

# Underachievers Improve In Academics

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"We take students with C and D averages who have the potential to become A and B students in college prep courses such as algebra and foreign languages," said Mrs. Hymes. "We also pick students that have A's and B's in courses like wood-working and mechanics, who are not on a post-secondary tract."

The Upward Bound program consists of two components-the regular academic year and a residential session. During the academic year, students attend tutorial classes for communications (English, reading), mathematics, and career counseling. Each class is taken one day per week in the afternoon.

The summer session provides the students with an on-campus experience devoted to in-class development of skills. Upward Bound students must attend math, science, and communication classes during the session. The students live on the campus for six weeks, thereby getting a taste of what college life is like. They also participate in workshops designed to increase their interest in music, drama, and art. Visits to cultural events or places are also a part of their summer experience.

All Upward bound students are required to have passing grades in academic courses. "We consider passing to be a grade of C or better," added Mrs. Hymes. Students are also required to bring their report cards to the Upward Bound office at the end of each quarter.

As a way to motivate the students, the WSSU program has instituted a system of rewards for scholastic achievements. "We have three sets of awards for our students. Students who improve their performance by a letter grade are allowed to choose a group activity to attend. Those individuals are then sent a letter of congratulations from the Upward Bound staff."

Students receiving an A in any academic course have the opportunity to participate in the group activity. Their names are also forwarded to the department chairperson

at WSSU of the course in which the A was received. A letter of congratulations is then sent to the student from the department chairperson.

"Our superstars (honor-roll) receive a letter of congratulations from the Chancellor's Office. These people are highly motivated and usually do well in college. Overall, our rewards give our students added incentive to do well and it also give WSSU exposure to our students who can be recruited to college here."

This policy seems to have worked well because 30 Upward Bound students have enrolled at WSSU since 1976. Six of these students have graduated and 14 are currently enrolled.

Despite the success rate, Upward Bound students have shown in improving their grades in high schools and obtaining entrance into college, the WSSU program is in jeopardy because of "Reagonomics."

Upward bound is funded through the Trio Program of the department of Health Education and Welfare (HEW). Currently, there are 444 Upward Bound programs throughout the nation. President Reagan's proposed cutbacks would bring the number down to 175.

Although Congress is currently not in favor of cutting the budget on educational programs, there is a possibility that the Upward Bound program at WSSU will end as of June 30. "Unless action is taken one way or the other, we will not have the funds to operate after June 30," stated Mrs. Hymes, "that is the date that current funding runs out."

"We have submitted a new proposal for the 1983-84 program year. Right now we are waiting to see what is going to happen. If Reagan's budget is approved, we don't know whether our program will be eliminated or if it will continue," Mrs. Hymes added. "Now is the time of the year that we devote to recruitment of new students. So we're working on that."

## On The Yard:

### CAREER PREP SEMINARS SET

Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity, Iota Phi Lambda Sorority and the Co-operative Education Department are co-sponsoring a series of career preparation seminars for all interested students. The sessions will be presented from 3:30 - 4:30 in the Green Room of the K. R. Williams Auditorium. Dates and topics are:

April 7 - How to Become Self-Employed  
 April 14 - Positive Mental Attitude  
 April 21 - Communication Skills in the Job Interview  
 April 28 - Job Options for Liberal Arts Majors

### Little Miss AKA Pageant

The Gamma Lambda Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, INC. will sponsor a Little Miss AKA pageant on Sunday, April 10, at 3:00 p.m. The pageant will be held in the Green Room of the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium. The ages of the little girls entered range from 4 years old to 7 years old. Admission is \$1.00 and tickets may be purchased from any member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.

### Gospel Exposition Extravaganza

The Beta Iota Chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. will be host to its annual Gospel Exposition Extravaganza. The Extravaganza will play a vital role in enabling the student body, faculty, staff, and community to experience spiritual awareness and growth. This special service will be held on Sunday, April 10, at 6:00 p.m. in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend.

