

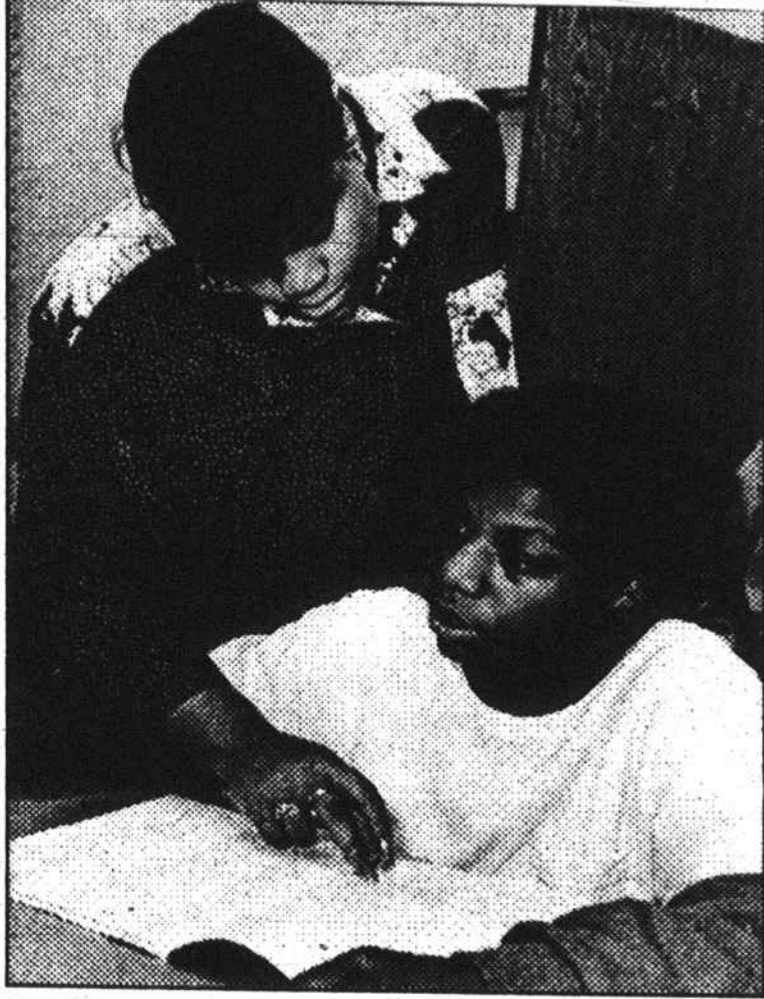
Tutoring students and parents

NAACP Learning Centers provide student support

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Parents in Winston-Salem who want to help their children succeed academically will have an opportunity to receive information on how to do so this weekend thanks to the NAACP and a network of volunteers.

The NAACP Learning Centers, plans to hold a special forum this



Carla Jackson (left) assists a student with her homework at the Williams C. Sims Recreation Center.

Saturday, Dec. 7 for students and parents on the topic of "How to Successfully Educate your Child." The program will be held in the Communications Building of Winston-Salem State University from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with Dr. Myrna Brake Williams, a private psychologist, as the keynote speaker.

Dr. Williams is expected to inform parents on the reasons why some students don't have the moti-

vation to learn, how parents can provide that motivation, and build self-esteem in their children.

Other speakers included on the program will be Denise Wall, technical assistant in program administration, who will speak on "The Guidance Counselor"; Alderman Vivian Burke, who will speak on "The Career Center Program"; Mabel Stevenson, director of Catholic Services, who will discuss "How Catholic Services can be of Assistance to Parents?" and Shirley Carter, of Winston-Salem State University, who will discuss financial aid.

According to Doris Moore, director of the NAACP Learning Centers, each speaker will provide the audience important information which many parents, particularly African-American parents, do not receive.

"I've found that in keeping with our theme for this year — "Building Self-Esteem in Your Child" — that these would be the persons that would provide key information for our parents," she explained. "And these are questions that they don't usually get to ask. Very few parents have time to meet with the guidance counselors because of their working and so forth. So we're going to have her (Williams) there to provide them with what the school system offers at every level as far as guidance is

concerned, and other services that are available that they don't know about."

