

Close-Up

Conference gives Rx to future M.D.s

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Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest University is doing its part to make sure that minority students are aware of the options available to them in the field of medicine.

Last weekend the school sponsored its annual Medicine as a Career Awareness Conference. The conference, now in its fourth year, is designed to give high-achieving minority high school students

"I grew up being exposed to a lot of doctors and to medicine because my mother worked in the field. I would encourage anyone interested in medicine to make sure it is what they want to do."

-- Dr. Vicki Lovings

an idea of what they will encounter should they choose to pursue a career in medicine.

Dr. Velma Watts, director of minority affairs at Bowman Gray, says one of the purposes of the annual program is to increase minority enrollment in medical school. She also feels that the program helps to eliminate some of the myths that have been associated with medical school.

"We want to show Bowman Gray in a positive light in the black community," she says. "We want to show that minority students enrolled at Bowman Gray do go on to graduate and to practice medicine."

Participation in the student program is open to any minority -- defined as Indian, Spanish-American, black-American or Mexican-American -- high school student who has scored in the 97th percentile on the California Achievement Test. Dr. Watts notes that 80 percent of the minority students who have enrolled in the program have been black.

This year's class consisted of 37 black students, 11 students from the Appalachian area and four Indian students.

Students attending last week's conference will return for one of two summer sessions. Each was assigned a special project which must be completed prior to enrollment in the summer programs, which are coordinated by 39 Bowman Gray clinicians who volunteer their services to work with the students.

"Basically, the conference is an orientation for students chosen for the summer program and for their parents," Dr. Watts says. "They're given the curriculum and assigned individual projects."

During last weekend's conference, students and their parents toured the medical school facilities and heard presentations from the staff, faculty and current students at Bowman Gray.

Since the program's inception, the greatest concentration of students has come from the Durham area. Dr. Watts speculates that this is due in part to the fact that the Triangle area is home to the state's school of science and mathematics.

Seven minority students from Forsyth County registered for last weekend's conference. They are Varian Styles of Carver High School, Tiffany Davis



Dr. Velma Watts, left, director of minority affairs at Bowman Gray School of Medicine, listens in as Dr. Vicki Lovings explains what attracted her to the field of medicine (photo by James Parker).

of Salem Academy, Carlos Butler and Brett Murphy of Bishop McGuinness High School, Eric Griggs and John Crews of Mount Tabor High School and Clifton Gillian of Reynolds High School.

The program also featured a keynote address by Dr. Virginia Davis Floyd, director of the Family

Health Services Section of the Georgia Department of Human Resources.

Both the students and their parents heard presentations concerning the expectations of students enrolled in the summer programs and about students choosing clinical mentors in their

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JAN. 15

• The Piedmont Impotence and Sexual Dysfunction Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. in the Martinat Conference Room in the basement of Whitaker Rehabilitation Center at Forsyth Memorial Hospital. Dr. Fred Reid, urologist, will be the speaker. The topic will be "Diagnostic Tests for Impotence." The public is invited at no charge. For more information call 760-5748.

• Make Today Count, a support/education group for cancer patients, families and friends, will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the YWCA on Glade Street. Dr. Richard Brodtkin, oncologist, will lead a discussion on "Questions and Answers About Chemotherapy and Other Aspects of Cancer Care." For more information call 725-7421.

• There will be a financial aid workshop at West Forsyth High School for parents and students at 7 p.m. in the school's media center. For more information call Cindi Zimmerman at 766-6460.

• The North Carolina Black Repertory Company will hold a Martin Luther King Jr. birthday celebration in the lobby of the Arts Council Theater at 7 p.m. Larry Leon Hamlin will read excerpts from King's "I Have a Dream" speech. For more information call 723-7907.

• The East Winston Branch Library will hold a special tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. A film and discussion will follow the tribute and will be led by Dr. William Lyde, a Winston-Salem State University faculty member. For more information call 727-2202.

• Anita G. Shirley will lead a workshop on proposal writing and grantsmanship at 7 p.m. at the Art-Is House, 740 N. Cleveland Ave. The workshop is designed for artists, arts and cultural organizations. For more information call 722-5293.

FRIDAY, JAN. 16

• The Belview Civic League will celebrate Martin Luther King's birthday at the Belview Recreation Center, 2800 Burgandy St., at 7:30 p.m. Featured guests will be the Rev. John Mendez, Walter Marshall, Marilyn Baldwin, John Holleman and Alderman Larry Womble. For more information call 727-8143.