Eva Richardson

### WSSU Nursing Students Contribute To Rainbow House

The Student Nurses Association of Winston-Salem State University contributed \$50 to the Rainbow House of Winston-Salem. The money will be used to buy a house at 419 S. Hawthorne Rd. and convert it into the Rainbow House. Expected to be in operation by late 1984, the structure will provide lodging for families of chronically ill children who do not live in the Winston-Salem area. It will be located near North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

## University Image: Students Can Help It Or Ruin It

by Connie Lowery

Each year many Winston Salem State University students fail to realize that they can enhance or ruin the reputation of themselves as well as the university through their actions.

Whether a student is supported by self, grants, parents or guardians is not important. The point is that some students fail to realize the main purpose for being enrolled in the university. That purpose is to learn, to benefit oneself as well as upgrade the university.

We want to be a part of the "best school" and we can help to accomplish this by making ourselves the best. By doing so it strengthens our university's academic rank. When we bring ourselves down, the university's reputation suffers also.

Through the semesters, a percentage of students do not meet requirements, academically or otherwise. Therefore, they are cast into an unfavorable light and so is the university.

The role of the student is a very serious one and should not be taken lightly. When as student falls short of this requirements,

academically or personally, he not only cheats himself, but also parents, instructors, administration and staff as well.

When a student brings embarrassment to himself, it hurts the entire university. Motivation is slowed down as well as achievement of the student, thus, often-times causing a student to be placed on academic probation or completely drop out of school.

When the statistics of the university were released, they showed that the academic performances of many students were low. Therefore, the over all academic standards of the university were lowered.

It is therefore, more important than can be stressed, that students live up to the standards, academically and personally set for them.

Winston-Salem State University is a school that members, faculty staff and students can be proud of, but only through each individual's actions can this be done. We are proud of our school - Is our school proud of us?

## Off The Yard:

### Bluegrass Convention

The East Lincoln Optimist Club of Denver, North Carolina, is preparing to present its 21st Annual J. E. Mainer Memorial Fiddlers and Bluegrass Convention Saturday, March 19, 1983, at the Rock Springs School in Denver, North Carolina.

Beginning at 5:00 p.m. Saturday with concerts on stage and competition starting at 7:00 p.m. More than 50 Old Time and Bluegrass bands will be competing for the \$1,000 in cash and trophies that will be awarded to the winners of the various categories of competition.

All proceeds will be used for the various projects of the East Lincoln Optimist Club.

The Rock Springs School is located on Highway 16, midway between Newton and Charlotte at Denver, North Carolina.

The Old Time Fiddler's Convention is one of our largest fund-raising projects. We are soliciting your support to make the public aware of this event that after 20 years has become a tradition in our town. We are confident that with your help and support this fund-raising effort will be a tremendous success again this year.

### Library Presents Watercolors

During March, the Art & Music Department of the Forsyth County Public Library presents watercolors by Muir Stewart.

Muir Stewart is a native of Glasgow, Scotland. He studied architectural design at McIntosh School of Design in Glasgow and Edinburgh College of Art. As an architect, Mr. Stewart has designed numerous commercial office buildings in Europe, Africa and the United States.

Currently, he is a member of the department of Architecture and Fine Arts at Auburn University in Alabama, where he teaches Architectural Design and Drawing.

Mr. Stewart has been drawing all his life, and has concentrated in watercolors for six years. He is affiliated with the Auburn Arts Association and has exhibited in galleries throughout the Southeast.

The public is cordially invited to view this exhibit during the library's regular hours.

Admission is free.

### Prof. Studies Computers

Dr. Kerr says she has been interested in computer science for a long time and chose to pursue the retraining opportunity because it is difficult to find Ph.D.'s in the field. A member of the WSSU faculty since 1971, Dr. Kerr says she is known as a "Retread" in the department because of her years of service.

The program is predicated on the principle that the many connections between mathematics and computer science will allow the trainees to learn a great deal of computer science in a relatively short time and to become capable of doing a first rate job in teaching a large portion of the undergraduate computer science curriculum.

According to Dr. Arnold Lockett, vice chancellor for academic affairs, Dr. Kerr is one of only 30 participants selected from among more than 160 "highly qualified" applicants. He says all expenses - tuition and subsistence - will be paid by the Sloan Foundation.