

Blair to solo in Oscar, Tony and I

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A Bowman Gray School of Medicine employee recently made her theatrical debut in the Junior League's production of *Oscar, Tony and I*.

April Blair, and audit clerk at Bowman Gray, performed in the Junior League Follies production Friday night, Nov. 15 at the Stevens Center.

"It's very exciting," said Blair in an interview before last week's performance. "Hopefully this

could be the start of a good beginning as far as a break."

Blair, who is also a member of the local R&B group, "Intrigue," hopes to become a professional singer in the future. "That's my lifetime dream," she stated.

Currently, Blair and "Intrigue" are working to put together enough songs to make a demo tape to send to record companies for a possible record deal.

In the meantime, Blair says she will continue to audition for local productions.



April Blair

Judge halts Haitian repatriation

MIAMI (AP) — A federal judge today issued a temporary restraining order halting the "repatriation of Haitians who are aboard U.S.-flagged ships."

The legal effort was intended to block the return by the U.S. government of approximately 1,500 Haitians intercepted trying to flee their impoverished homeland.

Immigration authorities said more than 300 Haitians who had fled this impoverished Caribbean country arrived in Haiti Tuesday aboard a U.S. Coast Guard cutter.

The Haitian Refugee Center in Miami, which had requested the restraining order, asked that the court take steps to notify the U.S. Coast Guard.

But U.S. District Judge Donald L. Graham said he expected the U.S. attorney's office to notify all concerned parties. A hearing on the request for a permanent injunction was set for Monday.

A Coast Guard spokeswoman said today they are not yet aware of the judge's ruling.

Ira Kurzban, attorney for the refugee center, said he wants a permanent injunction against the repatriation, but he felt immediate action was necessary to notify appropriate authorities because the cutters carrying the Haitians are so close to the Haitian shore.

Kurzban said the government hadn't met conditions provided for in the interdiction process and that the interviews of refugees "were not

conducted in privacy and under conditions provided by guidelines."

He noted that some of the Haitians are seasick or ill and are not in a position to understand the importance of their interviews by U.S. authorities.

"Several of the Haitians, including babies, children and pregnant women, were ill and had high fevers," said the request for an injunction.

"Many of the Haitians were seasick, having spent several days at sea in rough waters."

"The Haitians were exhausted and were in too much physical and mental distress to understand the importance of the interviews or become aware of their rights," the request said.

In its request, the center noted the Sept. 30 military coup that ousted the democratically-elected president of Haiti, Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

"The violence and political oppression that followed have been decried internationally and are well documented in the national and international press.

Since then, a large number of Haitians, fearing for their lives, have fled Haiti by sea," the complaint continued.

South Florida Haitians have decried as racist the U.S. policy of turning back Haitians while allowing Cubans to enter this country.

In Miami's Little Haiti community, hundreds of Haitians peaceful-

ly demonstrated Monday night because they were furious over the decision by the U.S. government to send home more of the would-be Haitian refugees after they spent nearly three weeks in limbo on the decks of U.S. Coast Guard cutters.

"We're returning Haitians to a government that we refuse to recognize because of gross human rights violations they've committed in recent weeks," said Cheryl Little, lead attorney for the Haitian Refugee Center in Miami. "This is one of the most bizarre cases that I have ever seen."

Haitians leaders had fought in vain to have the Haitians brought to shore, interviewed and given temporary asylum until Aristide is restored to power.

"I can't believe it; what kind of people are they?" asked Chantal Thomas, executive director of the Haitian American Community Center in West Palm Beach. "It's a disgrace."

Small groups of Haitians gathered in Broward County to protest the decision.

Bella Fawaz, a Haitian immigrant who lives in Lauderdale Lakes, said the reason for the U.S. policy seems simple.

"The only reason they are sending them back is that they are black," she said.

"They are Haitians, and they are not wanted here. If their skins were any other color, they would have been accepted."

Volunteers needed for Spring Nationals

Fourteen local bridge players traveled to Greensboro for the Triad Bridge Unit's Annual Meeting and Grade "C" Tournament. The focus of the meeting was on the 1992 Spring National Tournament which will be held in Win-

dominated in the Grade "C" game following the meeting. Winners of the six-table game were: Gwendolyn Hall and Elizabeth Moore (Greensboro - 1st Place), Wilma Peterson and Willie F. Smith (Greensboro - 2nd Place), Walter

Winners Last Week

Monday, November 11 - 2 p.m. - Carl Russell Recreation Center

First Place: Reginald McCauley and Lillie Cuthrell

Second Place: Floyd Neal and Jenny Scales

This was a "team game" and no master points were awarded.

