

Chronicle Profile

New Plans For WSSU



Dr. H. Douglas Covington

Staff Photo

Winston-Salem State's new chancellor does not officially assume his duties for several days yet, but he was already on the job, studying WSSU reports and familiarizing himself with the issues he must deal with.

He was working Tuesday in the conference room, because his office was full of busy workers and the smell of paint. Dr. H. Douglas Covington's arrival at WSSU's new chancellor coincided with the Department of Health Education and

Welfare's ruling concerning desegregation of institutions of higher learning.

"I've been asked about that so many times I should have an answer memorized," smiled Dr. Covington.

"Actually, that ruling was so general, there is very little we can do until HEW sets down some specific guidelines." He added that he was pleased that black schools would be receiving more attention from the government and hopefully funding to expand and improve facilities.

Expansion is definitely in the chancellor's plans for WSSU, but first he wants a careful study of the present programs offered by the university, so that growth can be in the area of greatest need.

"It isn't a question of if Winston-Salem State will start a graduate program; it's a question of when," said Dr. Covington, explaining that such a move must be approached carefully, considering student needs, available space and other priorities.

Dr. Covington is not really a newcomer to

Winston-Salem. He was born here, and still has childhood memories of the city.

"My father was a taxi-driver, and I used to ride with him, so I probably remember the city better than most children of that age would," the chancellor recalls.

Some landmarks from those days are still around, even though the interstate highways and new buildings have greatly changed the city's appearance.

Friendship Baptist Church on North Cherry Street is still there,"

said Dr. Covington. "That's where we used to go to church."

He stayed in Winston-Salem until the third grade at Kimberly Park Elementary School, and then the Covington's moved away.

He attended high school in Cleveland, and graduated from Central State College in Wilberforce, Ohio. After earning his master's degree and doctorate from Ohio State University, Dr. Covington worked as a school psychologist and testing and research supervisor in Gary,

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'Roots' Close To Navy Architect

By Lon Cabot
BETHESDA, Md. -- Sitting behind his blueprint-covered desk, Julius C. Haley, an architect and brother of 'ROOTS' author Alex Haley, discussed the influence the novel's popularity has had on his life and his plans for the future.

"My brother's novel brought me out of my shell, so to speak," explained the reserved Haley, as he settled back thoughtfully in his chair.

"I'm really proud of my brother for the degree of success he's achieved," added the 46-year-old architect, "but I've got my own life to live, so now I'm concentrating on becoming more successful at what I do."

Haley, who serves as a supervisory architect in the Industrial and Facilities Directorate of the David W. Taylor Naval Ship Research and Development Center in Bethesda, Md., says he hopes to obtain recognition in the field of architecture.

Architect Haley, who has been employed at the Center since 1961, coordinates the planning for buildings, updates master plans, oversees Navy pollution abatement programs and is coordinator for architectural and civil design of naval facilities.

When Haley isn't working for the research and development center he devotes his time to completing design of a mosque. The Islamic house of worship, whose construction is being funded by his brother Alex, will be donated to the Haley's ancestral village of Juffure in the Africa Republic of the Gambia.

"Alex decided to donate the mosque to the village as a gesture of appreciation for the support he received from the villagers during his research of 'ROOTS,'" noted Julius.

Further explaining some of the changes his brother's special Pulitzer Prize winning novel has had on his life, the naval architect said, "I've

crossed the Atlantic Ocean, met the Presidents of two African republics and broadened my outlook on life in general as a result of my brother's book.

"My late father had a lot to do with the success of both Alex and myself," added Haley.

