

## English Course Emphasizes Practical Teaching Experience

By Loretta Leak

There is a new English course at WSSU which gives sophomore and freshmen English students a better understanding of what teaching in secondary schools is like. The course, "Practicum in English," is a one-hour credit course being taught for the first time this spring semester. Since it is aimed at freshmen and sophomores, there are no prerequisite courses. According to course objectives, students are to spend one hour a week for four weeks working with adolescents in secondary schools and other community agencies. Students choose times which are convenient for themselves, as well as the teacher of the classroom with whom they will be working.

Dr. Adnee Bradford, assistant professor of English, who is in charge of the course, said these students, Ursula Brown, Von Corbett, Nellie Jones, Eva Richardson and Mark Sadler were all assigned to Anderson Junior High School. There, they engaged in small group discussions, field trips, bulletin boards, tutoring and locating research material.

Students in the course attend sessions which are informal, but contain serious subject matter, according to Bradford. For a couple of sessions, Dr. Eddie Cecil, Professor of French here at WSSU, was guest speaker. Dr. Cecil

discussed hints on developing good communication skills.

Von Corbett, a sophomore, commented, "You get to see what teaching is really like." She feels that there is not enough money in teaching but thinks it is something good to fall back on.

Two other students enrolled in the course also had positive attitudes toward teaching. Ursula Brown, a sophomore, and Mark Sadler, a freshman, enjoyed their teaching experiences and would like to pursue teaching as a career. "Ever since I was a kid, I always wanted to be a teacher," said Brown, who assisted with the journalism class. This class is

responsible for publishing the school newspaper at Anderson Junior High. She said she was always busy and the class treated her like a teacher - with respect.

Dr. Bradford thinks it is good that students have an opportunity before

their junior year to have teaching experiences with young people. She concluded with, "I am enjoying the

course, it's a challenge for me to have freshmen and sophomores who are interested in teaching."

## Organization Notes

The International Fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi, Iota XI Chapter, recently collected 44 units of blood from 59 donors in its Blood Drive held at Moyer Hauser Student Union.

Delta Sigma Pi will also be celebrating its Founder's Week which will be held April 21-28.

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The Winston-Salem State University Choir will be in concert Sunday, April 26 at 7 p.m. in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium. The concert, which is part of the University Fine Arts Festival, will feature their world premier performance of two compositions by Undine Smith Moore, a reknown Black American composer. Also on the program will be works by Bach, Schubert, Haydn, and James B. Kinchen, Jr., the university choir director.

The choir will be accompanied by a professional orchestra of 36 players from the Winston-Salem area, many of whom play with the Winston-Salem Symphony.

The program is open to the public and there will be no admissions charge.

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The Mu Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity sends congratulations to our new Brothers; Eugene Koonce, Charles Bethea, Mickey Harris, and Joe Lewis for successfully crossing the burning sands and entering into Omega Land.

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The sophomore class wishes to congratulate two students for their victories in the Black History Quiz Bowl, held March 5, in the Hill Hall Lecture Room.

The 1st place prize of \$50 went to Sherry Stevens, a freshman, while the 2nd place prize of \$25 was won by Ira Jones, a senior.

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All organization notes for the May issue must be submitted by May 4.

## Alumni Association Plans For Annual Unity Day

By Angela Jackson

The Winston-Salem State University Alumni Association will hold its annual Nationwide Unity Day conference

April 17-19 in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Winslow Lowery, director of the

Alumni Association of Winston-Salem State, is expecting 400-500 persons to participate this year. These graduates

come from as far as California and their graduating classes go back as far as the 30's and 40's.

The purpose of Unity Day is to bring together the graduates of this university to discuss issues concerning their

alma mater. These issues will include scholarships, athletic programs and

other school projects. "Every year the results of these meetings are beneficial to the school," commented Mr. Lowery.

The conference is designed for the alumni of the university, but the senior class and the Student Alumni Relations

Association (SARA) have also been invited to go. SARA members work with the alumni association on campus, so

this trip will provide a chance for them to discuss the above issues with the graduates.

Persons attending the conference will depart Thursday evening, April 16. Friday, they will tour the General

Motors Plant and then have a social hour. A disco is also planned for that evening. The meetings will begin on

Saturday. A tour of Canada is also on the agenda. At 6:30, they will gather for a banquet and dance and then, depart Sunday.

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