

People

CLOSE-UP

Graves plots definite course

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Clifton Graves, former Winston-Salem State University affirmative action officer, said he wanted to "pull back," reassess his career goals and decide what direction his life would take when interviewed following his selection as the *Chronicle* "Man of the Year" for 1983.

Since then he has changed careers three times and lived in three states. "The last five years have been soul searching time for me," he said recently by phone from Connecticut.

"I feel God has saved me and has a special purpose for me. Like most of us, I have to find what that special purpose is."

— Clifton Graves

While in Winston-Salem, he was a member of the Black Leadership Roundtable Coalition, Black Political Awareness League, NAACP, Winston-Salem Bar Association, East Winston Noon Optimist Club, Forsyth County Juvenile Justice Center Executive Committee, Trans-Africa, North Carolina Black Repertory Co. and Nell Lite Productions. In 1984, he left it all behind to practice law in Connecticut.

Graves said he had over-extended himself at the time. He "wanted to set the world on fire" and do

things he felt needed to be done. "As in any community, those people who come forward are drawn into every battle," he said.

But he wanted time for his family and for plotting his career moves. "After leaving Winston, for a whole year I did hardly anything," he said.

But doing nothing is not Clifton Graves' style. When former WSSU Chancellor H. Douglas Covington called Graves about a job at Alabama A&M University, the lure of campus life was strong enough to pull him south again. He moved to Huntsville, Ala. where he was involved with voter rights, voter registration and student organizations "addressing the issue of South Africa."

Graves said working at a traditionally black college appealed to him, as well as feeling gratified when influencing the growth of young black minds. But, unfortunately, those were not the only forces at play during his tenure at Alabama A&M. "The past two years have taught me that black college campus politics are not for me," he said. "As Tony Brown has said, 'We need to save as well as change black colleges.'"

Black colleges need to be infused with new ideas or young black talent will continue to be "turned off" he said. It is disheartening for him to see potential being wasted and feels administrators have gotten priorities "mixed up" by not putting the student first.

"A&M, by and large, is no different from other predominantly black institutions of higher learning," he said.

However, he said that he is grateful to Covington for the opportunity at Alabama A&M, which he



Clifton Graves says he still maintains a certain intensity to his beliefs (photo by James Parker).

believes was a very character-building experience for him.

He is now working as staff attorney for the New Haven Housing Authority. "Whatever position I find myself in, I want to use my expertise and skills to help black folks."

His parents, Clifton Sr. and Mayme Graves, and his grandmother, former Winston resident, Haida Graves, played a big part in his decision to return to Connecticut. He enjoys living near them he said,

and wants to help take care of his grandmother who has been ill.

Graves said he would never forget his time in Winston-Salem. "The people who we are exposed to in our environment help shape and mold us," he said. Many of the people he knew in North Carolina influenced him, he said, including the Rev. Ben Chavis from Fayetteville, Larry Little, the Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley, Carl Russell and Louise Wilson.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

• A program at the East Winston Branch Library will discuss "Is the Death Penalty a Cruel and Inhuman Punishment?" at 7 p.m. A video tape will be shown and a panel discussion will be included. For more information call 727-2202.

THURSDAY, JULY 23

• The department of Social Services will distribute surplus foods at the Dixie Classic Fair Grounds. Cheese, dry milk and flour will be given to eligible families. All families currently receiving food stamps are eligible and will receive an authorization card by mail. For more information call 727-8311.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The Joel Family will host their annual family reunion at Washington Park, Shelter No. 1, Saturday, July 25, from noon to 10 p.m. For more information call Cynthia Gathings at 785-0316 or Sally McIntyre Wallace at 761-1294.

• The Winston-Salem Urban League will sponsor an Academic Enrichment program for rising eighth, ninth and tenth graders in July. Classes will be offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 to 1 p.m. at the Urban League, 201 W. Fifth St. The program ends July 30. Participants are requested to plan to attend all sessions. Enrollment is limited. There is no fee. For more information call 725-5614.

• The American Red Cross Youth office is planning a summer volunteer program during the months of July and August. Anyone between the ages of 13 and 18 can make a difference this summer by volunteering some time to help others. Youth can develop new skills, explore careers and demonstrate civic responsibility by volunteering at hospitals, children's centers, nursing homes and clinics. For more information call 724-0511.

• The Early Childhood Center at Winston-Salem State University is accepting applications for its fall sessions. The program is designed for children 3 to 5 years old. Activities include reading, math, science, music, art and other subjects. Center hours are 7:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. The fee is \$35 a week, payable one week in advance. For more information call 761-2159.