• Associated Artists of Winston-Salem will visit the North Carolina Museum of Art to see "Dutch Art in the Rembrandt Age." The group will also visit two of Raleigh's newest downtown galleries. Lunch will be at the Irregardless Restaurant. The group will leave Winston-Salem at 8 a.m. The cost is \$15 for members and \$18 for non-members. For more information call 722-0340 or 722-0446.

SATURDAY, JAN. 17

• The Executive Investment Council of Winston-Salem will sponsor an investment fair from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn North. The theme of the fair will be "Networking: Educating the Investor for the 1980s and Beyond." A \$12 registration fee, which includes lunch, will be charged. For more information call 785-2848 or 785-0953.

• The Winston-Salem Duplicate Bridge Club will offer a 10-week beginning bridge class from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Winston Lake Family YMCA starting today. There will be a \$5 charge for the

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Social Notes

Noted author to discuss black money matters at seminar

George Subira will present a lecture titled "Making the Transition from Employee to Business Owner," Jan. 21 at 6 p.m. at F. Roger Page Business and Technology Center.

Subira, author of the highly successful "Black Folks' Guide to Making Big Money in America," has written and published a new book, titled "Black Folks' Guide to Business Success." The new book is written specifically to address the questions, insecurities and problems that blacks experience just before entering or just after beginning their own business.

"The response had been simply fantastic," says Subira, whose first volume, published in 1980,

has sold more than 60,000 copies through 11 printings. "We definitely expect this work to go over 100,000 copies, which would make it the biggest-selling black business book ever."

The author has appeared on "The Phil Donahue Show," the "Today Show," "Tony Brown's Journal" and the "700 Club." He has also received coverage in more than 100 newspapers, radio and television programs.

In his new volume, Subira gives a detailed explanation of why business development is the key to the development of black communities and why such development is not taking place.

Subira says blacks' biggest shortcoming is "due to the



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employee mentality of our people and their strong desire to find security working for white corporations rather than starting their own companies."

Subira's guide is a how-to manual that explores the attitudes that black Americans bring with them to the business arena and shows how blacks suffer from a "victims' point of view," which often hinders their efforts at generating profits from their business.

Subira was formerly a college professor at Seton Hall University in New Jersey and has a degree in history from California State University. He also has two graduate degrees from Rutgers University.



Musically Speaking

Internationally known children's entertainer Thomas Moore returned to the Twin City last weekend for a special encore performance. Above, he entertains students at Kimberly Park Alternative School (photo by James Parker).

About Town

Local bankers' group to educate community on investing

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Several local bankers have come together to form an organization which will provide financial advising and information to the community.

The group, the Bankers' Educational Society, will sponsor a seminar Tuesday, Jan. 20, at 7 p.m. in the R.J. Reynolds Business Building at Winston-Salem State University.

Stephanie Porter of the Internal Revenue Service will conduct the seminar.

Admission to the program is free; for more information, call Please see page A10



Members of the Bankers' Educational Society Inc., seated from left, include Wyrine Dorris, Carl Johnson, Esther Rockette and Ernie Burney. Standing are Thomas Johnson, William Crews, Carolyn Strickland, Larry Butler, Earline Moore and Marsha Johnson (photo by James Parker).

Investment Council plans investor's fair

The Executive Investment Council of Winston-Salem will sponsor an investment fair Saturday, Jan. 17, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn North. The theme of the fair is "Networking: Educating the Investor for the 1980s and Beyond."

The council was formed last June by Dr. Virginia Newell, who saw a need for various black investment clubs in Winston-Salem to join together under an umbrella organization. The council consists of representatives from those groups.

The purposes of the council are to enhance minorities' capabilities of investing, to decrease the financial risk of each

individual club, to help blacks learn to depend on and trust one another and to strengthen other investment clubs.

The investment fair is the council's first major project. Representatives from such firms as Merrill Lynch, Dean Witter Reynolds, Wachovia Bank and Mundy Realty will lead workshop sessions.

A special feature will be sessions targeted specifically for youths ages 10 to 18. They will receive pointers on how to start their own investment club and why it is important for them to begin investing at a young age.

A \$12 registration fee, which includes lunch, will be charged.