

# Dating tips at Winthrop University

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more of my ideas," he said. "Another 25 percent use the handouts, and 50 percent at least hear some different dating ideas. I guess 300 out of an audience of 700 give themselves a much better chance of dating success."

Coleman's workshops are

entertaining and informative, with topics ranging from what makes dating difficult to communication and the impact of alcohol on dates are discussed. With such serious issues prevalent on college campuses these days, Coleman recommends parents get involved with the dating habits of their

college-age kids, especially if a student needs advice.

"My advice is to be a good listener," he says. "Don't give them feedback you think they just want to hear. Be blunt and ask 'What have you done to put yourself in the position to get a date?'"

"Also, never stop looking for

things that might help them. For example, if you come across an article with an idea for a good date or anything that might be useful in making dating decisions, send it to them the next time you send them money."

# Gang member turns life around

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gang warfare was part of being African American.

So was dealing drugs, wearing gold jewelry and making babies.

It was a matter of black pride. Anything else, he believed, was being white.

Now Cuspard calls that logic ignorance.

It was mostly ignorance about the real black culture and the civil-rights pioneers who struggled to ensure that people like Cuspard could work to reach their potentials, feed their children, buy a home, pay their bills and live in peace.

"I took school as a punishment," Cuspard said. "I never knew people died for me to go to school. No one learns that in school."

Cuspard is convinced that understanding history can

help replace what he says is the distorted, violent brainwashing about what it means to be African American that kids learn on the street.

"If you get into your history, you won't gangbang," Cuspard said. "Because, of all the things people went through for you, you won't want to be killing each other."

Aside from the work Cuspard does in school, he spends time on weekends organizing children to help clean up their neighborhoods.

He also works as a part-time intern for District 8 Councilman Cody Williams.

But it took more than a history lesson to stop Cuspard once he got started on the streets.

Cuspard didn't think about stopping until life hit him harder than the death of friends and family.

He began to understand that

his hopes of being a rap star were fading.

He didn't have enough credits to graduate, and he was about to watch his friends move on without him.

He was trying to make up credits in day and night school when his need to perform for his peers got him thrown out of school.

And his girlfriend became pregnant.

The issue was no longer staying in school and staying alive, it was surviving life.

"I was scared to death," Cuspard said. "Everything started slapping me hard in the face. Bing, bing, bing. It wasn't a game anymore."

That's when another of Cuspard's big brothers, one who is a successful executive, was there to coax him off the streets.

"He told me to get myself a job and take care of business,"

said Cuspard, whose father died when he was 10 and left him with a painful emptiness.

Cuspard doesn't want his own child to feel that pain and he expects to work hard, marry his girlfriend and create a peaceful life for his year-old son and the children to follow.

But Cuspard still visits with his gang friends. He still considers himself a member.

"I'll never stop going to the neighborhood," said Cuspard, who has stopped preaching to his old friends about the worthlessness of gang banging.

Cuspard has learned that words mean nothing, so he'll let his actions speak for him.

"I'll never do anything that stops me from seeing my child the next day," he said.

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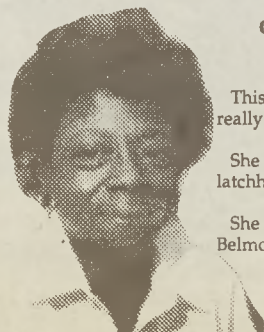
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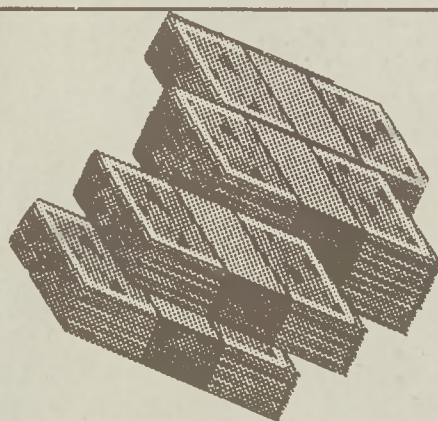
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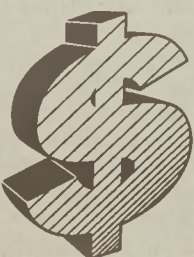
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