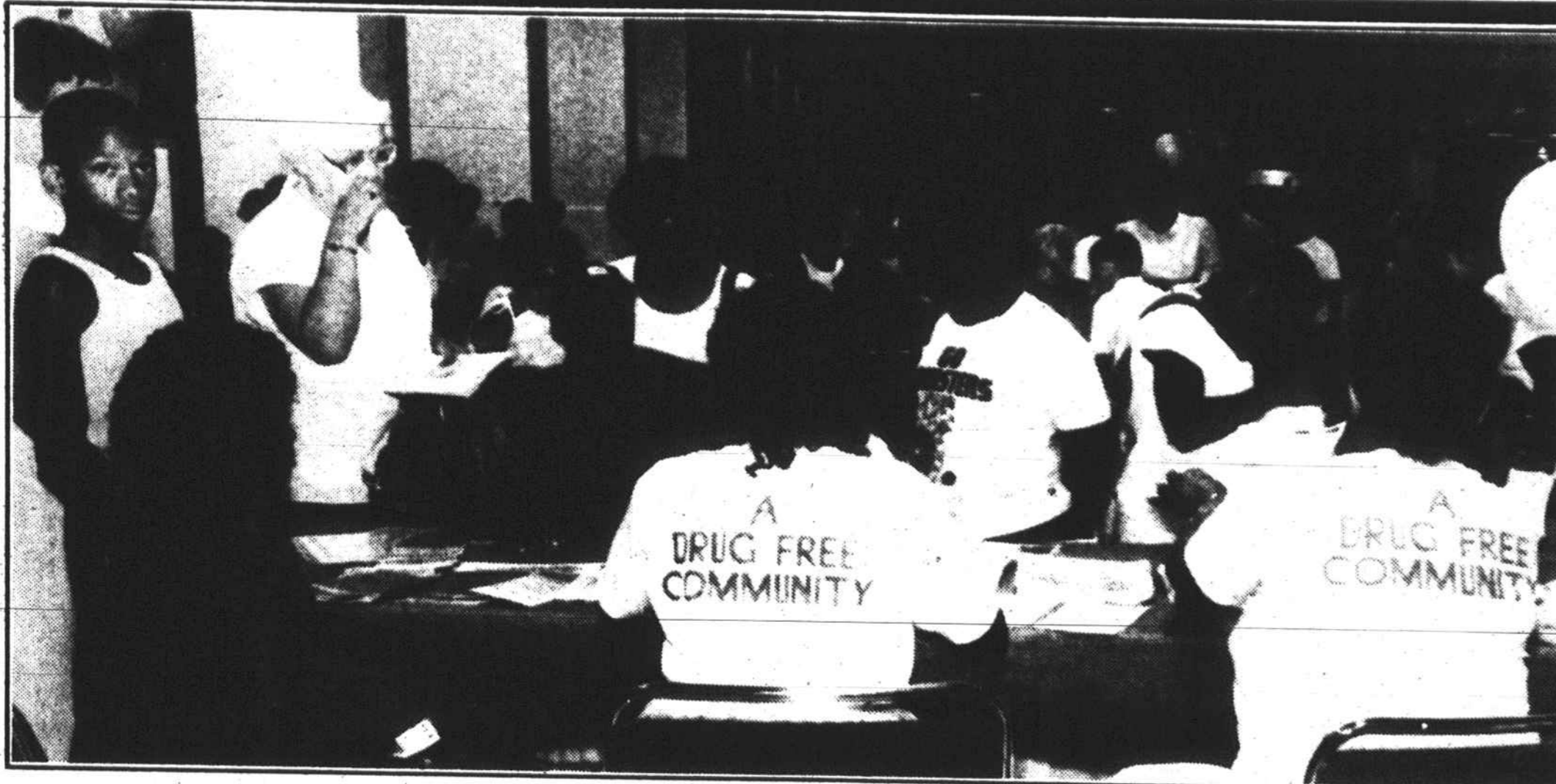
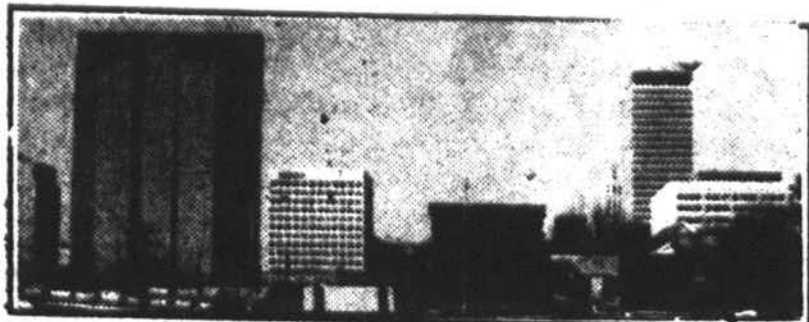