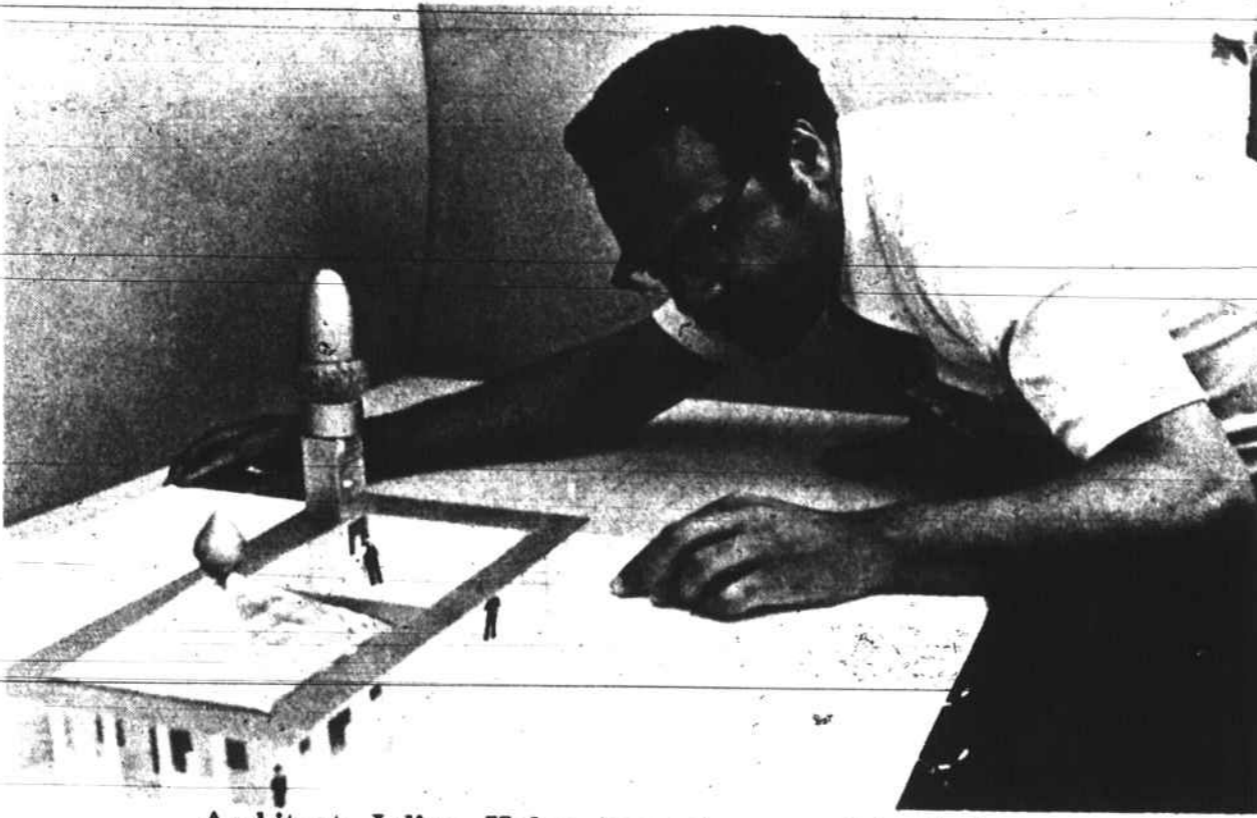
Haley noted that his father, a former professor of agriculture at Arkansas State University, always instilled in the minds of his children the need for a sound educational background.

"I had always felt a need to finish college," reflected the government employee. "I knew that once I had completed my college education, doors would open to me in the field I was interested in."

But those doors of opportunity in his chosen field of architecture took a number of years and hard work to open.

"I worked for six years as a special night policeman at the Pentagon and attended Washington's Howard University during the day. It took me five years of rough living before I got my bachelor of science degree in architecture in 1960.

"After obtaining my degree I found employment as an architectural draftsman in the office of Hiyard Robinson and worked there for a year before hearing of an



Architect Julius Haley inspects a model of the mosque, which he designed, to be donated by brother Alex to the Haley's ancestral village of Juffure in the African Republic of the Gambia.

opening here at the center," added Haley.

Julius Haley was first hired as an architect for the center and remained in that position until several months ago when he assumed his present duties as supervisory architect.

Today, Julius Haley anxiously looks forward to the completion of his mosque, which will be constructed in Juffure some time in the near future.

"My biggest concern

right now, as far as the mosque is concerned, is being able to incorporate my own design ideas into its construction without offending the religious beliefs of the Islamic faith," he noted.

As brother Alex works on a sequel to the movie version of 'ROOTS', Julius explains that he is happy with his work at the Navy's Md.-based research and development center.

"I enjoy my work here at the center and I feel it's

important," explained the Washington, D.C. resident. "My job means a lot to me because it gives me the opportunity to work at what I enjoy doing most and that is working as an architect."

"Time, patience and the belief that you'll succeed are a winning combination," concluded Julius happily.

Haley resides at 216 Whittier St. in Washington with his wife, the former Dolores Sherrod of Augusta, Ga., and their two sons, Alan, 21, and Christopher, 18.

Dear Liz

Everything, Yet Nothing

Dear Liz,

I am told that I'm a beautiful young lady who has everything going for her. I have a wonderful husband, a nice home, a good job, and yet, I am always depressed. What solution can you give me for the way I am feeling?

Dear Worried,

Maybe you are lacking in spiritual love. Go to church and have conferences with the pastor. If you don't have a church, United Metropolitan Baptist Church would welcome you any Sunday. This church is located on Metropolitan Drive between Fourth and Fifth Streets.

Little Announces Candidacy

Former Black Panther Larry Little announced his candidacy for Alderman of the North Ward in a July 7th press conference at New Bethel Baptist Church.

In the press release announcing his candidacy, Little listed the issues which concern him in a seven-point platform. He called for an affirmative action program to ensure more minority hiring in the city government, and more meaningful citizen participation in government.

Little, now a student at WSSU, is running for the seat presently held by Attorney Richard Davis, who has not yet announced his decision on whether to run for re-election.

C.C. Hold Appreciation Banquet

The Concerned Citizens of the Southeast Ward will hold an Appreciation Awards Banquet Saturday night at 7:00 p.m. in Bentor's Convention Center.

"This meeting is not political or religious in nature," said Mr. Womble. "It is to express appreciation to various individuals who have been outstanding members of the community."

The event will be emceed by WAAA's Al Martin, and features Evelyn Terry as guest speaker. Entertainment will be furnished by the Urban Arts Rock Choir.

Following the banquet, a reception will take place in the Hyatt House.

Tickets for the Appreciation Awards Banquet are \$7, and may be purchased from members of the Concerned Citizens of the Southeast Ward.

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