• The American Legion Post No. 220 is forming a veteran's deceased photo frame to be hung in the lobby of the Post No. 220, 2332 N. Liberty St. The post is asking that anyone who has photos of their deceased veterans who were members of Post No. 220 to bring the pictures to the post home or drop them off at the Community Shoe Shop on Patterson Avenue with James Fair. The photos will be returned unharmed after a copy has been made. For more information call 724-7689.

• All 1977 graduates of North Carolina Central University are being sought to help discuss plans for a reunion which will be held Oct. 30-Nov. 1. If you are a member of the Class of 1977, contact Sherry Ramsey at 750-3380 or 725-4142 as soon as possible.

• The Laymen's League of Mount Zion Baptist Church is sponsoring a paper drive. A collection van will be placed on the church parking lot each Thursday through Sept. 5 and will remain through the weekend for collections. Loose and bundled papers and paper products may be deposited by individuals. For more information call 766-0842.

SOCIAL NOTES

Top minority students attends SAT session at WFU

One hundred and fifty academically talented minority students from North Carolina are preparing for the scholastic aptitude test and sampling college life at Wake Forest University.

The program is being funded for a second year at Wake Forest by a grant of \$166,880 from the Jessie Ball duPont Religious, Charitable and Educational Fund of Jacksonville, Fla.

The Committee for Education, a Winston-Salem foundation which gives academic assistance to talented minority high school students, selected the program participants using the California Achievement Test scores and recommendations from guidance counselors.

Lula M. Leake, Wake Forest assistant vice-president, is director of the program. She said participants have already taken the SAT in their home testing center. After completing the three-week intensive course at Wake Forest, the students will take a retired



Among the participants in a SAT session held recently at Wake Forest University are back row, from left, Ronny Scott, Monica Armstrong, Eric Addo, Randall Ross and Harvey Johnson. Front row, from left, Tonya Thacker, Courtney Shipp, Dionne Tatum and Marcia Williamson (photo by James Parker).

SAT. The first session began June 14 and ended July 3. The second session began July 5 and will end July 24. Seventy-five students were selected to attend each session.

According to Ms. Leake, the average increase in scores was 90 points for students who participated in the program last year. The students live on campus and participate in activities in and

outside the classroom. Wake Forest professors are conducting seminars in several subjects to give students academic experience at the college level.

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Kappa auxiliary group members share picnic with family, friends

Tanglewood Park was the scene of the 40th Annual Kappa Silhouettes picnic last Sunday.

The Silhouettes, an organization of wives of alumni members of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, plans functions and raises money for worthy causes, says Gladys Oldham, local president. There are 25 women active in the local chapter, she said.

Along with the Kappas and Silhouettes, guests participated in a barbecue and other activities. Among the guests were Alderman Virginia K. Newell and her husband, George; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Puryear (he is the new principal of Parkland High School); Judge and Mrs. Roland Hayes; Dr. and Mrs. James Jones; Mr. and Mrs. James

Simpson, sponsors of the Roadrunners Track Club; Irma Clement, Herman Burney and his wife, Marie, Clarence McKee and his wife, Marlene, Ed and Miriam McCarter, Jim Steele, Donna Oldham, Leslie Oldham and Dr. and Mrs. C.B. Hauser. Also attending was Irene Hairston, wife of the late Walter M. Hairston, an administrator

with Winston Mutual Life Insurance Company, now the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Company. Mrs.

Hairston, a member of the Forsyth County Planning Board, attended the first picnic in 1947.

Laverne Hanes was this year's picnic chairperson.

ABOUT TOWN

Marberry cited among nations best and brightest

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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Craig Marberry, a news reporter at WXII Channel 12, has been named to the list of "America's Best and Brightest Young Business and Professional Men" by *Dollars & Sense* magazine.

Marberry, who came to Winston-Salem in 1986, received his undergraduate degree from Morehouse College in Atlanta and his master's degree from Columbia University in New York. He has also done additional study in Scotland and received a fellowship to study independently at the University of West Indies in Kingston, Jamaica.



Marberry

Before assuming his current position at WXII, Marberry was a reporter/intern with the *Washington Post* and a reporter/trainee with WCBV-TV in Boston.

The 60 men selected to the list will be honored at a special program in Chicago July 31.

The Child Guidance Center has received a grant of \$25,000 from the Kate B. Reynolds Poor and Needy Trust.

The purpose of the grant is to cover the purchase of a van, its operating and maintenance costs over a one-year period...including appropriate insurance and the services of a qualified driver.

The van will be used to provide transportation of the youngsters in the center's day treatment program who qualify for this kind of assistance. ...

Teen-agers from across the country and from as far away as Hawaii will arrive in the Triad area July 18 to compete in the 15th annual Miss and Mr. Black Teen-age World Scholarship Program and Pageant.

Once contestants assemble in Greensboro, the next eight days will be filled with rehearsals, personal development seminars, rap sessions, leadership development sessions, tours and other activities.

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