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A new beginning

Child abuse has a new enemy

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There is a new face at the Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center of North Carolina/Stop Child Abuse Now (SCAN) office located at 500 West Northwest Boulevard. Cynthia Napoleon-Hanger became the new assistant director about seven weeks ago after moving to Greensboro from Amherst, Mass. in September of last year, when her husband Samuel accepted a position at Guilford College. She was the Director of Student Services at Hampshire College where she was involved in the counseling and supervision of incest and sexual assault at the school.

Her new position is not much different. The goal is still the same — to help the victims of abuse and their families. "The biggest portion will be supervising lay therapists," said Napoleon-Hanger. "The lay therapists are volunteers; volunteer parent aides. They go into the home and do some role modeling of parenting, help teach discipline and be a friend to the family. Someone who is non-judgmental, but has an

interest because they want to help, not because they have to help."

Napoleon-Hanger is eager to begin making a difference in this community and emphasized that she will have an able staff of volunteers to help her get

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her job done more effectively. She stated that she is "very pleased and impressed" with the devotion and dedication that the volunteers have shown, and that it is a first for her to be a part of such a committed team of workers.

She also stated another reason for her eagerness. "This position was one that interests me primarily because of the work that could be done with the families; the whole parent-aide model," she said. "But also because in my

that repertoire of skills because they haven't seen that model in their own homes. Most people who abuse their children have been abused as children also. The stats show that."

To help fight child abuse, Napoleon-Hanger has a number of ideas in mind to lower those statistics. She said, "In addition to getting more people to volunteer, in particular African-Americans, because we do have a lot of African-American families,

I would like to focus more on the prevention in child abuse. So getting in there and working with the families before the child is actually physically or sexually assaulted. In my mind, prevention is the way to go because it educates the community. It educates the families. It helps families to see what options are available to them rather than spanking their child."

She also emphasized the importance of preventing child abuse before it happens. "It's real important to begin really early because if we do that, then society as a whole benefits, because when there



Photo by Mike Cunningham
Cynthia Napoleon-Hanger consults with a co-worker at the Exchange/SCAN office.

is an abused child and that child grows up to be an abuser, then society suffers also, not just that family or not just that child because it puts a lot of constraints on how society can function, but also demands on society," she said.

Napoleon-Hanger says that she feels more than pride in doing her work, but also a sense of accomplishment. "It's rewarding to me, to see the families progressing; to see the children have better lives," she said.

She also mentioned that her own family will benefit from her work. "It's good for me because I do have two children and it sort of helps me stay on target and helps me look at the ways in which I'm parenting and how can I do better, and it sort of encourages me to teach my children how to be sort of solid citizens and how not to grow up and be lacking in areas. I hope that what I'm doing is going to be influential on the way that they will raise their children," she said.

Napoleon-Hanger, who is 38 years old, is a native of Louisiana, but grew up in New York. She graduated from State University of New York with a B.A. in History and African-American Studies. She has also earned a Masters Degree from the University of Massachusetts with a focus on Human Ser-

vices and Applied Group Dynamics.

The Exchange Club Child Abuse Prevention Center of North Carolina/SCAN was established in 1981 as a project of the Exchange Club of Greater Winston-Salem, to prevent and treat child abuse in North Carolina. The program is centered around providing volunteer lay therapists to work intensively in the home of families involved in or at risk of abuse or neglect of children.

Other programs provided by the Center include: Welcome Baby, a support program for new mothers; Children's Parents, a weekly parenting class for children and their parents; Postpartum Depression Group, a weekly therapy group for mothers; Women's Incest Network Group, a weekly therapy group for adult incest victims; Parents Anonymous, a weekly support group for parents who feel they might abuse or neglect their children; Caregivers for Sexually Abused Children, a biweekly support group; and Sexual Offender Treatment Program, a weekly group therapy and case management.

For more information about these programs or other services provided by Exchange/SCAN, or to volunteer, call (919) 748-9028.



Photo by Mike Cunningham
Cynthia Napoleon-Hanger, the new assistant director of Exchange/SCAN looks forward to helping child abuse victims and their families.

Military Notes

• Marine Pfc. Richard W. Scott, son of Richard and Shelby Scott of Kernersville, recently graduated from the Basic Hygiene Equipment Operator Course at Marine Corps Engineer School, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

During the 13-week course, Scott received instruction in basic plumbing, maintenance management, military water supply, water purification and hygiene equipment, and field sanitation.

A 1990 graduate of East Forsyth High School, he joined the Marine Corps in Sept. 1990.

• Navy Seaman Recruits Antonio D. McClendon and Gregory O. Ingram, have completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

During the eight-week training cycle, they studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Their studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

McClendon and Ingram are both 1990 graduates of Parkland High School, and both joined the Navy in Jan. 1991. Ingram is the son of Charlie Belcher and Jessie M. Ingram of Winston-Salem.

lum, a resident of 3000 Apollo Dr., Winston-Salem, recently completed the Administrative Clerk Course.

During the eight-week course at Marine Corps Service Support Schools, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C., McCollum was provided with the basic skills and knowledge required to perform as an administrative clerk.

He received instruction on typing and preparation of naval correspondence, and was introduced to the basic office functions performed by all Marine Corps administrative sections.

A 1988 graduate of East Forsyth High School, he joined the Marine Corps Reserves in March 1990.

• Marine Lance Cpl. David L. Harmon, son of Joann E. Harmon of Winston-Salem, recently completed the Basic Electronics Course.

During the 13-week course conducted at the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School in Twentynine Palms, Calif., Harmon received technical instruction in the fundamental electrical and electronic theory common to Marine Corps Communication-Electronics equipment.

He studied mathematics, direct and alternating currents, solid state devices and electron tubes, basic digital logic circuits and maintenance concepts.

A 1990 graduate of Parkland High School, he joined the Marine Corps Reserves in Aug. 1990.

and Anna L. Atwood of Winston-Salem, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

During the 13-week training cycle, Atwood was taught the basics of battlefield survival.

He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

A 1989 graduate of North Davidson Senior High School, he joined the Marine Corps in Jan. 1991.

• Navy Airman William S. Pruitt, a 1988 graduate of R.J. Reynolds High School, has completed the Basic Avionics (aviation electronics) Technician course.

During the 27-week course, conducted at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Naval Air Station Memphis, Millington, Tenn., Pruitt received basic technical instruction on the fundamentals necessary to perform job-entry level aviation electronics maintenance tasks. In addition, Pruitt received instruction to enable him for further specialized training on operational aviation electronics equipment found in naval aircraft.

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• Marine Lance Cpl. Curtis L. McColl

• Brian K. Atwood, son of Jerol K.



Happy 50th Anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. Edward Langston Davis Jr. celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary at a reception on Saturday, July 13, 1991, at the Gallery of the Sawtooth Building. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Langston Davis III of Silver Spring, Md. and Dr. Emille-Louise Davis of Washington, D.C. hosted the reception honoring their parents. Dr. Davis is a retired physician who, for many years, served Winston-Salem in private practice as well as at the Reynolds Health Center. Mrs. Louise Davis retired as a Social Work Supervisor at the Forsyth County Department of Social Services.