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Right man for the job is a woman

WSSU alumna is ACC commissioner

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In a field dominated by men, Delores "Dee" Todd broke new ground by becoming the first female to serve as an assistant commissioner in the 38-year history of the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Todd graduated from Winston-Salem State University in 1972 and returned last week as the special guest speaker at the WSSU athletic banquet.

"After leaving Winston-Salem State, I went on the schools that had the finest facilities available," said Todd. "At WSSU I was used to having fun with less and that taught me how to appreciate things. I wanted to convey to the students that the material things such as facilities have nothing to do with the quality of a program. It's the students that make the program."

Todd, a native of Camden, N.J., came

to WSSU through unusual circumstances. "I had stayed out of school for two years after high school," recalled Todd. "After working for two years in factories I decided I wanted something better. The guy I was dating at the time had two sisters at WSSU and they recommended it highly. So, the next thing I knew, I was there."

Todd majored in health and physical education and was active in athletics as a member of the cheerleading squad. She also worked in the gym which is where she encountered C.E. "Big House" Gaines.

"Coach Gaines was a big influence in my life," said Todd as she gave a smile. "I grew up in an adoption situation and never had a father. Gaines was a male image I looked up to. We had a special relationship. He would protect and advise me, but he'd also tease me. He was the only male role model I had."

After graduation, Todd coached high

school gymnastics, track and field, basketball, and volleyball at several schools.

In 1981, she graduated from Governor's State University in Park Forest, Ill., with a Master of Arts degree in human relations and psychotherapy. She moved on to Northwestern University to coach cross country, and track and field, and was named "Big Ten Coach of the Year" in 1983.

Todd's final coaching tenure began in 1985 as head cross country and track and field coach at Georgia Tech University. In 1985 and 1987, she was honored as "Georgia Intercollegiate Cross Country Coach of the Year."

The opportunity for Todd to move to the ACC office came in 1988. "Three years ago, there was a major drive for female assistant commissioners," said Todd. "I'm here because of Gene Corrigan (ACC commissioner). He gave me an opportunity and took me from coaching to the administrative level."

Todd's responsibilities include planning, organizing, and directing all non-revenue championships — 13 men's, 8 women's; supervising, directing, and coordinating women's basketball officials; serving as liaison between selected sports committees; and coordinating special projects with institutional staff members.

"I basically make sure that all sports know what's going on," said Todd. "I deal with the officials and act as a communicator between the schools and the conference. It gives me a lot to



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Delores Todd, a former WSSU student and first female ACC Asst. Commissioner, was guest speaker at the university's Athletic Awards Banquet.

do buy I love it."

Asked about her plans for the future, Todd answered, "I'd like to stay here at least for or five more years while my son finishes high school. This is a great job for me at this time in my life. This position opens up a lot of opportunities."

Being the first minority in such a prominent position may have raised some eyebrows at the onset but Todd takes it in stride. "I'm sure that some people may have been surprised at first but I'm certainly

accepted and treated like a VIP at ACC institutions." Todd continued, "Sexism and racism are things you allow to happen. I just try to do the best I can. The schools have been very good to me."

Todd ended her speech at the athletic banquet by encouraging the young student athletes to put their best foot forward and to be proud of where they come from. The standing ovation she received from the students was the way of saying "Thank you, for helping to pave our road."