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Stamping Out Crime

A group of public housing residents collects anti-drug, anti-crime materials at last Friday's annual Commissioners' Awards Festival. At right, Alice Carter and Phylcia, 4, were able to catch a performance by the housing authority's mass choir. More than 1,500 people were on hand for the event.

Housing Authority says 'No' to crime and drugs

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
Chronicle Staff Writer

Last week residents of the city's public housing units gathered at the convention center to celebrate their efforts to rid their neighborhoods of crime and the effects of drug abuse.

More than 1,500 residents, housing authority officials and community people came out last Friday evening to help educate the public about crime prevention at the authority's third annual Crime Prevention and Commissioners' Awards Festival. This year's program marked a change in previous formats. Exhibitors and representatives of various crime and drug abuse prevention agencies participated in this year's event. Residents were asked to visit each of the 25 booths and exhibits. Each visit was rewarded with brochures, informational pamphlets and a stamp which qualified residents for the larger raffle drawings at the end of the evening.

David L. Thompkins, executive director of the local housing authority, said that the organizers decided to try a new approach for this year's festival in order to encourage residents to become more involved in the program.

"Instead of the congregational seating and a speaker, we wanted to give residents more of a part in this commissioner's festival," Mr. Thompkins said. "We felt that by having vendors and groups with anti-drug brochures and materials we would be able to teach residents. We figured that, although we have had some excellent speakers in the past, that residents could learn more by actually talking with these agencies than they could from a speaker in two or three hours."

Barbara Ferguson, director of housing management and programs, said that she has gotten positive feedback from the residents that attended the program. She said that the primary aim of the program has been to provide

a stimulus to combat crime in the public housing units.

"One of our primary concerns is do something to help our community fight crime and drug abuse in Winston-Salem," she said. "We wanted residents and young people especially to see that there are some activities out there that they can get involved with other than drugs and crime. Becoming involved in those activities also will help them better communicate with their neighbors. The important thing is to get them to instill in their own communities that it is important to stay drug free. We want them to instill in the minds of young people that you can live in public housing and remain free of drugs. Residents really seem to have enjoyed the program and the festive occasion."

