

Chronicle Profile

Palmer To Lead Black History Forum

By Yvonne Anderson
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Dr. Larry Palmer, director of minority affairs at Wake Forest University will be the guest speaker at a Black History Forum sponsored by the Winston-Salem Improvement Association Thursday, August 13.

The program which will be held at the East Winston Library, is geared for the general public, but Palmer said that he would like to gear the program toward teachers.

"I'd like to tell the teachers how instrumental they are in the shaping and molding of black kids,"

Palmer said. "They (teachers) have hands on the kids over the ministers and counselors and the parents have second hands on."

Palmer, who teaches history along with his administrative duties, believes that the teaching of black history is vital to the molding of the future of black people. He also said that he would like to have an exchange of ideas with the teachers during the forum.

"I'd like to learn from them (teachers) what are some of the things they experience in the classroom. I'd like to have a good exchange of ideas," he said.

Studying psychology as

an undergraduate at Emory University, Palmer became interested in history while an intern with the Peace Corp. He studied at Texas Southern University and then went to the University of Liberia to complete his Master's degree.

"I studied Africa for the first time in my life and I was simply fascinated," reflected Palmer with a smile. "I learned of the high degree of civilization that black people had achieved at such an early time in history. Those two years I spent in the Peace Corp were the most significant in my life."

Upon returning from Africa, Palmer entered Indi-

ana University specializing in West African Culture and Higher Education Administration. After receiving his doctorate, Palmer came to Wake Forest as the director of Minority Affairs.

"When I first came to Wake Forest I found a wealth of potential for progress," said Palmer, "but after three years there is still too much potential and not enough progress."

Palmer said that he would advise the mature student, who had a firm self esteem and identity, to apply at a white institution.

"I wouldn't advise a weak minded black student to attend a white university

because he'd get eaten alive, but for the strong student I'd encourage it," Palmer said. "Not so much what the student could get from the university, but to help those (Blacks) who have no sense of identity."

Not only an advocate of black studies in the high schools, Palmer said that now is the time to protect and nurture black secondary institutions.

"I see the future as being very dim in terms of education for black people. We are going to need our blacks schools more now than we ever have in the past."



Dr. Larry Palmer, Director of Minority Affairs at Wake Forest University.

Pre-Dawn Party Held

Aaron-Williams Reunion

The Aaron-Williams Family reunion was held on August 1 and 2 in the city. Approximately 200 relatives and friends attended.

The family opened the celebration with a business session held at Holiday Inn, North. Family members agreed to meet for next year's celebration in New York. At this meeting, officers were elected.

A wonderful day of picnicking at Tanglewood Park was enjoyed by family members and friends. On Sunday morning, worship was held at Hanes C.M.E. Church. A fellowship dinner in the dining hall of the church followed the service. The oldest member of the family is Mrs. Lula White and the youngest member in attendance was Nathan McNair. A small recognition service was given in honor of these two family members. Special guest at the gathering was the Shanta-Malia Choral Ensemble of Hanes C.M.E. Church.

A social hour was held at the Black Velvet Lounge on Saturday night. The king of disco "Sweet Breeze" was disc jockey for the evening. The family received Black Velvet Lounge tee shirts in appreciation for having their reunion dance at the lounge.

The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the members of Black Velvet Lounge for their warm hospitality.

A Pre-Dawn Splash Party was held at 5151 Indiana

Ave., August 7. The splash party was given by Mrs. Lorraine Roseborough and Mr. & Mrs. Silas Dervin Jr. Disc jockey for the splash party was Mr. Bernard Crouch.

Greeting the guests were Bobby Boykin Jr. and Karen Roseborough. The menu included drumettes, potato salad, peanuts, dips, mints, relish tray, cold cut tray, potato chips and cheese balls and spicy meatballs.

