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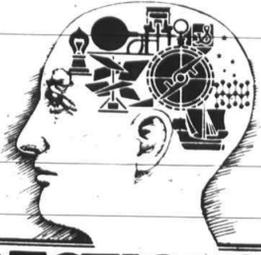
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## CONNECTIONS TECHNOLOGY AND CHANGE

### Earn College Credit By Keeping Up

Courses by Newspaper's series "Connections: Technology and Change" appearing weekly in *The Chronicle* and a related PBS television series are the basis of a three-hour credit course at Winston-Salem State University.

The 15 weekly newspaper articles on society's love-hate relationship with technology and change will appear each Thursday beginning Sept. 6.

Scheduled to begin airing on the UNC Network is the 10-part television series, "Connections," a personal view of the "triggers" of technological innovation by James Burke, an award-winning BBC writer and producer.

Readers who wish to take the course for credit may register at the Main Library. The only requirement is enrollment at WSSU as a continuing or special student.

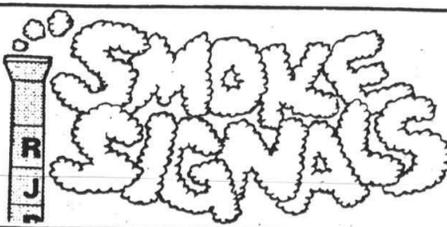
WSSU director of extension programs Dr. William Sheppard said there would be a mid-term test and a final exam. Sheppard said there will also be weekly seminars at the library featuring local educators.

As a special convenience, readers may enroll by mail using the coupon in this week's paper.

Coordinated by John G. Burke, professor of history, University of California, Los Angeles, the Courses by Newspaper series is authored by outstanding social scientists and historians who explore the sources, consequences and prospects for technological change.

Topics include society's ambivalence toward change, the ethical dilemmas it creates, and the impact of these changes on politics, economics, jobs and lifestyles.

In the "Connections" television series, writer and on-camera narrator James Burke pieces together the network of logic, genius and chance that leads to eight modern inventions—including the atom bomb, computer and production line. Each dramatic program unfolds like a detective story that frequently spans centuries and continents in search of the origins of today's technological society.



In last week's *Smoke Signals*, we learned of the increasing frequency of young brides who can't cook, including our own Yvette McCullough.

Fortunately, there's been a parallel development which have kept the species from dying out. Us menfolks have learned how to cook.

I thought about that the other day, when I went out the apple tree in my backyard, just like my grandmother used to do, picked and cleaned some apples, peeled them and lightly stewed them in cinnamon.

Then, I made a crust from scratch, filled it with apples and a half-hour later, had an apple pie any mother would be proud of.

The development of culinary arts among men is not new by any means. I think back to the men at Hanes C.M.E. Church who treated the congregation to breakfast last Easter, and I'm told that the men members of the Patterson Avenue YMCA Senior Citizens Club don't take a back seat to anyone.

Of course, the effects of culturization are pretty pervasive. There are many fellows who are content to sit in an easy chair until supper is ready or go out to the nearest joint if its not.

But for every one like that, there's probably one who doesn't mind and, in fact, enjoys dealing in the kitchen. There are limits to that however.

At my household, the one who doesn't cook has to wash dishes. Give me a spatula any day. **John Templeton**

## As Bulldozers Draw Closer

# Family Stranded in Slum

By Yvette McCullough  
Staff Writer

A woman and her four children live all alone in the basement of a condemned duplex off the corner of 12½ Street and Trade as bulldozers steadily destroy the houses around them.

Ms. Minnie Singletary and her family are not holdouts. She told the *Chronicle* that she would gladly move if she could find a house that is big enough for her family but at a price she can afford.

"The last family moved out last week," said Ms. Singletary. "I'm still waiting for

a house so I can move."

Singletary and her family are in the 10½ Street Community Development area. She said that the city contacted her "when it was cold" and told her they would be acquiring her house.

She said she talked to various city personnel and who said they would help her find a house. She and her children, ranging from 9-17 in age lives in the basement of a house which once housed three families. Her street once held eight houses with several families in each. There are four houses presently standing,

three waiting to be destroyed and the house where Ms. Singletary lives.

"I found a house earlier this month, but with all of us, it was too small," Singletary said. "A lady from the city told me about another house, but the rent is \$150 a month and I can't afford that."

Ms. Singletary doesn't work, she says due to arthritis and receives financial assistance.

Gary Brown, community development director, told the *Chronicle* that the city wants to work with people as much as possible and that they are in "no big

rush" to acquire that land.

"That land is zoned for commercial business and will probably be pretty hard land to sell," Brown said. "The land was acquired probably to help people get out of some pretty bad housing."

He said that the city was not about to tear down anyone's housing unless they had found suitable relocation.

Once Ms. Singletary's land is acquired she will receive funds to help her pay rent on a new location as well as funds to help her move.