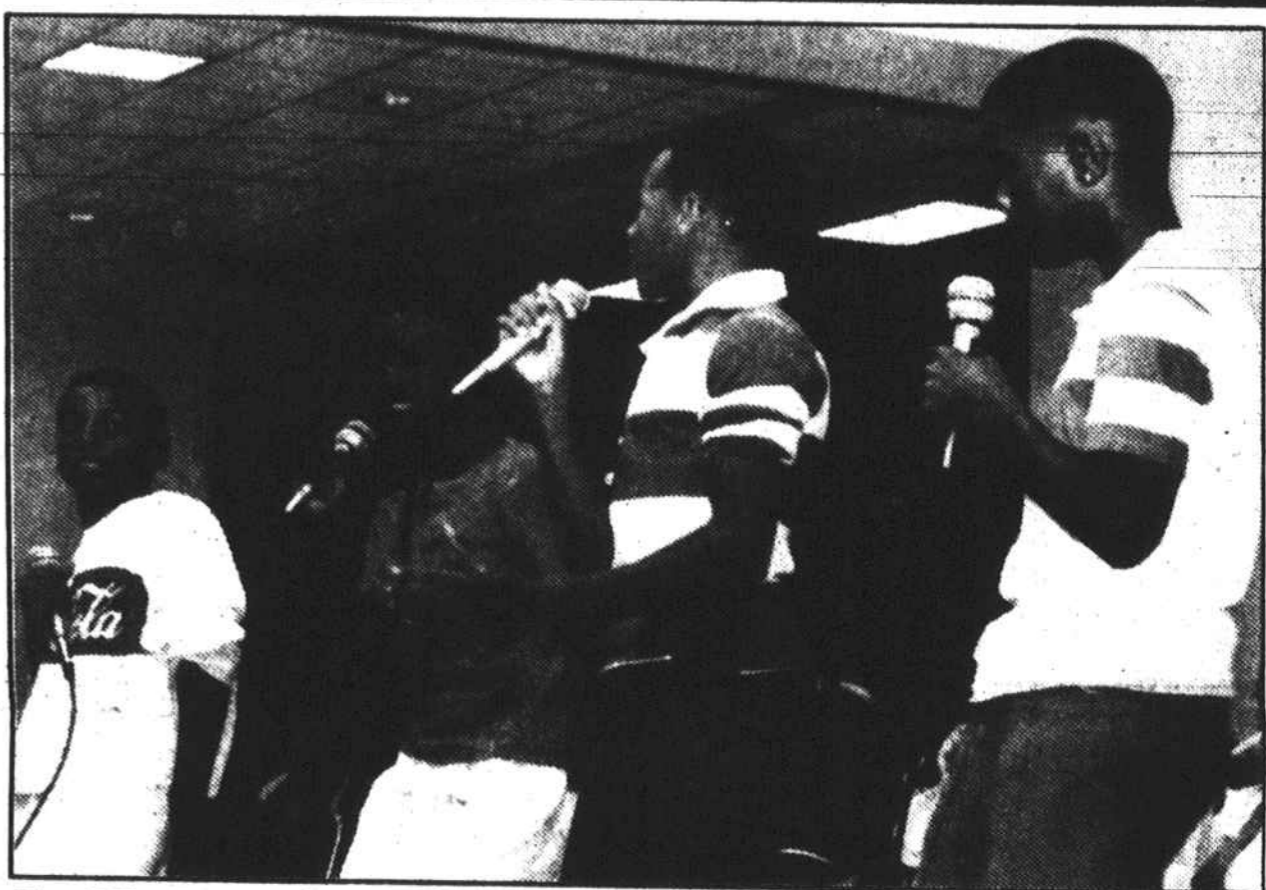
In addition to offering information, the festival also provided an opportunity for the authority to recognize outstanding young residents of the city's public housing units.

Winners of Commissioners' Awards in the area of academics were: Michelle Southerland, Happy Hill Gardens; Marcus Brown, Piedmont Park; Kendra Payne, Kimberly Park Terrace; and Marsha Hairston, Cleveland Avenue Homes.

Those recognized for leadership abilities were: Jerolyn McIlwaine, Happy Hill Gardens; Lisa McClinton, Piedmont Park; Ikeshia Knight, Kimberly Park; and Anthony Jenkins, Cleveland Avenue Homes.

Winners in the area of sports were: Toosie M. Carter, Kimberly Park Terrace; and James Terry, Cleveland Avenue Homes.

Each of the student winners received \$100 savings bonds.



The P.P. (Piedmont Park) Rappers belt out a message encouraging young people to stay in school and keep away from drugs.

Beautification Award candidates were Sunrise Towers, Louise Davis, council president and Janet Brown, manager; Crystal Towers, Elizabeth Cox, council president and Euenda Walker, manager; Healy Towers, Rebecca Butcher, council president and Patsy Cuthrell, manager; Holland Homes, Haney Carpenter, manager; and Eastgate Village, Nancy Carpenter, manager.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

THURSDAY, JULY 13

The Student Activities Office at Winston-Salem State University is sponsoring an outdoor rock concert featuring Quiet Fire Band, a top 40/R&B group, at 7 p.m. near Whitaker Gym. The concert is free. For more information call 750-3350.

