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Children Learn Computer Language At Patterson YMCA

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"If kids don't have a basic knowledge of computers in the future, they're going to be lost," says Richard Glover, director of the Patterson Avenue YMCA.

And, in preparation for the future, the Patterson Y began offering an enrichment program in computers early in November for children 8-15. One day of the week is also set aside for children of kindergarten and preschool age.

The program, which instructs children on the basic concepts of computer literacy and operations, is being taught by three Winston-Salem State University computer science majors, and they have their hands full.

Seventy-seven children from the Oak Street, Broad Bay, Cleveland Avenue and Piedmont neighborhoods have already taken advantage of this cost-free opportunity to introduce and heighten themselves to the world of computers.

"Since we are going into a high-tech age," says Glover, "these kids might otherwise not get the chance to learn about computers."

Glover says approximately \$52,000 is allocated to the Patterson Y each year as part of the city of Winston-Salem's Incentive Program, which also includes a day camp during the summer months.

He says because of a concerted effort by Patterson Y board members, the addition of the computer program, which was also funded by the Triad Vietnam Vets and surplus money from the state, will allow many black youths in Winston-Salem the opportunity to discover or develop otherwise latent talents.

"One thing we do not do," says Glover, "is play games on the computers. It's all about learning."

Moses Lucas is the coordinator of the enrichment program, which also includes ballet, drama, arts and crafts.

As the watchdog of the computer program and its progression, Lucas agrees with Glover about the program's main objective.

"That's right," he says. "It's all basic knowledge and introduction to computers. Absolutely no games, none."

Letters about the computer classes were sent to parents of children who frequent the neighborhood community centers and all were selected on a first come, first serve basis.

The computer classes are offered at the Patterson Y Monday through Thursday from 5:30-6:45 p.m. and, surprisingly, Lucas says, "the classes are 72 percent girls and most of them are doing better than the boys."

Glover says he also wants to emphasize that the computer classes are not the center of the enrichment program and that the classes in the arts are just as important.

"We here at the Y are just trying to find programs for youth development," he says. "We just want to make an attempt to implement programs that they (participants) can learn from and enjoy."

Glover attributes much of the success of the computer classes to Claude Phillips, Robert Leath and Dennis Wilson, the three WSSU students who are lending their afternoons to change roles and become teachers.

"The reason we have three teaching the class," says Glover, "is that there may be students who might not pick up as fast as others and more time can be spent giving individualized attention."

Behind the large steel door on the second floor of the Patterson Y are the four computers used in the classes. With the money allocated for the classes, the Patterson Y was able to purchase a Commodore computer, with the other three on loan from IBM, says Glover.

The computer classes will run through the first week in May 1984, but Glover and Lucas are uncertain about the future of the computer program, which is the first of its kind ever offered by the YMCA.

The only computer purchased by the Patterson Y may be left to sit alone next year if funds are not provided to continue the classes.

"Since it started," says Lucas, "I see it really benefiting the kids and I'm pleased with their progress. These kids are taking advantage of a good thing and they're doing well."



Winston-Salem State University computer science majors Dennis Wilson, background, and Robert Leath acquaint attentive youngsters with computer literacy at the Patterson Avenue YMCA (photo by James Parker).

Social Notes

Council Sponsors Holiday Houses

Every year The 4th District Garden Council sponsors "Holiday House" just before Christmas to create the spirit of Christmas and to put people in a festive mood.

The Christmas Holiday House Tour will be open to the public on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 2-6 p.m.

The open houses will be sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. William E. Shouse of 3380 Jeketer Drive, by The Best Yet Garden Club, whose theme is "Joy to the World."

The Flower Niche Garden Club's House is in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Dobson of 3700 Spaulding Drive.

The Lachenalia Garden Club decorated the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald

Dosier, 3785 Carver Road. The theme is "African Christmas." On display will be numerous items and ideas that the members collected on a tour of Africa.

Refreshments will be served at each of the houses on display.