The NAACP Learning Centers were established five years ago to provide tutoring services and study tips for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. It was after merging with another program started by Moore and another volunteer at Grace Presbyterian Church, which focused mainly on SAT preparation, that the centers added that service.

Moore explained that the reason she helped to initiate the program at Grace Presbyterian was to provide a networking system for the students and parents. That system would allow the students to work together in improving their scores, while also teaching the parents how to help their children do so, from other parents and education professionals.

Today, there are eight centers throughout the city, each of which are staffed by non-paid volunteers from all walks of life — retired teachers, aldermen, college professors, psychologists and more. Six of the sites focus on homework assistance and tutoring. They are Phillips Chapel Baptist Church, First Waightown Baptist Church, Union Baptist Church, Hanes Memorial CME Church, Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ, and the William C. Sims Sr. Recreation Center.

Three sites concentrate on the SAT preparation. They are Grace Presbyterian Church, the William C. Sims Sr. Recreation Center, and the Brown-Douglas Recreation Center.

"We still feel that students do better when they are with their peers working under organized studying programs, and they have told us that they enjoy this," said Moore.

dents grades and scores are improving as a result of the programs.

"We have students that started in our SAT program that did not pass it initially, and they came to us for what we call a "quick fix," and they followed the instructions and they were able to get that. Just a quick fix to come up to the score. And we're talking about raising it much higher than they say you could possibly raise it, even with classes," she said proudly.

Although the NAACP Learning Centers are a success, funding is still sometimes hard to come by, according to Moore. Currently, the Centers are being funded by the Winston-Salem Foundation, the Ministers' Conference, and the Baptist Ministers' Association. And Moore hopes that enough financial support as well as volunteer support will come through so that more centers can be opened throughout the city.

"We want to save our children. We really want to save them. And we know that it can be done," she stated.



Doris Moore, director of the NAACP Learning Centers, hopes to be able to open more centers throughout the city.

NAACP Learning Center Sites and Schedules

Phillips Chapel Baptist Church 2341 Patterson Ave. K-12th grade Tues., Thurs. 6:30-7:30 p.m. 723-9451	First Waightown Baptist Church 838 Moravia Street K-12th grade Mon., Tues., Thurs. 5:30-7:30 p.m. 784-7386	Union Baptist Church 406 Northwest Blvd. K-12th grade Tues., Wed. 6-8 p.m. 724-9305
Hanes Memorial CME Church 919 Highland Ave. 6-12th grade Mon., Wed. 4-5:30 p.m. 724-7157	Wentz Memorial United Church of Christ 3435 Carver School Rd. 2-12th grade Tues., Thurs. 4-5:30 p.m. 722-0430	William C. Sims Sr. Rec. Ctr. 1230 Alder Street (Happy Hill Gardens) 2-12th grade Tues., Thurs. 4-6 p.m. 727-2837
SAT Classes Grace Presbyterian Church 3901 Carver Rd. Wed. 6-8:30 p.m. 767-7530	William C. Sims Rec. Ctr. 1230 Alder St. Tues., Thurs. 4-6 p.m. 727-2837	Brown-Douglas Rec. Ctr. 1725 Indiana Ave. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m. 767-9496

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EVENTS CALENDAR December

How to Schedule Your Event: Send your information, concisely and neatly printed or typed, to the *Chronicle* Calendar, 617 N. Liberty St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102, before 5:30 p.m. the Monday preceding the week in which your event will occur. Our FAX number is (919) 723-9173.

THURSDAY, DEC. 5

- Old Salem Sertoma Club will meet at 12 p.m. at the Best Western Regency, 121 N. Cherry Street. That will be the only meeting for December. For information, call Charlene Martin at 765-6081.

- The WS chapter of the Self Help Group for Hard of Hearing (SHHH) will hold a meeting/holiday party today from 7-9 p.m. at the Benson Center, Room 406, at Wake Forest University. For more information about the meeting or the WS chapter of SHHH, call Karen Nolan at 768-5536 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

- The NC Cooperative Extension Service, Triad Money Management Center will sponsor a program on "Dying Without a Will" at 10 a.m. at the Forsyth County Agricultural Building, Auditorium C. For more information and registration, call 767-8213.

