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Dr. Douglas Covington, Governor Jim Hunt, Gordon Hanes, Mel Edwards and Mitzi Shumate at sculpture unveiling, story on page 10

T.V. Personality Tells Honor Students To Help Community

by Sam Davis

The audience at the Parents Day/Honors Day program on April 24 was treated to an inspiring speech by Don Forney, community affairs director for WGHP television station.

"Instead of going out partying and getting down, fraternities and sororities need to go out and help someone," Forney said. "I challenge you students to do 6 months of service to the community," he continued. "How many college students actually go out and help someone in the community, like the senior citizens?" he asked.

Forney then shifted his speech from students to the alumni. "Every year, the alumni at our black colleges come to town for homecoming with their new cars and new clothes. They stay at the Hyatt House and are very impressive around their friends," he said. But how many of us are doing something to help our schools? If each alumnus would go out and talk to 5 students and 1 decided to matriculate, it would really help in these times when

recruitment at black schools is down," he stated.

"If its good enough for you to attend Winston-Salem State University, then its good enough for others," Forney said. "We need to strive for excellence in all we do."

He then alluded to the excellent record of Rams Basketball Coach Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines. "I've always hated 'Bighouse'," Forney said jokingly. "When I was in school at A and T, he would comover to the gym with his big name stars like Cleo Hill and Earl Monroe. They wouldn't just beat us, they would destroy us," he said. "At the end of the game he would pull up his pants and look around the gym with his 'I should have beat'em by 100 points' look."

Forney said that students at WSSU should be just as persistent in their endeavors as Coach Gaines. "He proves what striving for excellence is all about," Forney said referring to Gaines. "You should have high standards also."

Tony Brown To Give Commencement Speech

By Phyllis Jeter

Tony Brown, Television's Civil Rights Crusader," writer, lecturer, and community activist, will be the keynote speaker for the 1983 WSSU Commencement Exercises to be held on Sunday, May 15 at Memorial Coliseum.

The News Argus spoke with Mr. Brown this week and he says the highlight of his speech, which is a plan for the Eighties, will focus on the use of black history to solve the problems of black americans today and in the future.

Tony Brown is noted for his seven-year tenure as the Host and Executive Producer of the legendary, Emmy-nominated Black Affairs series BLACK JOURNAL. He currently is the Host and Executive Producer of TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL, the nation's longest running, national black public affairs television series.

In a recent review, Kay Gardella of the New York Daily News said "Brown is an impressive, low key narrator-host who is doing the black community a major service." She called TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL television series "the finest program on television, that is targeted at the black viewer."

Brown who has won many awards is also affiliated with Who's Who in the World, Who's Who Among Black Americans, Living Legends in Black, and the Black American Reference Book.

Along with his pioneer work in television, Brown has also carved a fiery path in the field of education. Until July, 1974, he served as the first and founding Dean of the School of Communications, and professor at Howard University where he established a distinguished academic and professional record. He is also the founder and national coordinator of the annual Black College Day.

Aside from his many achievements in the field of communication and higher education, Brown has been cited as "Man of the Year," by the national Newspaper Publishers Association, one of the "100 Most Influential Black Americans," by EBONY magazine, and a board member of the National Black Child Development Institute.

A native of Charleston, West Virginia, Brown holds a B.A. in Sociology and Psychology and a Master of Social Work in Psychiatric Social Work, both from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan.

News Argus Extra Careers in Journalism



At age 27, Allen Johnson is Editor of the "best" weekly newspaper in the state, see page 8.



James Parker talks about how he became involved in photo journalism.

Congratulations 1983 WSSU Graduates