Having a grand time around the swimming pool were: James Carethers, Calvin McMillan, Clifton Fulton Jr., Virad Hester, James E. Funches, Regina and Tyrone Moore, Carl Hargrave Jr., Ellen Marcus, Lartisa Oliver, William Crouch Jr., Jackie Tabron, Dervin Hargrave, Charles and Brenda Turner, Jerry and Juanita E. Crouch, Louisa Bailey, Converse Long, Robert Hamyoudo, Harold Weaver, Delphine Perrius, Manuel Dobson, Melvin Eldridge, Deborah Harris, Jean Barber, Johnnie Smith, Joyce Mack of Raleigh, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Wilson, Myrtle James, Kormit Denoor, Tony Sellers, Waymen Monroe, Eleanor Eaton, Eugene Hairston, Lettie C. Flower, Shirley Flower, Burnich E. Johnson, Sony Cornell, Clifton Strupe, Dianne Hawkins, Sugar Bit, Cynthia Mack and other guests.

Special Guests from Greensboro were Barbara Callahan, Flora Miller, Beverly Warren, and Jane Green.



Austin Watson explains procedure of dialogue session at First Baptist Church last Saturday.

Commission Seeks To Better Relations

By Beverly McCarthy
Staff Writer

Giving the community skills to improve relationships among the citizens in Winston-Salem is one of the objectives recommended by Austin Watson, who is working with the Human Relations Commission through dialogue sessions.

"Helping people discover their own power and ability to operate in society is another objective," he added.

The first training session for the Human Relations Commission's dialogue meetings was held last

Saturday at First Baptist Church, on Fifth Street.

Austin Watson, a South Carolina Methodist minister and Sarah Workman, a management consultant also from South Carolina, conducted the meeting.

There were approximately 50 people present at the gathering which represented across racial population of the city. The group studied and discussed resources, aspirations, goals that were expected to be gained through the training session.

Watson, who has been working with human relations since he graduated

from college, said that the session enables people to use available resources and help put themselves back together. Some of these skills are discovering and using available resources, relationship building and perception observance. During the training session, people were faced with their own beliefs and feelings.

"I guess I always knew I was so closed-minded about certain matters, but this is the first time I've actually been faced with my beliefs," remarked one participant.

Workman said that human relations covers all segments of life, not just racial or economic matters.

"There's so much to be studied in the area of human relations; relationships are built on more than just race," she said.

The value of the training session will be seen as invitations for public participation in actual sessions led by those trained in August are extended.

Herman Aldridge, director of the Winston Human Relations Commission believes that the dialogue sessions will be successful by building better relationships among citizens in Winston-Salem. "Making people aware of their attitudes will hopefully improve their reactions to various situations," he commented.

Miller Honored

A retirement dinner for Reverend J.T. Miller who retired from the Hanes Corporation was held at Beulah Baptist Church, on July 31. Among invited relatives and friends was Mr. Evans Alspaugh, Miller's supervisor of 35 years. Rev. R.F. Fowler was spokesman for the co-workers of the Hanes Corporation.

Rev. Fletcher Miller of the Corn-Cob Baptist Church in Baltimore, Md., gave expressions of thanks to Miller.

Program coordinator was Mrs. Lorene B. Thomas.

Other guests on program were George Hauser, Alderman Larry T. Little, Rev. I.C. Carter, Mary Blake and Eve Roundtree.

Miller, overwhelmed with thanks said, that the recognition service was one of the most enjoyable times of his life.

Other program participants were Lester Hairston and Evangelist Betty Maxwell. Music was furnished by the Young Adult Choir of Beulah and the J.T. Miller Tot's Choir. Miller received a monetary donation and expressed words of appreciation.

Women Aglow

Women's Aglow Fellowship is an international, interdenominational women's christian organization which meets monthly in the chapel of Reynolda Presbyterian Church. This month's meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 18, at 7 p.m. Mrs. Mary Sisk will be the guest speaker at this month's meeting.

Sisk is a wife and the mother of five children who comes to us from Chapel Hill. Her sense of family expands to her commitment to the Holy Family Episcopal Church, where she is involved in various Bible studies and prayer groups. Sisk also serves at her church on the prayer and renewal committee. As

a lay counselor she helps people in the area of confession and forgiveness; as a teacher she focuses on prayer and the process of holiness; and as a speaker she holds workshops and meetings for various Christian groups and organizations. In a greater outreach, Sisk serves on the National Team for Lydia in America as the coordinator for the State of North Carolina and is the reference point for all the states of the Mississippi River. Sisk has a real concern for the family, the nation and the world situation.

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