Locally, there are 12 garden clubs. The president of The 4th District Garden Council is Mrs. Edythe Williams. Other clubs and there presidents are as follows: Along The Garden Path, 12 members, Mrs. Ellsworth Banner; Alta Vista Garden Club, 22 members, Mrs. Janie Thomas; The Best Yet Flower Garden Club, 22 members, Mrs. Elsie Blackman; Flora Buffs Garden Club, 19 members, Mrs. Geraldine Smith;

Flower Niche Garden Club, 18 members, Mrs. Edythe Williams; Lachenalia Garden Club, 12 members, Miss Christine Campbell; Pachysandra Garden Club, 16 members, Mrs. Emma Harper; Prince's Feather Flower Club, 14 members, Hugh Smith; Rake and Spade Garden Club, nine members, Mrs. Katherine Walker; Romelia Mason Garden Club, 14 members, Mrs. Theodosia Patten; Sunflower Garden Club, 16 members, Mrs. Louise Davis and Within The Picket Fence Garden Club, 14 members, Mrs. Beatrice Kirby.

The State Federation of Garden Clubs of North Carolina was organized in 1935. Asa Sims and William M. Cooper of Hampton, Va., organized the group at

North Carolina A&T State University with representatives from Graham, Winston-Salem, High Point and Greensboro.

The late Mrs. Madie Hall Xuma of Winston-Salem was the first president and Mrs. Sallie Johnson also of Winston-Salem was elected vice president.

Each year the council has a convention with competitive awards given for work in horticulture. The council also annually sponsors flower shows and presents a spectrum of flowers raised by the members.

Mrs. Thelma Small has been the chairman of several flower shows and Mrs. Roberta Cook is the coordinator of all the clubs in Winston-Salem.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

•There will be a midnight Christmas Concert and breakfast for night owls and insomniacs from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Reynolds House Museum of Art.

•A Christmas open house will be held at the Art Loft, the artist studio of Mary Goslen and Edith Saunders from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 221 W. Fourth St., over the Stratford Garden Shop between North Cherry and Trade Streets.

•The Region I Aging Advisory Council will meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments' conference room.

•The Student Chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery at Winston-Salem State University will present its annual awards banquet at 5:30 p.m. in the Red Room. Dr. Don Martin, chairperson of computer science at North Carolina State University, will be the guest speaker.

•The United Carribean Association of the Triad area will present a December Affair from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room of the Greensboro Coliseum. For more information call 767-4451.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

•The annual bazaar of Belva Memorial Anagogan Chapel at 1230 Gray Ave. will be held at the chapel from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Useful household items, baked goods and sandwiches will be among the items on sale.

•Male and female models 30 and over are needed for a Ebony & Ivory sponsored, benefit fashion show. To register come by the Sawtooth Center at 10 a.m.

•The Foster Parents Association will sponsor a Christmas party for foster children and parents from noon until at Reynolds Cafeteria at 741 Highland Avenue. Santa Claus will arrive in a fire truck, with gifts for all children. For more information call 748-8681, 761-8002 or 725-6974.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

•The East Winston Noon Optimist Club is sponsor. Please see page A7.

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.

Women Attend National Confab

Dr. Manderline Scales and Savannah Johnson represented the Winston-Salem section of the National Council of Negro Women Inc. at the 41st National Convention held in New York City. The convention theme was "Black Women -- Unity, Commitment, Self-Reliance."

Dorothy Height, national president, presided with Dr. Betty Shabazz serving as convention chairperson.

Convention highlights included a dinner tour to Abyssinian Baptist Church, the Broadway production "Mama I Want To Sing," tours of the World Trade Center and The United Nations building, and speeches from Jesse Jackson, Elinor Holmes Norton and the Honorable William H. Gray.

The convention speakers focused on topics relevant to the Concerns of the National Council of Negro Women and issues that the delegates should take back to their communities in order to implement working

solutions. The concerns are: children having children, constructive activities to enable young black children to become productive members of society; traditional women for non-traditional jobs, the restoration of the black family, how to develop economic opportunity and organizational fund raising for self-sufficiency.

During the convention, a tribute was given to Eleanor Roosevelt for her work with Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune (founder of the National Council of Negro Women and one of America's greatest educators).

