

Chronicle Profile

Committed to Black Colleges



Jesse Huff

Jesse Huff is going back to school to learn more about how to operate a black college, but he has already learned enough to make a personal commitment towards the strengthening of one such institution in particular -- Winston-Salem State University.

Huff is a WSSU speech instructor and public information officer who left this week to begin two years of study for a doctorate in organizational communications at Howard University in Washington, D.C. His additional

schooling will be funded by a University Faculty Study Grant.

He frankly admits that black colleges, from Knoxville College in Tennessee to WSSU, have made him what he is today. "There's the closeness and the interaction between the study and the institution, the social environment and the religious environment," he said.

"There's emphasis on students, as opposed to white universities which really don't care about you," he added.

Huff's seen both sides

of that issue. After receiving his bachelor's degree from Knoxville, he studied for a masters degree in his hometown of Columbus at Ohio State University.

"I saw black students being railroaded out of large white institutions," said Huff.

"It makes a difference when you go to a 45,000 student school and one of 1,500," he added. "The smaller school gives the opportunity to project yourself."

The same observation held true in Huff's experience as an instructor

at WSSU for the past three years. During the past year, he has also been called upon to serve as public information officer, a thankless task that found him caught between media workers seeking more information and university staff seeking more publicity.

Despite the strain, the job "gave me the opportunity to learn the organizational structure of the university and gave me a wide perspective on how the university system works."

Huff remembers how

former English department chairman Mrs. Wilma Lassister (now retired) called him up in Columbus three years ago, while he was a graduate student anxiously seeking a job.

The speech instructor has big plans for when he returns to the university. "My master's thesis was on 'Feature Cable Programming for Minorities,'" he said.

"With the new facilities in the communications arts building, I'd like the opportunity to televise programs from WSSU into the community in

such areas as job training, remedial reading, cultural events...televise into hospitals and convalescent homes...extended education."

"These programs could be televised into the community, although they're not feasible for network television, over the access channel," said Huff.

"When I come back, I want to assist the university in expanding its communications program and help to establish a stronger relationship between the University and the community," he concluded.

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Nathaniel L. "Nate" Rumph, Sr. of Winston-Salem has been named to the Council on Sickle Cell Syndrome by Gov. James B. Hunt, Jr. He replaces Miss Willie Sutton of Bayboro who resigned.

Rumph is a dispatcher for the Forsyth County automotive fleet. He is a former project director for the Sickle Cell Disease Screening Program at Reynolds Health Center.

The Council is composed of 15 members, all appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure, and is responsible for determining the need for legislative action relating to sickle cell syndrome and related genetic disorders and to make recommendations concerning such legislation.

BRENDA B. HENLEY has been promoted to assistant secretary by Wachovia Mortgage Company in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Henley joined the bank's mortgage loan department as a tax analyst in 1966. In 1969 transferred to Wachovia Mortgage Company as an account administrator and was named senior account administrator in 1970. In 1977 she assumed the duties of assistant manager of customer services, her present position. Mrs. Henley is a native of Winston-Salem.

CHARLES E. COONE has been elected assistant vice president in the General Services Department of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company. **CLEVELAND L. MURPHY** and **HENRY VANHOY** have been promoted to general services officer.

Coone joined Wachovia in 1960 as an office machine serviceman. In 1977 he was promoted to general services officer and became manager of office machine services, his current position. Coone is a native of Winston-Salem.

Murphy joined Wachovia in 1968 as a bank messenger. In 1972 he was named supervisor of the mail and message center, his current position. He is a native of Davidson County.

VanHoy joined the bank in 1958 as a printer in the print shop. In 1971 he was named supervisor of the copy center, his current position. He is a native of Winston-Salem.

Graham Bennett and Miss Louise Smith, both of Winston-Salem, have been named to the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees by Gov. James B. Hunt Jr.

Bennett is with Quality Oil Co. He is a former special assistant for appointments for Governor Jim Hunt.

Miss Smith is an elementary school teacher with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth Schools System. She is on the executive board of the Winston-Salem State University Alumni Association.

The Board of Trustees is composed of 13 members, four appointed by the Governor and eight elected by the UNC Board of Governors, plus the president of the student government association who serves as an ex officio non-voting member. Members serve for a term of four years.

The Board serves as an advisor to the UNC Board of Governors on matters concerning the institution and also serves as an advisor to the chancellor concerning the management and development of the institution.

Robert D. Brown has been elected assistant vice president by Wachovia Bank and Trust Company.

Brown joined the bank's Personal Trust Department as a tax specialist in 1975. He was promoted to trust officer in 1976. A native of Providence, R.I., he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Bryant College in Smithfield, R.I.

DELPHENIA LOWERY was recently employed as Clerk II in the Purchasing Department at Forsyth Memorial Hospital. She is a graduate of East Forsyth Senior High School, and completed her business training at McLean's Stenographic and Tutoring Service, located in the Bruce Bldg., 216 E. 6th Street.

Previous employment during her training period was working part time for the City Water Department January, 1978 to June, 1978 as Intermediate Typist. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lowery, 2231 West Lula Street.

SHIRLEY MANIGAULT, instructor in English and **JAMES MCLAUGHLIN**, instructor in History at Winston-Salem State University, have received UNC Board of Governors Faculty Study Assignment awards that will permit them to pursue a year of doctoral study.

Nine faculty members at six University of North Carolina campuses were recipients of the grants. Of the five women and four men, six are black, two are Indians and one is an Asian. They will receive regular salaries and benefits during the year of study beginning Sept. 1.

The program was established as part of the state plan for the further elimination of racial duality to help increase the proportion of faculty members with doctorates at the baccalaureate institutions, especially at traditionally black schools.

Manigault is presently enrolled in a doctoral program at UNC-Chapel Hill, and McLaughlin is enrolled in a Ph.D. program at Ball State University in Indiana.

LEE SAMUEL HOWARD, JR., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee S. Howard, Sr. of Winston-Salem has been named the senior class president at Livingston College.

A graduate of Parkland Senior High School, where he was a very active student, Lee is a Music Education major and a Dean's List student.

He is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. serving as the "Dean of Pledges" and "Keeper of Records." He also participates in the concert stage and orchestra bands, choir, intramural program, which his team was first runner-up and the college paper.



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These daughters have achieved the highest honor in the state, and the purpose of the club is the up building of Elksdom.

The officers are as follows: Daughter Arleese Blue, president; Mary Cuthrell, first vice-president; Janie Brown, second vice-president; Dorothy Moore, financial secretary; Thelma G. Moore, recording secretary; Flora Massey, treasurer; Cora Turner, chaplain; Rachelle Pinson, conductress and Gladys Gaines, reporter.

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