

# Chronicle Profile

## "All I Ever Wanted To Do"

"Bighouse" Gaines said "I got my nickname when I was a student at Morgan State University. As I was getting out of my Ford, someone commenting on my size said the only thing they'd seen bigger than me was a house." Gaines is athletic director, department chairman and basketball coach at Winston-Salem State University.

"I feel like I've played all my life because coaching is the only thing I've ever wanted to do and it's something I enjoy doing," he added.

"Probably the two most exciting and memorable times I've had here at WSSU was the time we won our first CIAA Championship in 1953 and the time we won our First national NCAA Championship Divi-

sion II in 1967.

"The most frustrating time was during the finals at Norfolk State University about four years ago. We had possession of the ball and there was five seconds left in the game. One of our players threw the ball to an opponent who made a basket. I was on my way to shake hands with the other coach as the victor. What I really wound up doing was congratulating him."

His intense love of basketball is also shared by his wife Clara during their 28 years of marriage.

"When I first met my wife she didn't know that air went into a basketball. Now, though, she's a great coach's wife. She helps me recruit players and tells me of every mistake the team makes whether we win or

lose a game," said Gaines.

In addition to being coach, athletic director and department chairman "Bighouse" is a coordinator for the Winston-Salem State University Parochial School Physical Education Program, the Experiment in Self-Reliance Summers Sports Program and NCAA National Youth Sports Program.

He is a consultant for basketball clinics in North Carolina, Virginia, USAF (Germany and England), Mexico and Africa.

Since becoming athletic director at WSSU, the university has won two national championships in track, one national college division basketball championship, twelve CIAA basketball championships, six CIAA golf champion-

ships and three CIAA football championships.

Due to Gaines' contribution to the city of Winston-Salem, Hanes Hosiery has given an award in his honor to the most outstanding player in the CIAA. The Sportsman Club has also established the C.E. Gaines Athletic Award at Winston-Salem State University.

St. Paul United Methodist Church where Gaines is a member and a District Steward for the past eight years has established an annual C.E. Gaines Athletic Award.

The numerous honors he has received include CIAA Basketball Coach of the Year for five years, NCAA College Division Basketball Coach of the Year, induction into NAIA Helms Hall of Fame in 1968 and CIAA

Football coach of the Year in 1948.

He was inducted into the CIAA Sports Hall of Fame in 1973, and into the North Carolina Sports Hall in 1978 and he is currently listed as the "winningest" native coach with a 633-261 record.

"My major negative attitude is with the young people," said Gaines. "They seem to be products of a socialistic society where they have been given everything they wanted. There's an old saying I feel all young people need to remember:

"Opportunity, on every door at sometimes knock, but it has never been known to pick a lock."



"Bighouse" Gaines

## Arts Council Wants Ideas

Whitty Cuninggim, Chairman of the Arts Council's Projects Pool Committee, recently announced that the Committee is accepting proposals for cultural projects and programs from non-profit organizations in Forsyth County.

The Committee will consider grants for innovative projects which explore new directions in the arts, for continuing support of established cultural organizations whose programs provide services to the community and for temporary funding for new groups who are interested in becoming members of The Arts Council.

Past funded projects include professional art workshops at Arts and Crafts, support for the

North Carolina Black Repertory Company, the Piedmont Chamber Orchestra and a host of other performances, programs and projects throughout the county.

Requests totalling \$83,437 were receiving by the Committee during the first two rounds of funding this year, and grants were made totalling \$48,005. About \$16,000 remains for grants in Round III, the final round for 1980-81. The deadline for submitting applications is March 9, with notification of funding in April.

For applications and guidelines contact Kristie Darling at The Arts Council, 305 West Fourth Street, 722-2585.

## NAACP Seeks Forgotten Women

There are outstanding women who have performed extraordinary services in their communities and have gone beyond the call of duty on many occasions. However, for some unknown reason, these women have never been recognized.

Annually the NAACP honors these "Unsung Heroines" by conferring the NAACP Women's Award to talented women throughout the nation.

Categories for which women may be nominated are: Arts and Sciences, Business Education, Education, Engineering, Government, Health Services, Homemaker, Housewife, Technician, Labor Union, Law, Religion Community

and Civil Volunteer and International Affairs.

Nominees for these awards must plan to attend the 1981 NAACP Women's Conference in Cincinnati, May 1-2, 1981 where the awards will be conferred.

To nominate an "Unsung Heroine" for the 1981 NAACP Women's Award, send a double-spaced, typewritten explanation of 200 words or less telling why the woman whom you have nominated should receive the award.

All entries must be postmarked by February 20, 1981 and sent to: NAACP Second Women's Conference, 131 N. Ludlow Street, Suite 260-Talbot Tower, Dayton, Ohio 45402.

## 92nd Annual YMCA Meeting

Ron Kinnamon, Executive Director of the Southeast Region of the National Council of YMCAs, will speak at the 92nd annual meeting of the Winston-Salem and Forsyth County YMCA.

The dinner meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26, at the M.G. Benton Convention and Civic Center. A Presidents' Reception will start at 6:00 p.m. at the Hyatt House. The dinner meeting is open to members and friends of the county wide organization which includes branches on West End Blvd., on Patterson Avenue, East Forsyth and Camp John W. Hanes. The Forsyth County YMCA was formed on Sunday, October 17, 1888 at Centenary Methodist Church.

Nicholas A. Daves, president of the Winston-Salem and Forsyth County YMCA, will preside and review the 1980 highlights of the 92 year old organization. The election of the new Board of Directors and officers will also take place at the meeting. Hugh Durden, Chairman of the Partnership with Youth Campaign, will report on the 1981 program.

Kinnamon received his B.A. from Southern Methodist

University and his Master of Science from George Williams College.

He developed and wrote the now nationally recognized program course in Parent Education Training called "Family Focus." Over 10,000 parents throughout the country have already received extensive training in this course.

His leadership of a staff of consultants in a ten state area provides training, management, program development, personnel co-ordination, corporate planning, fiscal management, organizational and career development for local YMCAs.

Prior to his current position, he was General Director of the YMCA of Greater Miami, Fla.



Black writer Langston Hughes was the most prolific writer of the literary movement called the Harlem Renaissance.

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