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Dr. Elwanda Ingram Photo by Chavis

Ingram Receives Fulbright Grant

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Dr. Elwanda Ingram was the recipient of a Fulbright Hayes travel study grant, (a governmental program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education) that allowed her to spend six weeks in Georgetown, Guyana South America this past summer. She along with 11 other college professors from Morgan State of Baltimore; the University of the District of Columbia, Washington, D.C.; Norfolk State University, Norfolk; Virginia State University, Petersburg, Va.; the University of Pennsylvania at Pittsburgh, and Hampton University, Hampton, Va.

An announcement came through Dr. Harvey's office concerning the position. The information was then sent to Dr. Ingram, she applied and was accepted based on the reason she gave as to why she would like to be a part of such a study group. The group attended seminars detailing Guyana culture and life at the University of Guyana, traveled its coastal areas, and attended many cultural events.

Each group had individual projects. Dr. Ingram studied Caribbean women writers and literature. She attended lectures and seminars for three days a week for the first four weeks at the University of Guyana where she and others covered all aspects of Guyana life including the history of the educational system, economics and politics, and art and literature.

When Dr. Ingram was asked what she found most interesting about the South American way of life, she replied, "Despite the fact that they don't have the same types

of resources and are now having electrical blackouts and fuel shortages, they are very warm, friendly and hospitable. It won all of us over due to how they welcomed us to Guyana and into their individual homes." Dr. Ingram found the trip to be a wonderful experience as she had the chance to visit areas other than Guyana. In one particular she saw the great Caieteur Falls much like Niagra Falls, but only twice as deep.

Dr. Ingram also had the chance to see some very important people. Included were Oliver Tambo, president of the African National Council of South America; the president of Guyana; and Bishop Desmond Hoyt of Guyana.

Sound thrilling? Well, Dr. Ingram can guarantee you that it was. She summed up the whole experience by stating, "It was an honor."

Mother of Four Excels at WSSU

by Linda McKnight

Do you take things for granted? No, oh come on sure you do. Many of us very often do not realize the extent to which we are blessed. We abuse our privileges of having money, owning a car, and do not take our studies seriously. It is only when we miss these things that we realize their value to us.

One lady at this university knew from the start that there would be no time for games. For four years she has dedicated herself to some real sacrificing that's getting ready to pay off by leaps and bounds.

Meet Zaida Class, a native of Puerto Rico. She moved to the United States years ago and settled in New York. She later moved to North Carolina and got a job as an interpreter for Burlington Industries, but quit because she became fed up with the way things were going. Along the way she had also been overlooked for higher job positions because she didn't have a degree. This made her decide to go back to school and get an education.

"If that little piece of paper meant so much and is so important, then I decided I was going to get one," she explained.

She enrolled in Winston-Salem State University in 1983. She thought it was going to be a piece of cake but soon found out differently. Zaida had taken 12 hours of Business at New York University 12 hours of History at Rutgers and 12 hours of Spanish at Elon College.

"This has been the toughest so far," she says. The instructors here dedicate their time to the students, but at the other colleges' you were just a number. I've liked it so much I want my children to go here."

Class overcame a lot of obstacles and went on to double major in Psychology and Spanish. She will use her degree to cater to the Hispanic community and work with substance abuse victims. She has worked as

a counselor in the past with heroin addicts and has worked with training unskilled migrants to get a job, while in New York. Here at the university, she has worked as a peer counselor.

Twelve graduate schools have accepted Class into their academic programs. Among them are Kentucky State, West Virginia State, Rutgers, Miami University, Florida A&M, Missouri State, Georgetown University, Wake Forest University, and UNC-Chapel Hill.

She is undecided as to where she will attend, but has limited her choices to either Miami or Georgetown University. Wake Forest is in her favor also because they have the best counseling program in the nation.

Why did she apply to so many schools? When asked she replied, "To see what kind of benefits each school was offering and if I could really get into these schools. It's difficult to get into clinical Psychology in most schools. I had a feeling I would be successful. I have the GPA (3.3), the age, and I'm a minority. These were three important factors that got me in."

The fact that she is a full-time student, mother, and grand, her had no affect on her determination to get an education. In fact, it helped.

"I scheduled my hours around my children's school hours and I studied when they studied." Her children all have A averages. She even inspired one of her children to go from a D to an A average in school. "Now we're in competition. Last semester I got four A's and a B and my children got four A's and a B except for my youngest, she has all A's." She has four daughters ranging from the ages of 9-23 and a granddaughter of 18 months.

Because Zaida hasn't turned around doesn't mean she never had the urge to. This lady, because of no transportation, had to walk to school and back for an hour and a half each day.

"I remember once it was so hot I just stopped and cried and said I was going to quit, but I didn't and I never gave up." Her ex-husband made it easier for her her second year by buying her a car.

Whether in school or out, Zaida has always been an active individual. As in individual looking out for the growth of the community, she began basketball clinic in which she taught children between the ages of 8-12 how to read and play basketball for four hours on Saturday. For two hours they would play basketball being coached by coaches from all across the state. For the remaining two hours they would read. She would have each child bring in an article on a sport, preferably basketball to make the reading more interesting to them. Her first year she had fifty-two kids and sponsors helped out! But the second year she had to stop. She got no government funding and could not afford the cost of renting the gym.

When Zaida was asked if she would change anything is she had to do it all over again, she replied, "I wouldn't change one thing. I might get a ten speed so I wouldn't have to walk so much, other than that I wouldn't change a thing."

WSSU Receives Cooperative Education Grant

Winston-Salem State University has received a grant of nearly \$25,500 from the U.S. Department of Education to improve and expand the university's Cooperative Education Program. The funds will be used to hire consultants and part-time staff members, develop printed materials to promote the program and provide for staff travel for job development, job site visits and training and development.

The Cooperative Education Program offers students the opportunity to work in paid, professional positions that are related to their major fields of study while earning academic credit. Students may participate on a full-time or part-time basis.

Merry Christmas Coed Visitation

by Mia Wilson

Co-ed Visitation is once again the talk of the campus of Winston-Salem State. This year all of the dorms will receive the co-ed visitation right thanks to the majority of the students who voted on November 9th.

This year the Co-ed Visitation Program changed hands from the administrator to the Student Government Association with Veronica Howard, director of Judicial Affairs at the reins.

With this new take over some of the rules have changed. These changes include: a. work study students and volunteers will help work the desk during visitation hours. In the past the desk was manned strictly by volunteers of course this didn't work out so well; b. anyone with a valid college identification card can participate in co-ed visitation. Previously only WSSU students could participate; c. two dorm representatives and two hall monitors for each dorm have been established to eliminate any problems.

However, many of the old rules still apply such as a two-third majority of the occupants from each dorm must vote positively in order for the Co-ed Visitation Program to work in that dorm; you must check in and check out your guest; room doors may be closed but not locked; no bathroom privileges can be granted due to physical arrangement. If any of these rules are broken, suspension from the University is possible.

These old rules along with some of the new ones will hopefully help make the failing co-ed visitation from the past into a strong on-going system for now and in the future.