

Poetry Corner

Sister

Sister
By this I mean my counter part my equal!
By no means shall I disrespect my sister!
By calling her out of her name!
Why to do this, means your truly not a man!

Sister
Barrier of child!
Why the very life which we call our own!
Never has their been such a more
Beautiful sight than women and child!

Sister
Strong minds strong willed! Why you can
see it in her walk! Chin held high with eyes
to the sky! Her Back arched to protection and
with every foot step her face shines as if to say,
Never shall I turn back!
Never shall I fade!

Sister
Short, Big, Tall!
Dark, Light or Brown
its all the same and I love and respect you all
just the same. Sister.

—Darrin Glenn

Egotistical Fools

Mirror Image is what they see
Dwelling on transparent reflections
All they think about is me, me, me
Don't ask they have no true intentions

The words manifest are about themselves
The world around don't really matter
Philosophically speaking, their psyche needs help
Ego makes their head get fatter

Heads swell with conscious rhetoric
The idiosyncrasy they now profess
Self taught as a little gimmick
The jargon used to make people guess

They are known as Egotistical Fools
Care about one person, mirror image
It doesn't matter if you think they're cruel
All examples of societal bondage

Egotistically speaking, they talk about themselves
As a escapism from society
Bound by the elements placed on the shelf
The shelf being the world, what a pity

Egotistical Fools, reason their environment
Thinking of themselves, only constantly
Boasting and Bragging about accomplishments
Their psyche needs a break immediately

—Mildred Gumbs

Woman

Respect me, I am a a lady
Charm, charisma and finesse.

Cherish me. I am your mother
for you I'll accept nothing but the best.

Acknowledge my intellectuality
there's more to me than just my physique.
Until you learn exactly who I am, you'll
never see the side of me that's sweet.

Listen to my heart with yours
reach deeper than just the surface.
The language we share between our hearts
is one no other can interpret.

Caress my soul .
and know that when I am in pain
I need your understanding and care.

But most of all trust me.
Whatever woman I am to you,
you know I'll always be there.

—R. Lynn Neal

Patterson Heads Residence Life

BY JAMITA GRIFFIN
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"I want the Winston-Salem State University students to know that I am open to constructive suggestions and readily accessible," said Walter Patterson, WSSU's new director of Residence Life/Housing.

Patterson, a 1974 WSSU graduate, feels very comfortable about his new position especially because he is familiar with the environment. Having been a boarding student, he "is aware of the problems that students face when they live on campus."

Patterson feels that his job will be fulfilling as well as rewarding. "I will have a chance to give back to the institution that gave to me," he said.

Where most people want to make changes, Patterson likes to look at the effectiveness of the system and expand on it. One improvement that he would like to make in the current housing system, is to computerized the department.

"Computerization will help to eliminate many of the extra steps students have to take when they are checking into the residence hall at the beginning of the school year," he said.

Patterson is an optimist and he does not see things as problems. He does admit that it will be a challenge getting to know everyone. He wants students to know that he is open to constructive suggestions on how he and the other staff members can improve the residential community and how they can impact the university at large.

Before coming to WSSU, Patterson held the positions of Director of Research Rights and Responsibility at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, Md.; the Assistant Director for Operations at Ramapo College in New Jersey; and the Administrative Assistant to the Vice-President of Student Affairs at Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte.

Oldham Enjoys Teaching at WSSU

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"I enjoy teaching at Winston-Salem State, I just want to help," said a Communication Specialist for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Systems Television Station.

Donna Oldham has joined the Mass Communications Department. Oldham's concern for black journalist had a great impact on her taking this job. "I would teach for free," said Oldham. "I just want to give something back to the community."

Oldham believes that there are basic "survival skills" that everyone needs to know in order to succeed. These skills are known as cultural literacy, which is the knowledge of geography, history, and business. "The better your 'survival skills,' the better you are in the game," said Oldham.

Although everyone knows that a person can't learn everything from a book, Oldham feels that all students need to take advantage of their classes, because

they will be needed. "It will get you in the game," she said.

Oldham, 36, has achieved many accomplishments in her time. She was the first black, in the first graduating class at Forsyth County Day, (a private school in W-S).

At the age of 15, Oldham received her first reporting job at the **Winston-Salem Journal**, as the Teen Page Correspondent. She received \$15 per story. Oldham went on to receive a BA in Journalism from Marshall University in Huntington, W. Va. She later graduated from WSSU with a degree in Elizabethan English.

Oldham has held the positions of Director of Public Relations for Dudley Products, and a General Assignment Reporter at two newspapers. She is currently working with the WS/FC School System, but she is still not satisfied. Oldham's future plans are to become the publisher or the owner of her own community newspaper.