Thursday, November 14 - 7 p.m. - Rupert Bell Recreation Center - Kings and Queens Duplicate Bridge Club

First Place: Rosetta Hauser and Floyd Neal

Second Place: Charles and Irma Gadson

This was a "team game" and no master points were awarded.

1992 and 1993 Officers of the Winston-Salem Duplicate Bridge Club are: Olivia B. Thompkins - president, Ruby B. Walker - vice president, Arlethia Thompson - secretary, Mavis H. Lloyd - treasurer, and Rudolph V. Boone, Sr. - point coordinator. The new officers were presented and installed at the club's recent Annual Meeting on November 19.

BRIDGE NEWS



By RUDOLPH V. BOONE SR.

ston-Salem April 19-25. Plans are being made by all committees to really kick things in high gear, as relates to hosting a highly successful week of activities. Several meetings are being scheduled between now and December 15. All local players and members of the unit are urged to volunteer for service on a committee of their choice. Dr. Monica Lett is the overall chairperson and may be contacted for information or instructions. Greensboro bridges players

Wright and Arthur Totten (Greensboro) and The Boones (Sarah and Rudolph - Winston-Salem) tied for 3rd/4th Place. Dr. Walter Wright was the director.

Other local players participating were: Pauline Caldwell, Charles Gadson, Irma Gadson, Monica Lett, Mavis Lloyd, Billie Matthews, Floyd Neal, Renita Thompkins-Segers, Olivia Thompkins, Arlethia Thompson, Ruby Walker and Ruth Washington.

Thomas' conservatism?

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men to their deaths to maintain the status quo of slavery for blacks and degradation for poor whites.

Liberal — Franklin D. Roosevelt, who steered programs to help the rich and poor alike through the Great Depression, fought Hitler and other race-superiority fascists. He crowned his term with the Social Security program that today helps protect the health and dignity of millions of American elderly and handicapped.

Conservative — Adolph Hitler, Benito Mussolini and Joseph Stalin — all dictators who concentrated power in their own hands. Stalin changed form and some substance, but in effect maintained a status quo by replacing one form of oppression with another.

Liberal — Dr. Martin L. King, Jr., who sacrificed his life seeking "liberty and justice for all" and was supported by President Lyndon Johnson, a conservative-turned-liberal. Johnson told the world "We shall overcome" and led Congress to the passage of the Civil Rights and Voting Rights laws. He expanded freedom.

Conservative — Ronald Reagan, who preached respect for the human rights of victims overseas — except for black people in South Africa — while at home waging his eight-year war against civil rights laws and other equality-and-justice gains led by Dr. King, the NAACP, and President Johnson.

Reagan's quiet and "discreet" racism pleased Dixiecrat voters

while implicitly sending "go ahead" signals to resurrecting klan klaverns, skinheads and other hate groups.

Some conservatives argue heatedly for more individual liberty and less government control. But these same people demand government-enforced control over women's bodies. Remember this:

Leading liberals — Jesus, Nathan Hale, Dr. King and others — sacrificed THEIR OWN LIVES for the good of society.

But leading conservatives — Pontius Pilate, Robert E. Lee, Hitler and others — sacrificed OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES usually for personal advantage or because of class, race, political, or religious prejudice.

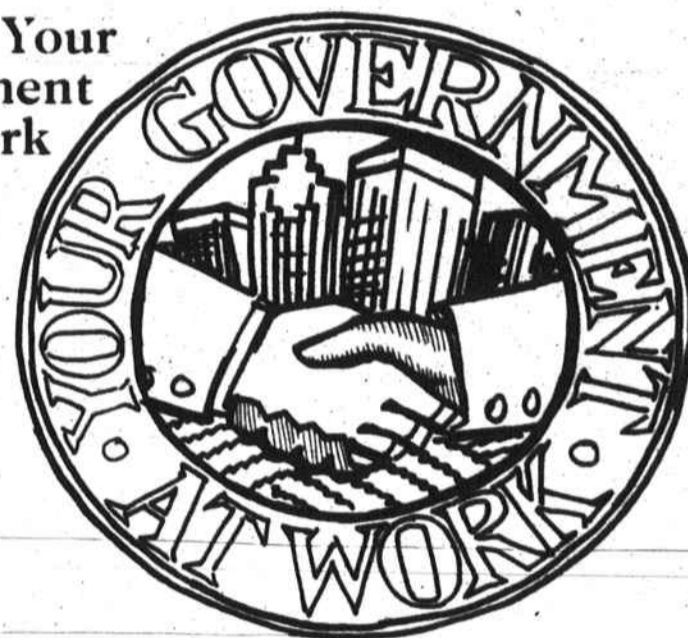
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Good News About Winston-Salem and Forsyth County — Where We Live, Work and Play!



