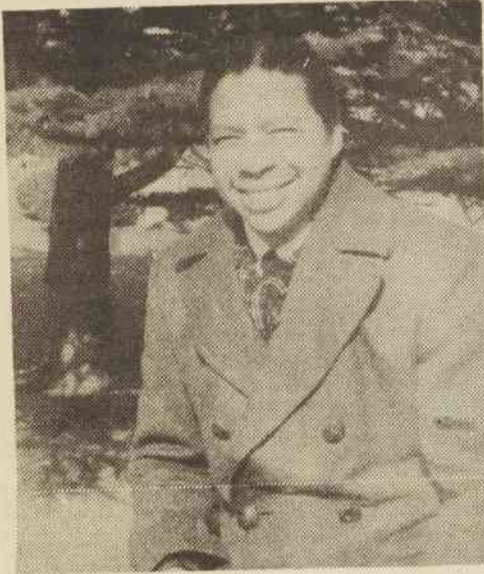


PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Students Seeks Funds For Foreign Study

Will Cost More Than \$7,000

By Sam Davis



Dereck Mitchell:
London Bound

"I want to learn about the economic structures of Asia and Africa in order to prepare myself for future pursuits," says Dereck Mitchell, a sophomore from Rural Hall, in explaining why he applied for the year-abroad program at the University of London.

Mitchell, a Business Administration major with a concentration in Information Systems decided to return to Winston-Salem State University last year at the age of 2. "I came back to college because I plan to own my own business. Matter of fact, I want to be the head of a major international corporation," he says.

"Being in the workforce for over 4 years I learned that in order to be successful you need to have expertise in a specific area. I was able to land good jobs, but I would not be able to really climb the corporate ladder without a Business Degree."

"I'm the type of person that looks for opportunity," says Mitchell. "I found out about the University of London in a kind of round-about way. I was talking with one of my instructors in his office one day and happened to see a brochure from the school. I asked him if I could pursue it and in doing so, found some information that really caught my attention."

The next step for Mitchell was writing a letter to the director of admissions at the University. "They sent me an applications and told me that I would need two references along with a transcript. Once I completed the application and secured references from 2 instructors, I just sat back and waited for their response."

Late last month Mitchell received the letter he had awaited for over 6 weeks. "I was shocked to find that I had been accepted," he states. "They offered me a place at the school 3 semesters starting in October of this year."

He applied for courses in Economics and Geography as the basis for his study. "I was accepted to study West African Economic Development and the Economics of East Africa. The Geography course I applied for, (Geography of development planning with reference to Asia and Africa) was closed so I'll have to pick another one."

"I'm really looking forward to the experience," Mitchell says. "I think it will really broaden my horizons. I think my stay there will allow me to put the world economic structure into perspective."

"I look at it as a spring-board from which to begin my career in international business. I have already considered the possibility of staying at the University of London after my three terms of the program are over," he says.

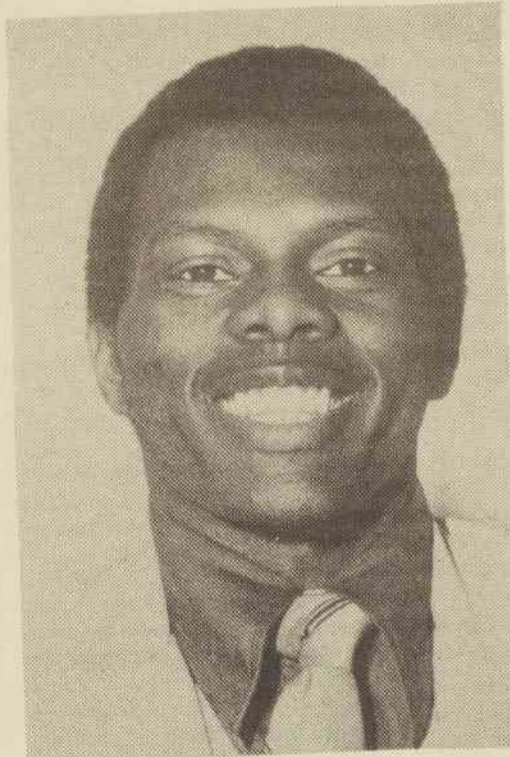
"I would like to learn an Arabic language and then locate in either a Mediterranean, Northern African country or in Saudi Arabia. These countries are really beginning to develop their economics and its an ideal time for blacks to strike up business interests in these areas."

Although he hasn't found out how he will finance his year abroad, Mitchell is confident he'll be in London next fall. "I really have my passport, and I'm trying to locate loans and grants for next year," he says. His expenses for travel, study and living will cost him about \$7,000.

"I'm not really worried about it at this point and time," Mitchell says. "I just have to get out and turn over every leaf I come across until I find the money. As a highly motivated, but patient person its just a matter of time before something comes through."

WSSU Alumnus Wins Scholarship at Oklahoma Univ.

By Sam Davis



James Outlaw, 1982 grad winner of \$1,000 award



Cassandra Scales, has part of Lena in "A Raisin in the Sun"

James Outlaw, a 1982 graduate of Winston-Salem State University is the recent winner of a \$1,000 Scholarship at the University of Oklahoma. Outlaw, who is pursuing a masters degree in Music is one of four Oklahoma University students to win the awards, presented by the Mary Clarke Miley Foundation.

Outlaw was announced as winner of the Tirzah Beauchamp Clarke Scholarship, an award that recognizes the top vocalist in the University's music department.

A native of Kinston, Outlaw held a James Dillard-Martha Atkins Scholarship while at WSSU.

Another contestant in the competition was Cassandra Scales, also an alumnus of WSSU. Although Ms. Scales did not win a scholarship in the competition, she will have the leading role of Lena Younger in the Oklahoma University production of "A Raisin in the Sun."

Ms. Scales, a native of Winston-Salem also was a Dillard-Atkins Scholarship winner at WSSU. A graduate student in the University of Oklahoma School of Drama, Ms. Scales studies voice with renowned voice coach Carol Brice Carey.

Black Mayor: A First For Chicago

By Sam Davis

Chicago, Illinois, the third largest city in the United States has elected its first black mayor. Two-term Congressman Harold Washington won a bitterly contested election over white Republican Bernard Epton by a 52 to 48 percent vote.

A record number (85 percent of Chicago's 1.6 million) of voters came out to cast ballots. The black community, which represents over 40 percent of the city's

population, gave Washington an overwhelming amount of support. Some 90 percent of the blacks that voted backed Washington.

Washington also received a tremendous amount of support from white liberals and Hispanics. Estimates show that approximately 60 percent of the Hispanic vote was in favor of Washington.

This mayoral race may have been one of the most hotly debated campaigns of the

80's. Citizens of Chicago, which have been for years strictly Democratic were torn between giving their allegiance to Washington, or going with the up-start Epton. Had Epton been elected, Chicago would have had its first Republican mayor in over 50 years.

"The election of Washington shows the impact that blacks can exert if they come out and vote," says Dr. Michael Montgomery, chairman of the social science

department here. "Cities that have a considerable black population (such as Winston-Salem, which is over 40 percent black) now have a model by which they can elect blacks to top political positions. If qualified blacks who run for office can polarize black voters and appeal to whites as well, they too can obtain positions within city and state government."