Bowman Gray minority program gets financing

A program begun in 1983 and designed to foster the interest of highly qualified minority students in medical careers has received financial support to continue its work at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

The medical careers program has received a two-year, \$197,00 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which funded the program's first three years. The foundation has now

Newly made Masons of the five Prince Hall Lodges of Winston-Salem were brothers Cunningham, Thomas, Butler, Fair and McCoy. Also pictured are, seated from left,

Tommy A. Springs, Frances B.

Eaton, Joe Cunningham,

James Travis, kneeling left, and Joseph McManus, kneeling right. Also pictured, second row from left, are brothers Wilson, Clark, Bines.

Chisholm. Third row, brothers Cook, King, Mabry, Jarrett,

Kirkland and

Moses.

Goins and Howell.

New Faces

committed more than half a million dollars to the program.

Despite efforts nationwide to increase minority representation in health careers, there is still serious underrepresentation of blacks, native Americans and other minorities in such areas as the medical profession.

"We have come to the conclusion that talent must be identified and developed early in the education experience in order to make an impact on the problem," says Dr. Velma Watts, director of minority affairs at Bowman Gray.

Students selected for the program must have concluded the 10th or 11th grades and must score in the 97th percentile on a standardized achievement test.

The program has involved 149 high school students in projects

and summer sessions during its first three years. Over the next two years, 100 talented high school students will be chosen to participate in the extended pro-

"What makes this program unique is that we include the student's family," Dr. Watts says. "The family gains an understanding of what we are about in this program, and family members



Afro-American History Society to celebrate a dream realized

After more than two years of intense preparation, the Society for the Study of Afro-American History in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County will become a reality Sunday, Sept. 21, when it holds a reception to celebrate its birth.

The affair will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

The purpose of the reception is to celebrate the birth of the society and to provide an opportunity for citizens to become involved with and lend their talents to the society.

The group hopes to address the



Herman Aldridge problem of a lack of awareness of the contributions made to our culture by black Americans.



Joseph Bradshaw The reception will include displays of historical artifacts, videotapes of black residents and

a slide presentation from local historians and the academic community.

The program's guest speakers will be Mattie Reed, museum director and curator for North Carolina A&T State University. William E. East, local historian, and Joseph Bradshaw, black historian and consultant for the society.

Dr. William J. Rice is the president of the society.

Other officers are Dr. Donald Schoonmaker, first vice president; Harold T. Brown, second vice president; Herman L. Aldridge, secretary, and Pamela Kahl, treasurer.

Epperson worker resigns

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Butler said Bingham's assignment was to organize a drug education program within the neighborhood at True Temple Holiness Church, where he is a member, Butler said.

Since the 1984 elections, Bingham changed his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican, Butler said. As a Democrat, Bingham worked with Philadelphia Mayor Wilson Goode's election effort in 1984. according to a press release from Epperson's campaign.

Bingham began working with the drug program on July 24.

Bingham called Jim Phillips, Neal's campaign manager, to tell him about his dissatisfaction with Epperson's campaign, Phillips said Tuesday.

"I didn't want to get involved in it," Phillips said. "I don't think this man was aware of what was expected of him.

"He felt that the black community and he were being misled by Epperson," Phillips said. "Mr. Bingham realized that he

was being used." Bingham told Phillips that he



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didn't have any training in drug counseling even though his job was to organize Epperson's task force, Phillips said.

to speak to Bingham. "I had a problem talking to him (Bingham) while he was on Epperson's salary," Phillips said.

Phillips and Bingham did not discuss any campaign strategy, Phillips said.

Phillips said he was reluctant

When asked if he would con-

sider hiring Bingham to serve on Neal's campaign staff, Phillips said, "I don't have a vacancy."

Phillips said he was unsure whether Bingham's resignation will help Neal in the general election. "I would have trouble measuring the total effect it would have in the black community," Phillips said.

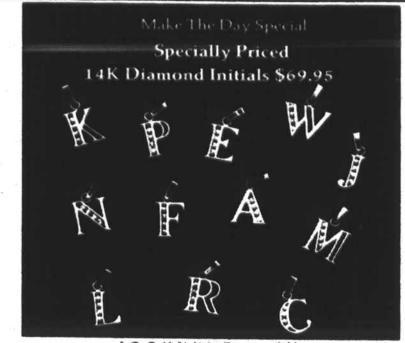
"I know I am not going to take advantage of Mr. Bingham's situation," Phillips said. "I do

not operate like that."

Neal said Bingham's resignation was another sign of Epperson's insensitivity toward blacks.

"He hasn't done anything for black people," Neal said. "Why did he just start this drug task force only months before the election?"

Bingham confirmed that he had resigned but could not be reached for an interview by press



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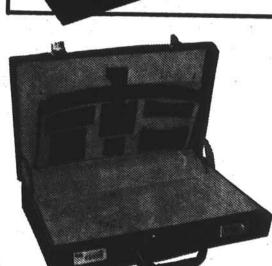
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