that they not be overlooked during these harsh economic times.

But not everyone present was looking for a buck. Several residents implored the Board to scale back on their spending.

"You'll spend us into bankruptcy," declared Gerald Wood. "I haven't seen a layoff anywhere in ... government; it just keeps getting bigger, and I'm pay-



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