- The Fourth Annual Guatemala Festival will be held from 6-9 p.m. at Parkway United Church of Christ, 2151 Silas Creek Parkway. There will be a wide selection of Guatemalan crafts, including clothing, tableware, dolls, and accessories sold to benefit Central American communities, refugees, and cooperatives. Also from 6-7 p.m. there will be an inexpensive beans and rice supper, and Latin American songs and stories by "Hernandez de Paz" (Jon Sundell and Marty Province) at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m., Manuel Mejia Tol, a Guatemalan Indian, will speak. Admission is free. For more information, call 724-5907.

- The Family Enrichment Program will sponsor an eight-week preschool age parenting class for parents with children ages 2-6, beginning today from 7 - 8:30 p.m. The fee is \$25 per session. Call 748-9028 for registration and

additional information.

- The Board of Education will meet at 6 p.m. in the Administrative Center, 1605 Miller Street.

FRIDAY, DEC. 6

- Associated Artists of WS will hold an opening reception for its annual Exhibiting Member Small Works Holiday Show, from 6-8 p.m., in the Associated Artists Gallery of the Sawtooth Center. The opening will coincide with The Arts Council's Holiday Expos Show, the Christmas tree lighting in Winston Square, and the 6th and Trade Art District Gallery Crawl. The reception and show are free and open to the public.

- The Special Populations & Programs Unit of the WS Recreation and Parks Dept. will sponsor the latest in Rollerblades and Other In Line Skates during "Christmas at the Elms" open house. Demonstrations will be held every hour beginning at 10 a.m. and continuing until 2 p.m. The Rollerblades exhibition will be held at Beneath the Elms, located at 452 N. Cherry Street.

- Ardmore Moravian Church, corner of Hawthorne Rd. and Academy Street, will hold a Candle Tea and Bazaar from 4-8 p.m. Candle Tea tours are scheduled every half hour. There will also be Moravian Craft demonstrations and handmade items and baked goods for sale. Admission is free.

- The Knollwood Hall Family Council is having a Christmas Craft and Bake Sale today and tomorrow from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the front lobby of Knollwood Hall, 5755 Shattalon Drive. The proceeds will go the operating funds of the Council. Everyone is invited.

SATURDAY, DEC. 7

- Students from about 70 middle and high

schools in the WS/FC All-County Band will perform at the Brendle Recital Hall at Wake Forest University at 7:30 p.m.

- A Christmas Craft Show will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, located on East 14th Street. Items for sale will include genuine porcelain dolls, gold chain necklaces, handmade Christmas crafts, stocking stuffers, costume jewelry, and many more.

- The BB&T of WS and the YMCA of Greater WS have announced the 7th annual Mistletoe BB&T/YMCA Road Races to benefit the youth programs of the WS Central YMCA. The races, a 10K and half-marathon (13.1 miles), are scheduled to start at 8:30 a.m. at the Central YMCA. Race fees are \$12. Entry information is available by writing Whit East at the Central YMCA, 775 West End Blvd., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101 or by calling 721-2072.

- The NAACP Learning Center will meet from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Lecture Room of the Communications Building on the campus of WSSU. The program is for parents and students on how to successfully succeed in educating your child.

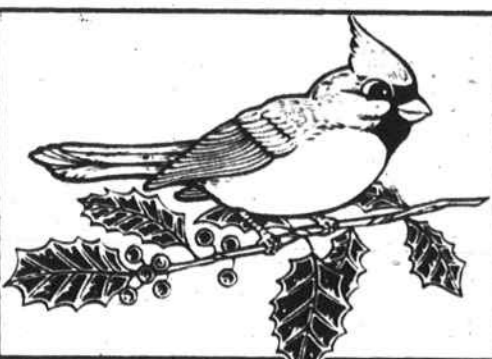
SUNDAY, DEC. 8

- The Knollwood Hall Creative Art Class will have an Art Show and Sell from 2-4 p.m. in the front lobby of the nursing home. The public is invited.

MONDAY, DEC. 9

- Students at Konnoak, Philo, and Parkland will not attend school today. All other schools will be in session. Teachers in the three schools will be involved in a K-12 instructional strategies workshop all day.

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