SATURDAY, JULY 15

The Winston-Salem Pond Giants will sponsor a bus trip to Atlanta to see the New York Mets and the Atlanta Braves baseball game July 15 and July 16. The bus will depart from Jetway Shopping Center at 6 a.m. and will return following the game on Sunday. For more information call Charles Foster at 748-9646 or 748-9247.

Members of the Atkins High School classes of 1942 and 1943 will meet from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the East Winston Library. It will be the final planning meeting before the reunion. Reunion activities will be held July 21 to 23 at the Holiday Inn North. Registration will begin July 21 at 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 16

The Special Populations and Programs Unit of the Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department will sponsor a July Concert in the Park featuring a patriotic holiday theme at 6 p.m. at Miller Park Patio. Admission is free. For more information call the Elms at 727-2505.

TUESDAY, JULY 18

The Forsyth County Council for Older Adults will hold a program, "Educational and Self-Enrichment Opportunities for Older Adults," at 2 p.m. at the main library on Fifth Street. The Shepherd's Center, Elderhostel, Forsyth Tech and the Urban League will participate in a panel discussion at the program.

THURSDAY, JULY 20

Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Forsyth County will hold an information session for women interested in becoming Big Sisters for teen-age par-

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Buddy Taylor: From club house boy to Olympic trainer

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
Chronicle Staff Writer

Henry "Buddy" Taylor has turned down more dream-job opportunities than most people are ever offered. He has an international reputation as one of the foremost athletic trainers, and job offers have

sports teams, Mr. Taylor has trained U.S. Olympic athletes. When Olympic medalist Wilma Rudolph was preparing for her historical feats, it was Mr. Taylor who trained her.

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ber most about all those gold medal winners is that if you met them you would never know who they are. They were all humble individuals. They were all very down to earth."

He trained U.S. Olympic athletes for Munich, West Germany, the Mexico Olympics, the Maccabiah Games in Tel Aviv, Israel, and for the American basketball team that toured Africa in 1977. Mr. Taylor, for various reasons, turned down opportunities as a manager of the U.S. Men's Track Squad at the

professional athletics, Mr. Taylor issues a sincere "Thanks, but no thanks," to would-be professional sports employers.

"I got tired of the traveling. Since I've been here, I've gotten offers to go back but I obviously haven't taken any of them," said Mr. Taylor, who has been head athletic trainer and assistant of health and physical education at WSSU since 1974. "I did more traveling in a week than most people do in a lifetime."

"I've probably trained more Olympic gold medalists than any other trainer in the country. The one thing I remember most about all those gold medal winners is that if you met them you would never know who they are. They were all humble individuals. They were all very down to earth."

-- Henry "Buddy" Taylor



photo by Mike Cunningham

come his way from around the world. But Mr. Taylor said that for now he is content to enjoy a less hectic pace in Winston-Salem.

Currently the athletic trainer for Winston-Salem State University

all other athletes that competed in the Olympics. "I've probably trained more Olympic gold medalists than any other trainer in the country," said Mr. Taylor, a native of Richmond, Va. "The one thing I remem-

19/6 Olympics in Montreal and as trainer for the U.S. track teams that toured Russia in 1979 and Venezuela in 1982. Last month, Mr. Taylor and 33 other North Carolinians were presented Laurel Wreath awards as goodwill ambassadors for the state's amateur athletes. He received the honor during ceremonies held at the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh and was cited for his involvement with past Olympics.

Mr. Taylor has been the trainer for several professional football and basketball teams. He is good friends with many of the NBA stars and coaches. His responsibilities as trainer for professional sports teams kept him constantly on the road, and he found himself in a different city nearly every night. Heavily recruited to return to the ranks of

A trainer's world involves more than gauze tape and splints. The job is far more complicated than sitting on the sideline waiting to tend an injury, Mr. Taylor said. When hotel reservations have to be made, call the trainer. For flight information and schedules, call the trainer. To find out team practice times and locations, call the trainer. And when it's time to eat dinner, call the trainer for meal money. Mr. Taylor said that trainers, particularly in professional sports, are responsible for all of those things in addition to training and making sure that all the players' bags and equipment arrive and depart on the proper flights. There is pressure at all levels of the job, he said.

"I remember once when I was with the (Carolina) Cougars. We

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