



The Winston-Salem Barristers' Wives chapter includes, from left, Mrs. Philip Banks, Mrs. Jasper Brown, Mrs. Ariayne Tate, Mrs. Willie Clark, Mrs. Greg Davis, Mrs. Harold Kennedy, Mrs. Melvyn Brown, Mrs. James Lassiter, Mrs. Roland Hayes, Mrs. Michael Grace, Mrs. Glenn Davis and Mrs. James Beaty. The chapter's "Taste of Excellence" event will provide a scholarship for a WSSU graduate planning to attend law school.



Above left, Dr. and Mrs. C.B. Hauser enjoy the samplings at last Saturday's "Taste of Excellence" affair. Above right, Mrs. Lila J. Terry (left) is assisted with her edible creations by Mrs. Louise Davis (center) and Mrs. Marie Tyson (photos by Harden Richards).



## Barristers' Wives hold 'Taste of Excellence'

The Winston-Salem Barristers' Wives sponsored a Taste of Excellence dinner and auction on Saturday, April 30, at 6 p.m. in the Arts Council lobby, 610 Coliseum Drive.

Local restaurants and merchants provided food and auction items. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the Jasper Alston

Atkins Scholarship Fund for law students.

The scholarship is given annually by the Barristers' Wives to a graduate of WSSU that has been accepted by a law school or is a current law student.

Jasper Atkins, an attorney, was the son of the founder and former president of WSSU. He served as

the executive secretary of the school's alumni association.

The local chapter of the National Barristers' Wives Inc. was founded in 1978 for the purpose of promoting a closer union of spouses and surviving spouses of lawyers and judges and to foster activities designed to enhance the prestige of the legal profession.

Nationally, the organization has a \$10,000 commitment to the United Negro College Fund, supports the digging of water wells in Africa, works in communities where there are Martin Luther King schools to help keep the name alive, and gives highly competitive scholarships to law students around the country.

## Helen Edmonds to deliver 96th WSSU commencement address

The 96th commencement program at Winston-Salem State University will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 7, at the Winston-Salem Memorial Coliseum.

Dr. Helen Edmonds, noted historian, educator and administrator, will deliver the keynote address.

Dr. Edmonds is a graduate of Morgan State University with master's and doctoral degrees from The Ohio State University. She has done post-doctoral research and study at the University of Heidelberg (West Germany) and has been awarded eight honorary degrees.

Dr. Edmonds' teaching career spans more than 50 years and includes assignments at Virginia

Theological Seminary and College, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Harvard University and Radcliffe College. Most recently, she has been appointed to the Martin L. King/Rosa Parks Chair in the Department of History at Western Michigan University.

A prolific writer, Dr. Edmonds has numerous articles that have appeared in a broad range of publications. She has often been honored at the local, state and national levels for her expertise and achievements. Selected awards include: Recognition of service in the United Nations and on the National Advisory Council of the Peace Corps by President Richard



Edmonds

Nixon and is one of five "Distinguished Women of North Carolina" (1986).

Dr. Edmonds lists a number of "firsts" among her accomplishments -- the first Afro-American woman to receive a Ph.D. in history at Ohio State University, to become a dean of a graduate school of arts and sciences in the U.S., to receive the William Hugh McEnery Award from the total colleges and universities of the State of North Carolina and to second the nomination of a candidate for the presidency of the United States (Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower; Republican National Convention, 1956).

## A Hand to Hand way of caring

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agency's clients gives community people a chance to take an active part in alleviating a community problem.

"If you're going to complain about problems, here's your chance to do something about them," she said. "It affects all of us one way or another."

Volunteers and staff of Hand to Hand will work to service pregnant teens in crisis, to reduce infant mortality by offering pre-natal and health care information and to enhance self-esteem among the teen-agers. Peacock said attention will focus on matching the particular needs of a volunteer with those of a client in order to achieve the agency's objectives.

"I don't think anyone volunteers without having some reason for doing it. Their reason could range from a religious need or commission from God to simply

having gone through a similar situation themselves and wanting to help someone else," he said. "Everyone that walks through the door comes with strengths and needs whether they are a volunteer or a client and the task is to match those people. We're not looking for perfect volunteers or perfect clients."

But Peacock makes no bones about the challenges that volunteers will face. Volunteers will be matched with a pregnant teen for a period of time that begins when the teen enters the program and officially ends up to 14 months after delivery. Peacock said the age group 17 to 19 is an especially difficult group to work with at times because they are dealing with all of the normal teen-age crises of being just on the verge of adulthood and also with being pregnant. He describes them as "semi-independ-

ent, semi-rebellious, more difficult to work with and less often viewed as victims in their situations." But Peacock said, that is why collecting a broad pool of volunteers becomes so crucial to the program.

"It's not something easy. It's not something simple. It's not something short-term," he said. "It's not something where you can come in and volunteer and have some little girl throw her arms around you and say 'thank you, thank you.' They're in trouble and they're scared and volunteers are going to have to get them to trust and build a relationship with teen-agers who often aren't willing to trust. It's tough. We're not looking for any wimps. But if we can help these girls feel better about themselves, they'll have the skills to teach their children to feel better about them-

selves and society will become a better place for all of us."

The Winston-Salem Hand to Hand program is located at 10 Cascade Ave. More information is available by contacting 725-HAND.

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