

STUDENT Features

Dr. Angelou encourages rainbows in clouds

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In her first appearance at Winston-Salem State University in nearly a decade, Dr. Maya Angelou captivated an auditorium full of people of all ages, races and genders.

The prolific world-renowned poet, educator, mother, sister and friend

had an entire day dedicated to her in her name.

The day kicked off with a 10 a.m. lecture on African-American culture given by Dr. Winston Bell.

Bell emphasized the importance of students who are products of a Historically Black College and University being knowledgeable of the great historical figures

who once wore their shoes.

At 2 p.m., the works of Dr. Angelou were celebrated with a forum that allowed WSSU students, faculty and community leaders in Dillard Auditorium. From "Still I Rise" to "The Black Family Pledge," "The Pulse of Morning" to "Phenomenal Woman,"

Angelou's works were recited and analyzed in an organized forum that enticed thought.

"When it looked like the sun wasn't gonna shine anymore, God put a rainbow in the clouds."

Finally, at 7 p.m. in K.R. Williams Auditorium, Angelou spoke to the Winston-Salem community.

"This is a forum for explanation, understanding, enlightening and appreciation, for Dr. Angelou rarely performs at home," said SGA President, Kristie Swink as a part of her introduction.

Community leaders, Dr. Harold Martin and an

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Senior's trip to Finland pays off

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Sammy Towns, a Winston-Salem State University senior who is double majoring in accounting and MIS, spent the Spring 2002 semester studying abroad in Jyväskylä, Finland.

Towns had initially decided to go for scholastic reasons, as well as a change of scenery. However, he never imagined that he would enjoy his time in Finland as much as he did.

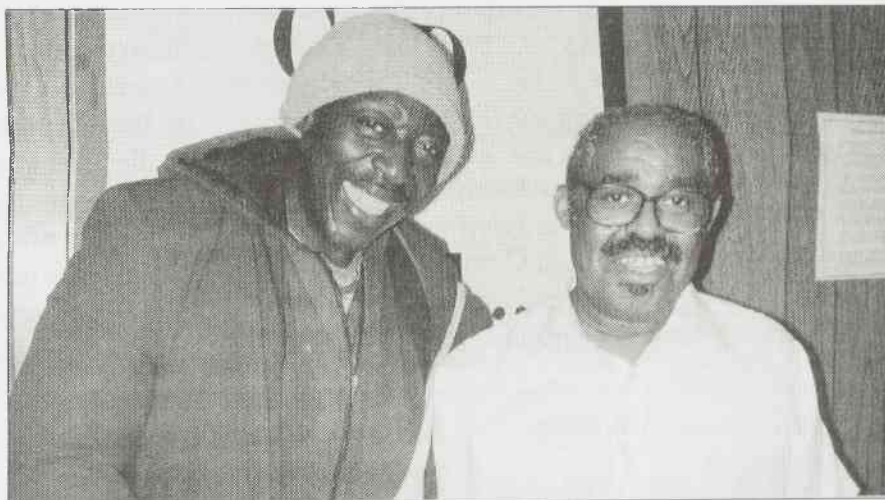
His first impression of the city was that it was "cold... the people are very nice but they didn't smile much and look mad all the time."

Towns took at least seven classes while studying abroad such as accounting, C++, International Business and High-Tech Entrepreneurship.

He said that all of the classes were similar to graduate courses and that all assigned work was taken straight from the book.

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Argus photo Reshika Ramseur
Harry Shields (left)
and **Carl Black** spend
some time together
at Goler Memorial
AME Zion church.

Full Stomachs

King's Table has plenty for those in need

By Reshika Ramseur
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Each Saturday Morning Goler Memorial AME Zion Church houses a soup kitchen for those who don't have a roof over their heads because of bad luck or circumstance.

But on the Saturday morning *The News Argus* attended, there was a large number of homeless people gathered in the church to fellowship with one another. It is a time of fellowship that masks an uncertain reality, for some it would be the only meal they would receive for the day. For others, it may be their last.

About 7 a.m., dedicated people take time out to help do what some may never think of doing. They brave the cold morning air to help feed the homeless. The

purpose behind the kitchen is to build a bond between the homeless and the community.

The overseer of this aesthetic mission, cleverly named the "King's Table," is Carl Black, a member of the church. Black says the turnout of people for the Saturday morning fellowship is always worth it.

"The feeling that I get from this experience is one that I will never forget. I enjoy working with the homeless. One, because I enjoy fellowshiping with them, and the other is for the love of cooking," said Black.

Some of the individuals who arrive at the church each Saturday morning live in situations and conditions that are anything but comfortable.

Many said they live in cars,

garages and in homeless shelters such as Bethesda.

For them, making it through the day is a constant challenge. Others said they had tried to go out and find jobs for that day to have money for the week.

Harry Shields is one of those people.

"Just because I am homeless does not mean that it is going to keep me from following through with my vision. The vision is doing something great and wonderful with my life," he said.

"Gathering at the King's Table is my sanctuary. It is a chance for me to get a hot meal and to be with others that I can relate to."

Shields, finds work when he can selling newspapers. He said his motivation is his inner soul and it drives him to carry on.