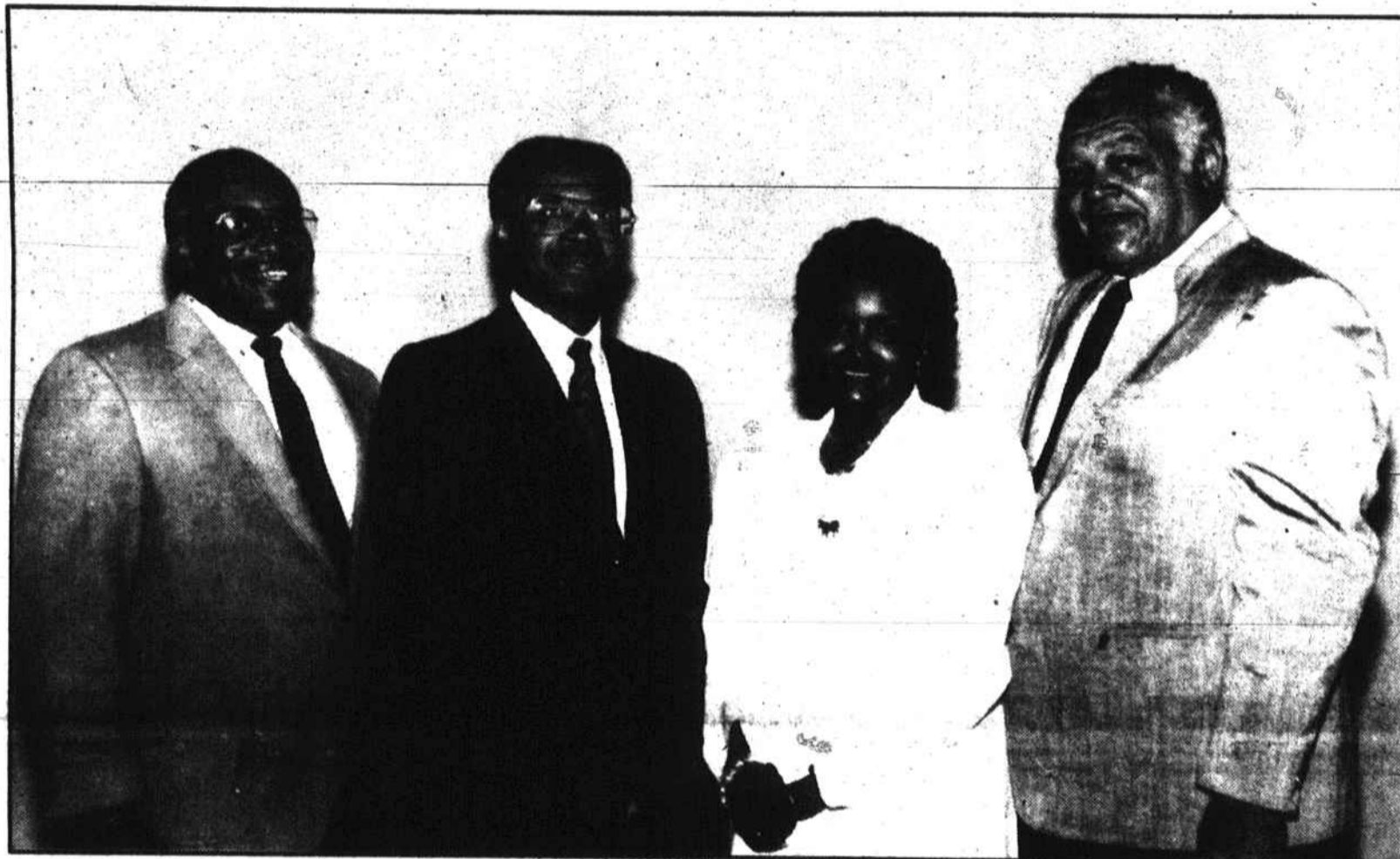


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Ms. Todd is flanked by WSSU Athletic Director Al Roseboro (far left), Head Football Coach Pete Richardson, and Head Basketball Coach Clarence "Big House" Gaines.

City's Urban League Reading Award reception gets boost from educator

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To spark and maintain an enthusiasm for reading among children is the goal of the Winston-Salem Urban League's Reading Olympiad and Education Initiatives. And the League honored those children last week, who

