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Program prepares students

Upward Bound helps with academic scores

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Students who participate in Winston-Salem State University's Upward Bound Program began another academic year earlier this month.

The program is designed to assist and prepare students for college.

The 80 students enrolled in Upward Bound will attend Math, Science, English and Self-Awareness classes every afternoon from 4:30-5:20 pm on the campus of WSSU. Guin White is the program's director.

"Upward Bound impacts the student by enhancing their motivational efforts in continuing their past secondary education," said White.

"Upward Bound is a program that helps kids who have deficiencies in English, and bring those skills up so that they can be more proficient when they go to college," said communications teacher Priscilla Jackson Wiggins.

In addition to the courses available during the year, Upward Bound students also participate in a Summer Residential Program held on the campus. The six week program enhances the Math, Science, English, and Career Awareness programs taught during the year. Additionally, during the summer the students tour other university campuses, attend lectures, and experience college residential life.

High school seniors in the program qualify for the Bridge Program which is also a summer residential program. The students take classes, which upon completion yield six credit hours.

Delena Hudson, a freshman at WSSU, a graduate of Parkland High School and who was a participant for three years, had this to say: "I experienced life away from home and I got a jumpstart for college by earning 6 credit hours."

Participant Danisha Barner who is a freshman at West Forsyth High School said, "My reason for joining was to meet new friends and get help with school at the same time. I like the program because you get to meet people and have something to do in the summertime."

Winston-Salem's young adults join mayor to talk about downtown plan

BY SHARONDA WILCOX
 Editor

The smell of croissants, danish and piping hot coffee permeated the atmosphere as I entered the room at the Benton Convention Center. The room was filled with professionals in business attire, women in their freshly dry cleaned business suits, neatly kept up do's or fresh salon cuts, and the men in dark suits and clean shaven, set the stage for what appeared to be just a normal run of the mill middle aged professional's breakfast meeting.

Right?
 Wrong?

Were these people are professionals?

Yes.
 Middle-aged?
 No.

They gathered at the Convention Center for one particular reason—to solve a problem: "The city of Winston-Salem is expected to lose 8,674 residents between the age of 18 and 34 by the year 2000."

"So what? I may be in that 8,674," is what probably ran through the minds of the numerous professionals and students who attended the Mayor's Conference on October 14.

Jack Cavanagh, who is the mayor of Winston-Salem, seems to be concerned

about the large number of people from the 18-34 age group who are leaving this "fair city" and decided to call the conference to address the problem.

Winston-Salem considers itself to be a city of diversity, with its rich history, the arts, culture, a thriving health industry and top ranking colleges and universities. With so much to offer, why can't the city keep 18-34-year-old residents from moving to larger cities like Charlotte and Atlanta?

"The businesses here and from other cities have an obligation to try to attract more people in the 18-34 age group," said
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Let the Job Search Begin



Photo by Sharonda Wilcox

Rasheed Oluwa, a junior from New York, talks with a newspaper representative at the Howard University Job Fair. See story, pages 6.

Death of Wyoming student tops talks of hate-crime laws

BY KEISHA LEACH
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The early October murder of 21-year old Matthew Shepard, former student of the University of Wyoming is raising many questions concerning the rights of homosexuals among lawmakers and activists across the nation.

Shepard slipped into a coma five days after he was pistol whipped, burned, then lashed to a fence in a rural field.

His accused attackers, 21-year-old Russell Arthur Henderson, and 22-year-old Aaron James McKinney apparently pretended to be gay in order to lure Shepard outside of the campus bar where

the initial incident took place. Both men were jailed on attempted murder charges that were increased to first degree murder charges following Shepard's death.

Girlfriends of McKinney and Henderson, 20-year-old Chasity Vera Pasley and 18-year-old Kriston Lean Price were also charged with "accessory after the fact" after allegedly helping the men dispose of Shepard's bloody clothing.

Although both McKinney and Henderson along with authorities say the motive for the attack was robbery, activists say the real motive was the
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Mardi gras theme marks coronation

Kimberly Brice crowned

BY MARCUS MATHIS
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Mardi Gras: An Explosion in Red, was this year's theme at coronation: The crowning of Miss Kimberly Brice.

Miss Brice is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha and very dedicated to her sorority. She is also a very talented pianist and a note of glorious celebration paraded her coronation.

There were 48 queens and five kings.

The proceedings were MCed by Anne Little and Reverend White gave the invocation.

The Association of Rhythmic Talent did a good job on their tap routine, despite the technical difficulties. The show must go on! They deserve a round of applause for their courage and determination.

Overall the coronation went well. There was plenty of excitement, drama and class. It was a team effort and much was accomplished.

The reception was filled with balloons and chicken drummettes. Music at the reception was provided by Adagio. This year's coronation was an evening full of charm, style and sophistication.