WINSTON-SALEM TRANSIT AUTHORITY—WSTA transported 3.5 million passengers last fiscal year, breaking a 100-year record for ridership. Our transit authority operates the largest public or private vanpool program in North Carolina and carries more passengers per mile traveled than any other transit system in the state.

Your Government at Work



In Our Own Back Yard

HANES MALL—At 1.8 million square feet, our mall is the largest shopping mall between Washington and Atlanta and one of the largest in the country. A number of national specialty retailers, including The Disney Store, Abercrombie & Fitch and The Nature Company, have chosen Hanes Mall for their premier North Carolina locations.



Our Best-Kept Secrets

WINSTON-SALEM CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU—During the past five years, 400,000 delegates have attended conventions held in Forsyth County, boosting our area economy by spending \$305 million on goods and services and \$4.4 million for admission to area attractions. The CVB expects more than 24,000 convention-goers to visit the area between now and April.



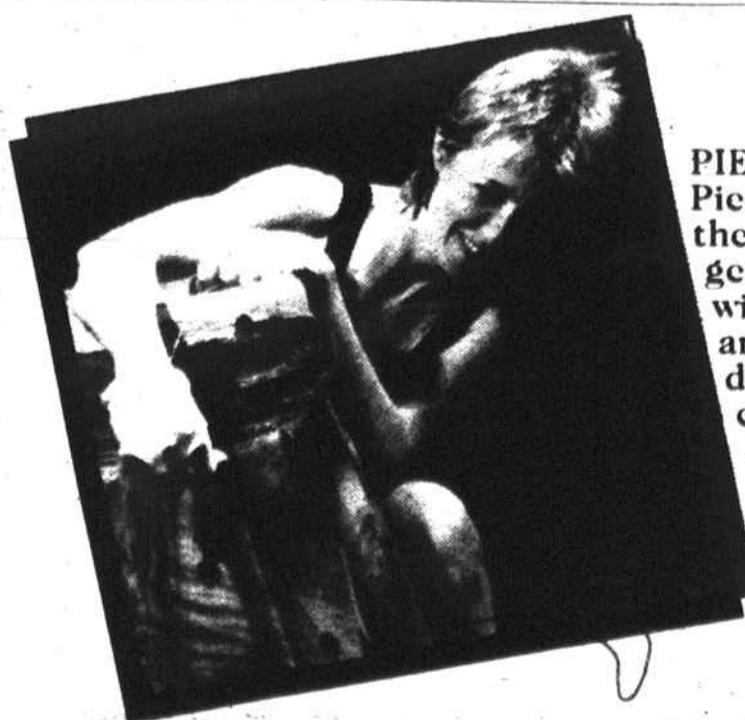
Unsung Heroes

BILL SANDER—Since March, Bill Sander of Winston-Salem has renovated 350 pairs of used golf shoes and donated them to Crisis Control Ministry. Sander, whose efforts were noted recently in Golf Magazine, has inspired volunteers in nine states to start similar programs, and he hopes the idea will soon catch on nationwide. Meanwhile, with the help of area pro shops, Sander continues to collect shoes, removing the spikes, filling in the spike holes, and cleaning and polishing the uppers so someone who needs a nice, comfortable pair of shoes can enjoy them.



As the World Sees Us

BOWMAN GRAY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE—At a recent meeting of the American Society of Neuroimaging in Salzburg, Austria, the General Secretary of the World Federation of Neurology told the assembly, "Bowman Gray is the acknowledged world leader in Doppler Ultrasonic Neuroimaging." Bowman Gray has used ultrasound technology since the early '60s.



PIEDMONT CRAFTSMEN, INC.—This year's Piedmont Crafts Fair, held October 25-27 at the Benton Convention Center, was the biggest and best in the event's 28-year history, with more than 140 craftsmen exhibiting and a record-breaking number of attendees. Sponsors for the two-day event included a number of individual arts patrons and nearly 50 area businesses. Preview night was also a record-breaker, with 1,400 PCI members attending.

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