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## Prof denied tenure leaves WSSU June 4

By RUDY ANDERSON  
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An English professor at Winston-Salem State University who had been repeatedly denied tenure is leaving for a fellowship in Washington, D.C., at the Smithsonian Institute.

Dr. Glenda E. Gill, associate professor of English at Winston-Salem State, is scheduled to begin a two-month fellowship at the Smithsonian June 4. Dr. Gill said she will write a 30-page article entitled, "The Factor of Class in the Career of Ethel Waters," while based at the National Portrait Gallery. Dr. Gill said that once her fellowship is over she will then move into a tenure-track position in a major university system with only 52 Afro-American students.

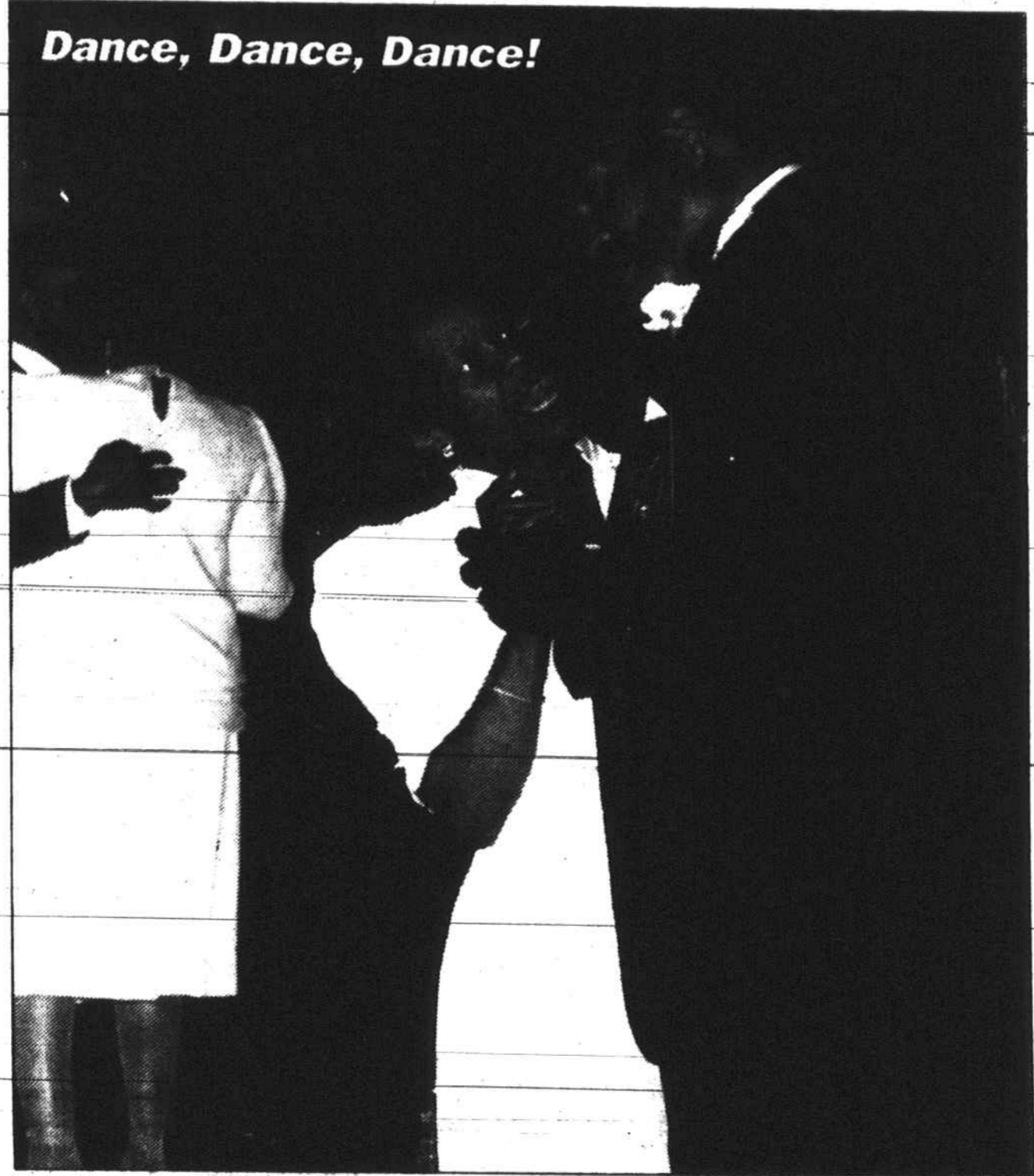


Dr. Glenda Gill

Dr. Gill would not talk about that position or even discuss what university system she would be joining. She said, "I'm afraid that if information about my new position were to come out, my association with that university system might be jeopardized."

