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Lavender Burris of the Otesha Dance And Music Ensemble performs an original African dance to an audience at the Cultural Arts Festival at Rupert Bell Park last Saturday (photo by James Parker).

Close-Up

Festival promotes arts in black community

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Before the rain came, spectators wandered through Rupert Bell Park Saturday while enjoying exhibits and performances by young artists from Winston-Salem's black community.

When the rain came that afternoon, the crowd quickly dispersed, but not before everyone had gotten a pretty good impression of the talented, black artists that live and create in the city.

And that's what the purpose of the festival was, says Linwood Oglesby, a member of the Community Arts Cultural Organization (CACO), which co-sponsored the festival with the Urban Arts Program of

the Arts Council Inc. "The purpose of this is to expose the community to arts organizations and artist who are living in the community," Oglesby says.

He says the program also gives the artists an opportunity to exhibit their work and encourages the artists to sharpen their skills. "And the artists need that. They need the encouragement from people who view their work," Oglesby says.

Black visual artists who don't always have visibility in the community and who usually paint in solitude benefit from arts exhibits and festivals, Oglesby says.

CACO, which was formed in 1980, promotes the arts in East Winston and works to give black artists more exposure and to in-

sure that the cultural institutions in the black community are preserved.

"There are so many budding artists who just don't get a hint of how important their work is," Oglesby says.

He adds that the organization wants to help promote more art awareness and appreciation in the black community.

"We're focusing on the East Winston community because there are so many other art organizations in the community-at-large," Oglesby says. "We feel that we could be the most effective in the black community."

As director of Urban Arts, Oglesby says that the festival is a part of the program's efforts to work with

community arts organizations.

"When we have an organization in the community which is willing to work along with us, and can do things through partnerships that we can not do alone, we try to work with that particular organization," Oglesby says.

Saturday's exhibitions and performers displayed talents in the visual, performing and martial arts and included artists such as jazz pianist Ed Brown, Robert L. Wise and the Macedonia Voices of Deliverance, the Healing Force, Dancers Unlimited, Percussive

Sounds, Nell Lite Productions, the Otesha Dance and Music Ensemble, the N.C. Black Repertory Co., Gilbert Young, Marvette

Aldrich, Ralph Meadows, Tony Chisholm.

"There are a lot of different art groups. We are learning them and hopefully through our efforts, others will learn them too," says Marcella Oglesby, another CACO member. "We see that there is a need for a central community arts center in the East Winston area."

Although there are no definite plans for an annual festival as of yet, Oglesby says there will be more efforts to encourage and help black artist in Winston-Salem.

"I think it's very important that we have that kind of festival," he says, "and that we have them all over the community."

Social Notes

Local teacher awarded

Corine Robinson, a second-grade teacher at Sedge Garden School was presented an Endurance Award by the school's support personnel. This is the first time the award has been presented, and it will become an annual event.

Robinson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Mintz. She is wife of Curtis Robinson and has one daughter, Calista.

gathered to honor him with cards, gifts, and songs.

Sims, 82, has been a member of the church for 60 years and a member of the trustee board for 37 years. He is married to Millie Dotson Sims, and they have three sons, 14 grand children and 16 great children.

Also honored by their wives and children were the following fathers: Charlie Joe, Roosevelt D. Sims Sr., Demanuel D. Sims, Ollie Sims and Payton Fowler.



Corine Robinson

St., returned home from Atlanta to celebrate his birthday with his family. Sims will leave for Germany July 7, after uniting with his brother, Sgt. Gerard C. Sims, who will arrive from Korea July 4.

Fathers' Day Honoree

Bennie Sims Sr. was honored Sunday with a Father's Day banquet at the Friendship Baptist Church Picnic Pavillon. His family

Sims returns home

Bennie H. Sims, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt D. Sims of 1217 Thurmond

10th Annual Banquet

NCNW presents honors

The Winston-Salem Section of the National Council of Negro Women held its 10th Annual Honors Banquet June 11, at Winston-Salem State University's Kennedy Hall.

More than 300 members, friends and family members turned out to meet and laud this year's community and high school honorees. Community honorees were: Mr. Ernest Pitt, co-founder and publisher of the *Winston-Salem Chronicle*; Dr. Douglas Covington, chancellor at Winston-Salem State University; Mr. Thomas Elijah Jr., president of the Winston-Salem Urban League; Melvyn White, city executive with Mechanics And Farmers Bank; Mrs. Mabel Johnson, outstanding NCNW member; the Rev. Virginia Britt, executive director of the Crisis Control Ministry, and Nelson Malloy, president of the Handicapped Awareness Council.

High school honorees

consisted of LaTanja Kim Johnson, Reynolds Senior High School; Violet Bonetta Johnson, Parkland Senior School; Debra King, North Forsyth Senior High School; Nathaniel Hewitt, West Forsyth Senior High School; Ralph Gaillard, Bishop McGuinness Memorial High School; Varda Kirkland, East Forsyth Senior High School and Stacey Kennedy, Forsyth Country Day School.

