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Art Student Shares Skills With Kids



WSSU art student Lillie Irby demonstrates the art of wood block printing to students at Clemmons Elementary School. Irby's demonstrations is part of the schools' enrichment program.

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"Hi, today I'm going to show you how to make woodcuts..." Lillie Irby told a group of students at Clemmons Elementary. It was part of a field trip in reverse; with the artist coming to the students, instead of the other way around, but the outcome was the same, children learning by seeing.

Lillie Irby, a senior art major at Winston-Salem State University visited Clemmons Elementary School last Tuesday to give a demonstration on wood block printing.

The reverse field trip was part of the school's enrichment activity program for students in the kindergarten, first and second grades. Susan Harbin, PTA enrichment chairman, arranged for Ms. Irby to

demonstrate her art work at the school.

"Having Ms. Irby here is part of our field trip in reverse," Harbin said. "We have guests come out to give demonstrations in different areas and this way the children can have a field trip without the hassle of us having to rent buses and etc."

To do wood block printing a design is cut into a block of wood. The block is then inked and pressed down on paper or fabric with the resulting print called a woodcut.

In her demonstrations, Irby showed the children wood carvings that she had made on linoblocks, blocks made out of linoleum, which she said is easier to make carvings than to use wood. She also used paper made of rice, to make her prints. She said that the rice paper lasted longer and

would not turn yellow.

Her carvings included a caricature of her face, but the favorite of the children was a wood carving of Snoopy which was greeted with "oos and ahhs" when the print was made.

Irby is a native of Winston-Salem and a graduate of R.J. Reynolds High School. She really didn't become interested in art until she went to WSSU.

"I became interested in art after I took a class from Mr. (H.L.) Oubre, an art instructor at WSSU," Irby said, between demonstrations. "He's hard on you, but that's because he wants you to do the work."

"At State you don't have all the equipment you need in art, but he helps you to do the best with what you have," Irby continued.

Irby enjoys wood block printing and painting and would like to work in a

museum as a curator when she finishes college.

"I'll have to get my master's degree first," Irby said, then turned and greeted another student.

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Sounds by Joey Daniels

"Your Arms To Short To Box With God" was staged this past Monday at the Winston-Salem Coliseum. The musical was very good, dealing entirely with direct scenes out of the bible and correlating them with Gospel-Pop-Rock songs engulfed occasionally in modern dance and colorful lighting. The majority of the songs started off slowly and bluesy and moved into a progressive gospel swing which gave soloing vocalists a chance to exercise their virtuosity.

Handclapping seemed to be an immediate outreach to the audience. Some songs quickly reflected shades from a previous Winston-Salem show, "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope". Ticket prices were a little steep, especially for a tobacco area where Broadway musicals are rare and few.

Anyone attending the Coliseum affair would have immediately wondered why they didn't present it at one of our many "acoustically balanced" and "theatrically equipped" auditoriums in Winston-Salem that had no other activity scheduled. Greensboro War Memorial Auditorium will also host the Company sometimes in March.

—BILLY PRESTON and SYREETA WRIGHT have (quickly) put the finishing touches on the soon to be released Columbia Pictures comedy, "Fast Break". The two have been somewhat in the backfield of recording for the past couple of years. Preston has not too long ago joined the MOTOWN staff (from A & M Records) and Syreeta (former wife of Mr. STEVIE WONDER) has been with Motown for quite some time now. I'm sure you remember "If You Really Love Me", "It's A Shame", and "If You Really Love Me" (all of which she co-wrote with the blind genius). She also has penned a song on Stevie's upcoming soundtrack LP, "The Secret Life Of Plants"...

... To display an example of professionalism, GEORGIE WOODS of BIG THREE PRODUCTIONS is krating in the BAR KEYS, CHUCK BROWN, CAMEO and PEACHES & HERB Friday, February 16, 1979 at 8:00 PM. Now that's the kind of show that will pack the supposedly impossible to fill Winston-Salem Coliseum. See you there...

... RICH JAMES has released his new LP "Bust-

in' Out of L Seven" and features the BRECKER BROTHERS...

... JOE SAMPLE has also released a new LP entitled "Carmel" and is a continuation of Samples's growth. It will make both Sample and CRUSADER fans alike very happy...

... STEVIE WONDER is planning a tour abroad to coincide with the release of the movie (in which he scored the soundtrack) "The Secret Life Of Plants"...

... QUINCY JONES, after producing the BROTHERS JOHNSON'S BLAM LP, scoring the WIZ and producing his solo "Sounds, And Stuff Like That" is finishing up MICHAEL JACKSON's LP for EPIC (in which "Q" is producing). There is also the possibility of him producing the next CHAKA KHAN and RUFUS album aside from the newest BROTHERS JOHNSON LP. He puts one in the mind of the DUKE who had inexhaustable energy to use his musical talents and could

very well be on his way to being the next Duke...

Ebony Etchings Warren Lanier

From New York City comes word that Lnan Shabazz who's been cooking for Muhammad Ali for the past 14-years has authored a book entitled "Cooking For The Champ." It'll be on the market soon. In the meantime the energetic lady has gotten together with some other friends of the champs, and they'll be throwing a roast for him at the famous Apollo Theatre come April (13)...if you're interested in taking part in this roasting, give her a call at (212)534-3898.

Additional news from the squared circle clan puts the spotlight on Sugar Ray Robinson, whose Youth Foundation in the City of the Angels will get a big push from Phyllis George and O.C. Smith who'll be participating in the Fashion Show and Luncheon for Sugar Ray's Youth Foundation February (24), at the Beverly Hilton Hotel.

Dorothy Chandler Pavil-

ion will be the scene of the Pablo Jazz Festival February 12th, 13th, and 14th, with a line up that'll blow your mind. Ella Fitzgerald, Count Basie and his Orchestra, are but two of the world renowned jazz greats who will headline this 3rd Annual Pablo Jazz Festival, which will also include Oscar Peterson, Joe Pass, Louis Bellson, John Herd, and Paul Smith.

Speaking of jazz, Horace Tapscott just finished recording a trio album in New York with Roy Haines on drums, and Art Davis on bass for Interplay Records. In the meantime remaining his second Interplay album release is starting to make a lot of noise with the remaining jazz stations on the west coast.

For your information (and hopefully your library), The Black College Basketball Yearbook is on the market and you just oughta' buy one today.

LUTHER By Brumsic Brandon, Jr.

WORDS & MEANINGS

By Dorothea Josephine Coates
Unmix the letters in the boxes to form a word. Then circle A, B or C for the correct meaning (or definition).
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- T E L P**
A. FUR B. PEDDLE C. FOOT
- N A B T O**
A. HIT B. SECURE C. WAND
- F A L R U G**
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