The tenure of Dr. Gill and assistant accounting professor, Alfred C. McDonald, had been among the focal points of student protests at Winston-Salem State during the past year. In April, students staged a demonstration in front of the university's administra-

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Dance, Dance, Dance!

Virgil and Marion Simpson talk it over during the Omega Psi Phi Spring Formal. Photo by L.B. Speas Jr.

## DA still undecided in Witcher shooting

Sparrow says he hasn't read SBI report  
By TATIA M. DAVIS  
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District Attorney W. Warren Sparrow has not yet released any information about a long-awaited report from the State Bureau of Investigation involving the death of Tommy Joe Witcher. Sparrow said that he would not make any comments until later this week because he has been distracted with the recent robbery at the Steamboat Restaurant located 3003 South Main Street Tuesday night.

That robbery resulted in the death of one robbery suspect, the serious injury of a second (who was in surgery at presstime) and the injury of an off-duty police officer. Two other robbery suspects have been taken into custody by city police.

Witcher, 19, was killed April 20 after a high speed chase with sheriff's deputies and police on U.S. 158 and I-40, ending on Patterson Avenue around 29th street.

Law authorities have said Witcher pulled a gun and fired at them, which lead lawmen on the scene to return fire, and resulted in Witcher's death.

According to authorities, before the chase occurred Witcher had kidnapped his former girlfriend, India Reid, and threatened her with a knife. Ms. Reid and her family contacted the WSPD about the threat



District Attorney Warren Sparrow

but since she had a Kernersville address, she was referred to the Kernersville Police Department.

The incident ignited sparks within segments of the black community, many saying that they disagreed with the manner in which the lawmen handled the matter. Some Patterson Avenue residents say that the action taken by the police should not have taken place

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## Attorney's sudden death stuns black community

By TRACY L. PROSSER  
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Prominent High Point attorney Andrew Lee Yarborough IV was found dead in a Winston-Salem motel Monday night just before midnight. Emergency Medical Service personnel responded to the Hampton Inn on University Parkway and found Yarborough in his room.

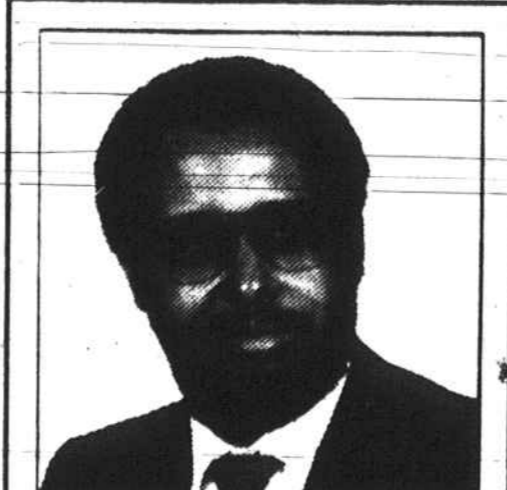
Police investigators said there was no evidence of any foul play and that Yarborough appeared to have died from natural causes.

As of press time, the Chronicle had not received official confirmation on the cause of death. An autopsy is being performed to determine the exact cause of death.

Yarborough had been troubled recently by stomach and chest pains which he assumed were caused by a stomach virus according to close friends and working associates.

Attorney Johnny H. Landon, Jr., who worked with Yarborough, said "Yarborough had been under an enormous amount of stress since Jan. 9, when his father, Andrew L. Yarborough III, passed away."

The elder Yarborough was the principal of Ibrahim Elementary School at the time of his death. He



"Yarborough (above) had been under an enormous amount of stress since ... his father ... passed away."  
-- Johnny H. Landon Jr.