Mrs. Thelma Small was the Mistress of Ceremonies for the banquet. Highlights from the banquet included the occasion by Mrs. Martha Gillis; the invocation by the Rev. David Hedgley and solos by Mona Reynolds and Mrs. Alice Allen. Greetings from the mayor's office were rendered by Alderman Vivian Burke.

During a buffet dinner, the audience was treated to a fashion show of beautiful hairstyles and clothing, presented by Minnie Ervin. Speaker for the occasion was Dr. Virginia Newell.

Mrs. Newell spoke of when she knew Dr. Mary Cleod Bethune, the founder of the National Council of Negro Women, and whether she would be pleased with the way blacks supported each other today, economically or morally. Mrs. Newell made references to non-black ownership of the East Winston shopping center and that the deadline was near. She also spoke of young black children needing to develop a thirst for education.

The community honorees were presented their plaques by Dr. J. Ray Butler. The high school honorees were presented their certificates and bonds by Mrs. Theldora Small-Scippio.

Banquet committee chairpersons were: Mrs. Thelma Small, Dr. Manderline Scales, Mrs. Inez Davis, Mrs. Gillis, Mrs. Joan Cardwell, Mrs. Small-Scippio and Mrs. Roxanna Pitts.



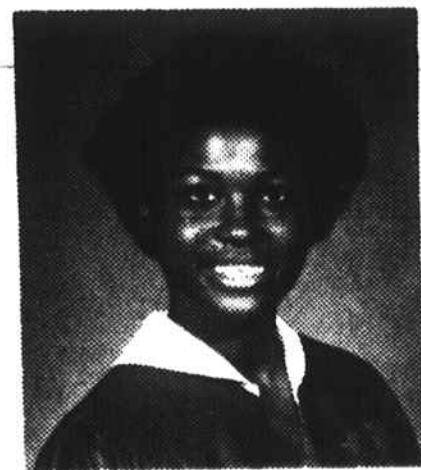
Nathaniel Hewitt



Stacy Kennedy



Nelson K. Malloy



Debra King



Ralph Gaillard



Thomas Elijah



The Rev. J. Ray Butler



Mabel Johnson



Douglas H. Covington



LaTanja Johnson



Varda Kirkland



Violet B. Johnson

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

*The grand opening of the Belview Recreation Center will be held at 6:30 p.m. at the center at 2800 Burgandy St. The event will feature the Ace Band, a Mime Act and the Sounds In Action Dance Co. For information, call Larry Womble at 784-9373 or Clayton Wright at 788-1878.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

*The "12:10" Fellowship Luncheon, sponsored by the Downtown Church Center, will be held at the May Mountcastle Forum at Winston Square. The Rev. Henry S. Lewis Jr., pastoral counselor at R.J. Reynolds Industries Inc., will speak on "Some Perspectives On Decision Making. Call 722-5128 for information.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25

*North Carolina Baptist Hospital will have a blood pressure screening at the East Winston Shopping Center from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

*The Salem Chapel Volunteer Fire Department at Highway 311 will hold a rummage sale beginning at 8 a.m. There will be sausage biscuits, hamburgers, hot dogs and drinks for sale. All proceeds will go to help the new volunteer department.

*The Winston-Salem Urban League, the Experiment In Self-Reliance, the American Red Cross and the Winston-Salem NAACP will sponsor a community Health Fair to promote health awareness from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Experiment In Self-Reliance at 1621 E. Third St.

*The Winston-Salem Chapter of the National Association of Black Social Workers will hold a car wash at the Pas-Gas Texaco on New Walkertown Road. For information, call D. Thompson at 727-8703 or 788-6204.

*The Assault on Illiteracy Program will have an organizational meeting at the East Winston branch of the Public Library at 2 p.m. For more information, call Mrs. Nettie Manning at 725-7988.

*Jefferson & Company will be sponsoring a "Do It All In One Stop" at the Mechanics & Farmers Bank Parking Lot on Claremont Avenue starting at 9 a.m. The event will consist of a car wash, hot dog and hamburger sale, bake sale, fish fry and desserts.

*A reception will be held for the Boys and Girls State Citizen at 4 p.m. at the American Legion Post No. 220. The public is invited. For information, call 724-5149.

The Chronicle welcomes Community Calendar notices. Announcements should be concise and typed or neatly printed. They should include the day, time, place and sponsors of the event, plus a number to call for additional information. Announcements should be addressed to the Winston-Salem Chronicle Community Calendar, P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102. The deadline for announcements is Mondays at 5:30.

'Black American Landmarks' exhibit to be shown

An exhibition entitled "Black American Landmarks" will be shown at the Delta Arts Center at 1511 E. Third St. June 26 through July 23.

The exhibit is a photopanel display organized by the National Architectural and Engineering Service (NAER), Department of Interior and

developed for national tour by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES). It documents sites selected as National Historic Land-

marks for their significance in black American history based on the people or activities associated with them.

Photographs and infor-

mation on the homes of such figures as artist Henry O. Tanner, musician Will Marion Cook, journalist T. Thomas Fortune and Madame C.J. Walker, the

country's first black millionaire, are featured. Such landmarks as the oldest Afro-American church, which was built in

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