

Urban Arts Honors

The Urban Arts of The Arts Council recently sponsored a program to persons who had participated in arts programs throughout the year. The event featured performances by members of dance classes and other areas of interest offered by The Urban Arts. Above, Reggie Johnson, director of The Urban Arts, presents a plaque to Vickie Sullivan, who was named The Urban Arts Parent of the Year (photo by Santana).

Search underway for Urban League director

By ANGELA WRIGHT

Efforts are underway nationally and locally to find a new head of the Winston-Salem Urban League, Joseph Dickson, chairman of the League's board of directors, said that 28 people had filed for the position of president of the local organization. He said the vacancy was advertised by the local League throughout the Triad, and nationally and the position of the local League throughout the Triad, and nationally of the National Urban League.

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All applications were forwarded to the national League for certification before consideration by the local League. The certification process, said Dickson, is a complete background check. So far, eight of the 28 candidates have been certified and their applications returned. and their applications returned to the local League. Three candi-dates have been rejected. Dickson said the local League would also do its own investigative check on the applications returned by the national League. He said that the candidates for the position have come from all over the country, including applications from people in Denver, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia and Illinois Georgia and Illinois

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Two of the applications were from local people, he said. Hazel Brown, currently the acting executive director of the League, has applied for the position of

Brown has 26 years in the Brown has 26 years in the Urban League movement, said Dickson, and has been certified by the national League. He said he had been informed of another local applicant, but did not know the identity of the person because the application was sent to the national League.

Dickson said the local League hoped to have all the

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applications certified by the national League and returned before April 12.

"We would like to make a decision by June or July," he said, "but, we will not let time

He said that once all the He said that once all the applications were received from the national League, the local personnel committee would review the applications and provide names and background information to the board of directors. Those candidates in whom the board of directors are received information to directors.

expresses an interest will then be brought in for an on-site inter-view, he said.

"We've had some good can-didates apply," he said, "but we haven't ranked them in terms of how we view them so far.

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Dickson said that the qualifications sought by the League for the position included a bachelor's degree, although a mas-

ter's degree is preferred, and five to seven years experience in a management position with a non-profit organization -- preferthe Urban League

He said that, of the seven He said that, of the seven applications that have been reviewed by the local League, all of the candidates are current-ly working with National Urban League affiliates, or have worked with them at some point. "Experience in long-range

"Experience in long-range planning and fundraising is important," he said. But, he noted that many of the applicants had marketing and finan-

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Dickson said that, as the board is now structured, it will take a simple majority vote to name the new president.

The League's former presi-dent, Thomas J. Elijah, Jr.,

retired in December after an extended dispute between himself and board members.

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it should continue to run just as well as it has."

The building of the shopping center, which has six stores, was spearheaded by Mark Vieno of East Winston Associates. The land had been sitting untouched for about 20 years before Vieno appropriated an Urban Development Action Grant, which provided the necessary funds to build. Vieno could not be reached for comment.

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Since then the shopping center has exceeded its expectations. The Food Lion grocery store has been ranked in the top three in sales for the area since its completion.



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