The Life Members Breakfast was hosted by R.J. Reynolds Industries and the general breakfast was hosted by the Hanes Group.

Dr. Scales served on the Resolution Committee during the convention.

Savannah Johnson is the local president of the National Council of Negro Women and Scales is president emeritus.



Sherry Dean Clinton

Forsyth 4-H Holds Achievement Night

The Forsyth 4-H Achievement Night was held recently at the Forsyth County Agricultural Building.

Kelly Murray, vice president of the county council, presided over the evening.

On this night, clubs and 4-H'ers received recognition for their outstanding work during the past year. Clubs in this area receiving charters were the Thurmond Street 4-H Club, Ferndale 4-H Club, Salem Garden 4-H Club, Alder

Street Smurfs 4-H Club and the Bethlehem Center Cloverbuds 4-H Club.

The 4-H'er recognized for being national winners were Mary Louise Joyce, Misses Thimmes and Amy Whitman in the junior horseman contest. Also receiving recognition were the following for the completion of cumulative records: Amy Hatcher, Doug Eudy, Ginger Patterson, Jeannie Armour, Kelly Murray, Ellen Eudy, Mary Louise Joyce, Melody

Myers, Neil Fishel, Andie Fishel and Joe Miller.

Junior leaders who attended 4-H Camp as counselors were recognized by Roy Smith, president of the Volunteer Leaders Association. They were Vickie Fritzer, Melissa Marshall, Christy Neumann, Melody Myers, Shannon McElroy and Donna Brendle.

Junior leaders assisting with the 4-H Summer Eye Care Program were Mechelle Mitchell, Verrina Vance, Gary L. Warren Jr., Antoinette Rolle, Tarsha Starnes, Tabitha Fields, Todd Fulton, Cheryl Gantt, Donald Hill, Cynthia Farms, Paula Stinson and Rochelle Parker.

After the county project winners were announced,

John D. Carroll, county extension chairman, congratulated those receiving honors for a job well done and challenged them to continue in a positive youth program.

Also during the meeting, the new officers for the Northwest District County Council were installed. New officers for the 1983-84 year are: Kelly Murray, president, Cloveretts; Pauline Stinson, vice president, Kimberly Park Sweet Angels; Rochelle Parker, secretary-treasurer, Kimberly Park Sweet Angels; Timmy Smith, reporter, Fiddler's Creek; Jill Smith, recreational leader, Fiddler's Creek and Jeremy Jennings, recreational leader, Vienna Clover.

Dean-Clinton

Sherry Yveta Dean and Anthony Jerome Clinton were married on Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. at Phillips Chapel Baptist Church, with the Rev. C.W. Leak officiating.

Dean is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Dean and Clinton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Clinton.

The bride graduated from South Park High School and is employed at North State Co. and the groom is a graduate of North Forsyth Senior High Schools and is serving in the U.S. Air Force.

The bride was given in marriage by her father,

with Carol Denise Smith serving as the matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Arlene Moore, Cory Simms, JoAnn Dean, Cheryl Howard, Queen Dean, Brenda Clinton, Gracie Blackwell, Sharon Dean, Bobbitta Payne, Olivia Thompson and Kisha Johnson.

Garvin Leak was the best man with Marvin Dean, Bobby Ingram, Nay Chaun Moore, Kevin Johnson, Ray Hurley, Carlos Miller, Ralph Dean, Maurice Byres, Robert Ray, Perry Henry and Rick Sprinkle as ushers.

The couple will live in Columbia Miss.

Triad Team Walk Begins

The Greater Triad Chapter of the March of Dimes held its TeamWalk-America kick-off party on Nov. 29 in the Marriott Hotel at the Regional Airport.

Chief executive officers of the 500 major companies were invited to help set the stage for this, the third annual Triad TeamWalk. The

goal set for this year's walk, to be held on April 28, is \$150,000 according to the Greater Triad Chapter's Executive Director, Bonnie Mellette.

WXII-Channel 12 is again the sponsor of the walk and is providing live coverage in the Triad's three major cities as well as

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