

BLACK HISTORY-BLACK CULTURE

▲ *The News Argus* is proud to present a new section of the paper, black history-black culture. This section will feature information concerning the contributions of African Americans to society this month will feature Dr. Nat Irvin, and Attorney Larry Little.

Irvin Has Messages To Share

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"You have the opportunity to change people's behavior if you write well," explained Dr. Nat Irvin, Winston-Salem State University's Vice-Chancellor for Developmental Relations.

Though he has been at WSSU for five years, his writing career spans over 20 years. Dr. Irvin not only handles university relations but he also enjoys writing thought provoking columns and editorials for various newspapers and magazines across the country.

Writing about on a broad range of topics from political humor to social thought, Dr. Irvin has a very valuable message to share with society. As a freelance writer and columnist for *The Winston-Salem Chronicle*, he is always observing everything and everyone around him. He allows his experiences with people everyday to be the topics of his work. Dr. Irvin has written articles for various publications such as: *Emerge Magazine* and *The Dallas Morning News*. He published an article about how Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. influenced his life, in *Style Magazine*, a weekly publication that is distributed free throughout the Triad.

As a native of the South, Dr. Irvin understands the importance of Black people having their voices heard. No one can write the story of black people with honesty except black people. "There aren't enough black people writing," said Dr. Irvin. The heritage and history of our generations is rich and



Nat Irvin

abundant due to the many heart aches and joys we have experienced. In all of his writings Dr. Irvin tries to be honest when expressing his beliefs and opinions in his own point of view.

In a January edition of *The Dallas Morning News*, he tackled a thought provoking and controversial issue. The article dealt with the stereotypical black male, and how black and white people are intimidated as well as disgusted with this image and what they think it means.

Dr. Irvin believes that writing must be an essential part of life if one is going to be successful in today's society. It is important that young people today have the ability to express themselves verbally and through written words in an intelligent manner.

Though racism may be a part of our everyday lives, according to Dr. Irvin, it can no longer be used as an excuse for failure. With the many obstacles that our parents and grand-parents had to overcome, there is no excuse for the younger generation of today to be anything less than successful.

Little Is A Man For All Times

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Larry Little

Most people know little or some about Larry Little. Some students who have had the opportunity to take his class as I have, know that Larry Little is much more than a professor at Winston-Salem State University.

This 42-yr. old lawyer and advocate of civil rights teaches political science courses at Winston-Salem State University and is an avid golfer in his spare time.

Many of us have heard or know firsthand the story of Larry Little's life, almost verbatim. He was born February 21, 1950 and was a high school basketball star who didn't have time for much of anything else and that included his studies. When he was denied the chance to graduate with his senior class because of one course his turnaround began. He went on to graduate from Reynold's High School which was predominately white and from there received degrees from Winston-Salem State University, University of NC at Greensboro, and a law degree from Wake Forest University. From there he went on to become coordinator of the North Carolina chapter of the Black Panther Party in the 1970's. "It was the foundation for which development

occurred and instilled the determination to fight to advance the cause of black liberation- I read books every week."

Each semester Mr. Little (or Larry as most of his students call him), teaches different political science courses here at WSSU. According to Larry students in his class have specific goals. "I want them to be critical thinkers and I want them to leave with a feeling that they have a responsibility and a commitment to help further the study and carry on the struggle."

Little feels that often the contributions made by many outstanding leaders are not appreciated as they should be. "Theoretically, I believe we should celebrate black history every month, every ethnic group should take time to reflect on their history and struggles," he explained. "People who don't know their history are like trees without roots."

Great African Americans

Dr. Percy Lavon Julian
1899 - 1975

Scientist, Medical Researcher

W.E.B. DuBois
1868 - 1963

Author, Educator, Intellectual

Sojourner Truth
1797 - 1883

Orator, Women's Rights Activist

Phillis Wheatley
1753 - 1784

World Famous Poet

Fannie Lou Hamer
1917 - 1971

Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement

Carter G. Woodson
1875 - 1950

Founder of Black History Month