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Staff Photo by Templeton

Student-parent orientation at WSSU provided the opportunity for these two families, total strangers, to become fast friends. The *Chronicle* caught them as they return from a joint shopping trip to Hanes Mall. Foreground are Natalie Privette of Durham and Katrina Weathers of Atlanta, both freshmen, and their families, Richard and Natalie Privette and Louise and Ernest Rumph of Atlanta.

## Capt. Landon Knocks Racist Cop

By Yvette McCullough  
Staff Writer

The commander of the police district encompassing East Winston is very disturbed about racist remarks about the community supposedly made by one of his officers.

Published reports supposedly made by a white policeman that said that East Winston should be fenced in and monitored by airplanes don't represent the thinking of the police department, said Capt. Johnnie Landon, District II commander.

"We're looking for the policeman who said that and if we find out who he is we're going to deal with him," Landon said. He said that he hadn't discussed the situation with legal advisors, but some action will be taken if the person is identified.

Landon told the *Chronicle* that the published reports about crime in East Winston tend to make people think that all the people living in East Winston are criminals.

"East Winston has many communities within

other communities," Landon said. "We have our \$100,000 homes, the middle income homes and at the same time we have our apartments and we have our slums."

"You can't lump all of East Winston into one big community," Landon continued. "There are many positive things in East Winston that are not mentioned."

Landon said that his police force gets along pretty well with the community. "We're sitting on a hot bed where things

could explode at anytime, but my men get along with the community and we don't have any major problems," Landon said. "We do have more than our share of crime."

Landon said that he has about 14 blacks out of about 46 men. He said his force doesn't have the problems "an all white one would have," in East Winston.

The Neighborhood Watch program is one area Landon said, has had

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# Death Rate Shows Gap By Races

By John W. Templeton  
Staff Writer

Forsyth County black males had a 16 per cent higher death rate from cancer than whites and black females had a 22 per cent higher rate from 1973-77, according to latest statistics from the N.C. Department of Human Resources.

Dr. Robert Michielutte, an associate professor of community medicine at Bowman Gray School of Medicine who has studied the figures, said the age-adjusted mortality rates do indicate "that non-white cancer mortality is higher in Forsyth County and that factors other than white-nonwhite differences in age structure are responsible."

Cancers of the stomach and prostate and leukemia account for the higher rates among black males, said Michielutte. Cancers of the stomach and cervix played a major role in the higher female rate.

Reasons for the statistical differences are elusive, said the Bowman Gray professor. Possible factors could include differences in incidence, treatment, stage at diagnosis or accuracy of reporting.

"For instance, cancer of the cervix is very treatable if detected early," said Michielutte. "Stage of diagnosis could come in there."

The age-adjusted technique converts the actual mortality rate per 100,000 population to what the rate would be if the county had the same range of ages as the entire state.

Different racial and sexual groups have different concentrations at various age levels, which throws off actual statistics.

"The usefulness of these rates is that they allow comparisons by race and sex controlling for differences in the age structure," said Michielutte.

The county rates are consistent with a 30-year national increase in the incidence and mortality rates for blacks. The National Cancer Institute has allocated

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# Gantt Challenges for Charlotte Mayor

By John W. Templeton  
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A black city councilman in Charlotte is running neck and neck for the Democratic nomination for mayor in the state's largest city.

Harvey Gantt, 36, an architect and city planner who has served on the Charlotte City Council five years, says his campaign has been gaining momentum since a Charlotte Observer poll showed him a few percentage points behind former State Sen. Eddie V. Knox with a third of the voters undecided.

Gantt's campaign could be a testing ground for the kind of strategies needed to elect blacks to city-wide and other offices where the black vote does not represent the majority.

"We have to cut into the areas which are Eddie Knox's strength," said Gantt in a *Chronicle* telephone interview.

"We believe based on my councilmanic races (Gantt holds an at-large seat) we can possibly carry 30 to 35 per cent of the vote and in some middle-income white neighborhoods we may do even better."

"In those neighborhoods, I've been seen in the position of working on the council on some of their main issues," said Gantt.

Gantt is anxious to avoid appearing to be a "race"



Harvey Gantt

candidate, yet is making a strong push to motivate solid black support.

"That's the big strategy question," he mused. "You have to be very careful about how you structure your campaign."

"In a city where the electorate is only 30 per cent, you can't win with a racist campaign," Gantt added.

Discos, block parties and other events have all been part of the Gantt voter registration push in black neighborhoods. "We've set up a very elaborate system to identify our voters street by street, block by block," he explained. "We're shooting for a 50 per cent black turnout of registered voters. That's something we've never had before."

Some prominent black leaders have endorsed Gantt's opponent, however, the candidate dismisses them as "more prominent in the party than in the community." A majority of respondents to a telephone poll by the *Charlotte Post* said they were not influenced by such endorsements. However, the *Post* poll of 150 black residents was not scientifically done.

Gantt sees the major issues of the campaign to be the Sept. 25 primary as leadership and growth management. The candidate thinks his experience on the council and his background as a planner equip him well for those topics.