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## Officials get lesson on middle schools

By TRACY L. PROSSER  
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If the faculty and staff at Mineral Springs Middle School get their way, next year the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system will heartily adopt the middle school concept to replace the traditional junior high school. Wednesday morning several teachers and principal William E. Peay tried to convince the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education and the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners to provide the necessary funds to accomplish that goal.

Dr. Elsa Woods, director of middle schools, said the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Sys-

tem is asking the Board of Education and Board of Commissioners for nearly \$1.6 million dollars to enhance the middle school program.

Although there are 12 schools in the system that are presently called middle schools, only Mineral Springs has completely embraced the concept, and everyone involved in the middle school seems pleased with the change made this past school year. "Most of these schools have adopted what they call the middle level concept," said Kerry Crutchfield, the system's finance director. "But Mineral Springs is truly piloting the middle school concept for our school system."

The idea behind a middle school is to provide a transition

between the completely self-contained classes found in elementary schools and the totally departmentalized classes in high schools.

The middle school is based on teams of teachers who share a group of about 100 students. Ideally the teams consist of four teachers in the core curriculum subjects: language arts, math, science and social studies. Each student on the team takes courses from all of these teachers.

A unique feature of the team teaching concept is the flexibility of class time. There are no bells to end classes. Teachers on a team meet daily to determine the length of each of their classes within the

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## Disposition of Skyland property still a question

By TATIA M. DAVIS  
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The city-county school system is still undecided about development of the Skyland School property. The property reverted to the system after William Carter, an Afro-American entrepreneur defaulted on his contract with the system. The property will be auctioned again on June 20.

The East Winston Community Development Corporation was one of several groups interested in purchasing the property. In a recent meeting with school officials, executive director of CDC, James R. Grace, Jr., proposed the idea of CDC acquiring the property and developing the New Bethel Apartments.

"It is important that there is a bridge between the apartments and Skyland School property because if one part is not developed, that could lead to serious community problems," he said. The abandoned

school is located off East End Boulevard, next to the apartments.

Mr. Grace said that the corporation would use the apartments to adopt 110 families that would be given a Section 8 certificate of ownership. After taking training sessions that could be held at the school, the families could move out into their first homes.

"We think that this program would give tenants the chance to be more in charge of their own destinies," Mr. Grace said.

He said that school officials were interested in the idea and thought that it was worth pursuing. The county system has offered to assist Mr. Grace in his research by sending an assistant to help.

The corporation has also planned for training sessions in conjunction with Forsyth Technical Community College for the tenants and to open a day care center. Skyland school would be used as the

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### Winston-Salem Chronicle NewsUpdate



**Mondello verdict brought in**  
(AP) - The parents of Yusuf Hawkins, Moses Stewart, left, and Diane Hawkins, center, are accompanied out of the Brooklyn courthouse by the Rev. Al Sharpton after hearing the verdict on the charges against Keith Mondello, who was acquitted.  
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## Drayton Pines wants services

By RUDY ANDERSON  
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Residents in Winston-Salem's newest public housing facility are organizing to keep their neighborhood as new looking and as vibrant as when they moved into Drayton Pines two years ago.

Nearly 100 people who had waited

patiently for their new homes moved into Drayton Pines just off 14th Street and University Parkway in August 1988. The neighborhood had been named in honor of the Rev. Jerry Drayton for his years of service in a wide range of community projects. The new environment, they believed, would give them the badly needed change

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## City mourns death of policeman who served more than 30 years

By TRACY L. PROSSER  
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Retired police officer and former professional boxer Joe McFadden died early Sunday morning in his home at 2722 Rosemary Drive in Winston-Salem. Although he made a name for himself by slugging it out in the boxing ring with the likes of Joe Louis, McFadden's true joy in life was his work with the Winston-Salem city police force.

McFadden attended Atkins High School in Winston-Salem and N.C. Central University in Durham. He played football at both schools.

As an amateur boxer, McFadden won all

of his 30 fights. Later in his career he won the title of South Pacific Heavyweight Champion.

McFadden got a break in his boxing career one summer when he was working for R.J.R. Tobacco Company. Bowman Gray, Jr., then a company executive, heard of McFadden's skill as a boxer. He and some of his friends in Win-



McFadden

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