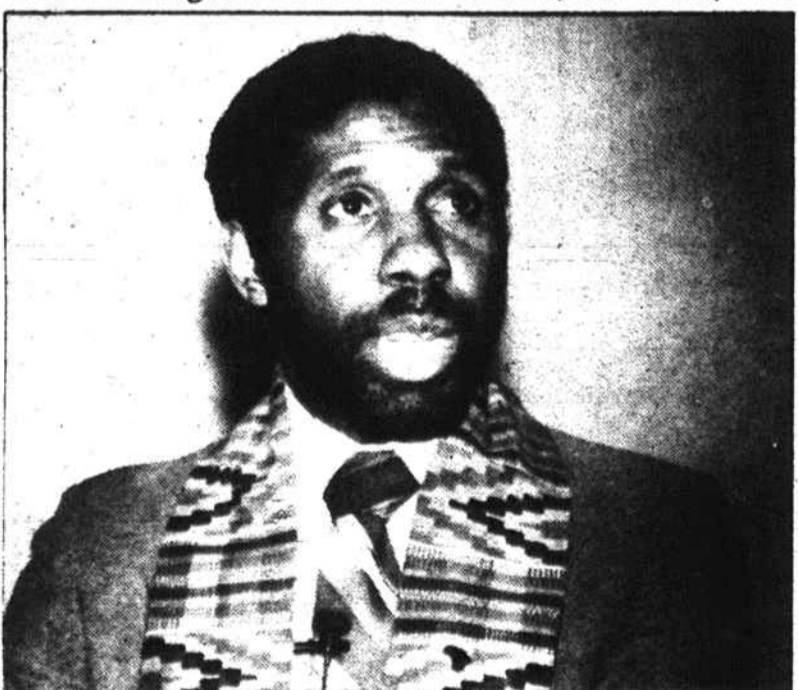


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Dr. Kunjufu is on a mission to educate people about how black school children are being treated.

had accumulated the most points by reading the most books during the school year as well as those who demonstrated outstanding academic performance.

The second annual Awards Reception was followed by an address from keynote speaker, Dr. Jawanza Kunjufu, one of the foremost authorities in the country in education and the author of several books on developing positive self-images and discipline for African-American children. His address came during a workshop at the Benton Convention Center of the League's Parent Involvement program sponsored by R.J. Tobacco Company.

He emphasized promoting the self-esteem of the child, especially for the African-American male, who he said is constantly made the object of racist attack in school systems throughout the country.

And he drove home the idea that in today's society parents should not be expected to raise their child or children alone.

"All of us, especially parents need to be involved in our children's education," Kunjufu said. "And we're

not expected to raise our children alone."

He urged his listeners not to be ashamed to ask for help in rearing their children. "Be it the minister, a friend, or another family member in actuality, it isn't just your child, it's our community's child," he said.

He also said talked about making young boys learn to accept responsibility at an early age.

"Mother's raise their daughters but love their sons," he said. Women teach their daughters how to cook, clean up, make up their beds, and to take care of themselves and their men. He said women should also teach that same responsibility to young men because eventually they will become someone's husband and father.

More than 70 middle school students participated in the Reading Olympiad and 16 received cash awards for their achievements. The awards were given in increments of \$100, \$50, and \$25.

Ikeshia Knight of Paisley Middle School had the highest point total with 1,050 points.



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Alberta McMillian, education director at the Urban League is all smiles as she presents Ikeshia Knight with a \$100 check and a \$50 savings bond.



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Reading Olympiad gold medal winners L'aimont Anderson (second from left) and Leigh Anderson (far right) proudly display their medals with Chat Person Elizabeth Morton (left) and their mother, Frances Jeffreys, in attendance.

Jones Carver's 'Teacher of the Year'

Emory Jones was selected 1990-91 "Teacher of the Year" by the Carver High School faculty. Jones, who joined Carver High faculty in 1988, is the school's band director. He is the director of the "Marching Yellow Jackets" marching band, concert band, pep band, and the stage band. In addition to his responsibilities at Carver, he is band director at Walkertown Middle School. Jones has previously served as band director at East Forsyth High School, Atkins High School and West Davidson High School.

The Carver Band has performed throughout Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and Florida under Jones' direction. He sets high standards for his bands and strives to provide an atmosphere in which students can enjoy themselves as they work toward achieving the music and performance excellence he expects. He feels that students not only benefit from the cultural enrichment gained in studying music, they develop self-discipline, self-esteem, assertiveness, and the ability to work on a team.

Jones is a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Emmanuel Baptist Church, where he is a member of the Trustee Board, church pianist, co-chair of the Music Council, and director of the church band. He earned his bachelor's degree in Music Education from Winston-Salem State University.

Emory and his wife, Elva, are the proud parents of one son, Eugene.



Emory Jones