

Mantalk' prompts frank talk from male teens

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It may seem odd for young men between the ages of 10 and 19 to take time from their summer vacations to discuss the responsibilities of their sexual behavior and the prevention of pregnancy. But the organization "MANTALK," which emphasizes the importance of it and has been successful in getting teenagers to do just that.

Tuesday afternoon, they gathered out their summer program watching a video tape which featured some celebrities of the Cross who encouraged them to be responsible in the program and to recruit their friends.

"MANTALK" is a program of the Forsyth County Health Department that addresses issues relevant to young men. Some of the other issues discussed are self-esteem, career development, parenting from a male perspective, academic achievement, job opportunities and decision making.

"MANTALK," which began in 1986, has accumulated about 187 members over the past seven months. coordinator Sonya Austin also is a health educator at the Forsyth County Health Department. The members meet



photo by Mike Cunningham

The program, Mantalk, ended its summer session with the young men discussing their opinions of a summer spent in the program.

weekly during the school year at the Salvation Army Boys Club on Martin Luther King Drive, Brown Douglas Recreation Center on Indiana Avenue in the Pincy-Grove area, Petree Middle School, and the

Optional Education Center. During the summer they met twice a month at the Boys Club and at Brown Douglas Recreation Center.

Nello Pittman III, 15, a student

at East Forsyth High School said that the program has made a difference in his life. "It has showed me how to say no to drugs and to be more responsible about sex, and to respect others," he said.

AREA WEDDINGS and ENGAGEMENTS



Rebecca Solomon Cumbo

Rebecca W. Solomon and Willie A. Cumbo were married Saturday, Aug. 6, in a 3 p.m. ceremony at the First Assembly of God.

The bride is the daughter of Edwina L. Stimpson and the late H. Solomon of Winston-Salem.

The groom is the son of the late Edwina and Willie Mae Cumbo. of Winston-Salem.

Evangelist Jackie Brown officiated.

The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, Oliver Solomon.

Serving as matron of honor was Charlesetta S. Whit of Winston-Salem.

Bridesmaids were Patricia Tolson of Fayetteville, Kathleen Smith, Sharon Walker and Rhonda Smith, all of Winston-Salem.

Best man was Willie Bailey of Winston-Salem.

Ushers were Travis Wilson of High Point, Brad Hudson of Fayetteville, Oscar Spaulding II of Charlotte and Ronald Joyner of Winston-Salem.

The bride attended Hampton University and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Winston-Salem. She is employed by Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools and is in private practice as

a speech pathologist. The groom is a graduate of Winston-Salem State University and attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He is employed by WSSU.

The couple will live in Winston-Salem.

McCloud-Wilson

Teresa Debora McCloud and Andre Devon Wilson were married Saturday, Aug. 6, in a 4 p.m. ceremony at Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church.

Pastor James Taylor officiated. The bride is the daughter of Katherine McCloud and the late Amzie McCloud of Winston-Salem.

The groom is the son of Juanita Wilson of Winston-Salem.

The bride was given in marriage by her grandfather, William Butler Sr.

Serving as maid of honor was Veronica Williams of Winston-Salem.

Serving as matron of honor was Beverly Orr of Winston-Salem.

Bridesmaids were Pamela Hawkins, Debbie Higgins, Demetrius Taylor, Lartisa Williams, Brigitte Wilkes and Tamika McCloud, all of Winston-Salem.

Best man was Delano Wilson of Charlotte.

Ushers were Earl Christian, Rayvon Hawkins Jr., Bobby Marshall, Gregory McCloud, Bernard Simmons, Derrick Williams and Antonio McCloud, all of Winston-Salem.

The bride is a graduate of Parkland High School. She is employed by Stroh Brewery.

The groom is a graduate of West Forsyth High School. He is employed by R.J. Reynolds.

Gravelly-Harris

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton E. Gravelly proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Angela Renee Gravelly, to Kelvin Crews Harris.

Booker retires from N.C. Mutual

C. P. Booker will be retiring from N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company after 39 and one-half years of service. Mr. Booker began with the company on Feb. 28, 1949 as a sales representative in the Winston-Salem district.

In 1960, he was promoted to district manager and transferred to the Fayetteville, N. C. district. He remained there until 1974 when he was transferred to the Winston-Salem district. Upon the retirement of Mr. G. H. Vaughn and has remained in Winston-Salem until this time.

Booker and his wife, Margaret, have one daughter, LaFreda. Booker will continue to participate in a program of insurance sales as a part-time sales representative in Ordinary Sales.

Also retiring are James E. Lackey and Mary G. Andrews.

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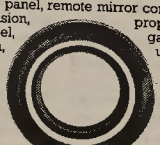
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