

WSSU launches new Scholars Program

In an effort to promote leadership, life and career skills, Winston-Salem State University has initiated a new program that officials hope will inspire and motivate students during their four years at the university.

The effort has been dubbed the W.E.B. DuBois-Cheikh Anta Diop Scholars Program and will focus on tracking and monitoring students from their freshmen to senior years. The program, however, is open to all students who are interested in achieving academic excellence and assuming leadership roles.

Daniel J. Lovett, the program director, expects that students will be drawn to the scholars program because many of them, he says, already are inclined towards academic achievement. Those students who enroll in the program and who achieve a grade point average of 3.0 or better will be recognized as W.E.B. DuBois-Cheikh Anta Diop Scholars.

The DuBois-Diop Scholars Program, Lovett says, is a new and vital part of Winston-Salem State University's overall mission. Lovett says that the DuBois-Diop program is part of the university's overall Student Retention Program. But he says that the goal of the WSSU program is not just to retain students but to help them develop skills that will sustain them throughout their lives.

"Even though the primary focus and purpose of the student retention program remains intact, the process by which it is being delivered has changed," he says. "The Student Retention and Mentoring Program has taken on a new form and now operates under the auspices of the DuBois-Diop Scholars Program. A program of this nature will unquestionably give this initiative greater visibility, academic integrity and focus and will provide our participants with more clarity, understanding, meaning, direction and motivation."

Lovett says, too, that through its push to assist students in remaining in school and preparing for their futures, the new program helps fulfill the university's traditional mission of providing a quality well-rounded education to its students.

"The DuBois-Diop Scholars Program is designed to give late-

blooming, first generationists, previously moderate test-takers and grade performers, those who lack confidence, those who never lead, those who have never been told that they can lead...and those who never have been treated like scholars a chance to become participants in a scholars program. And this scholars

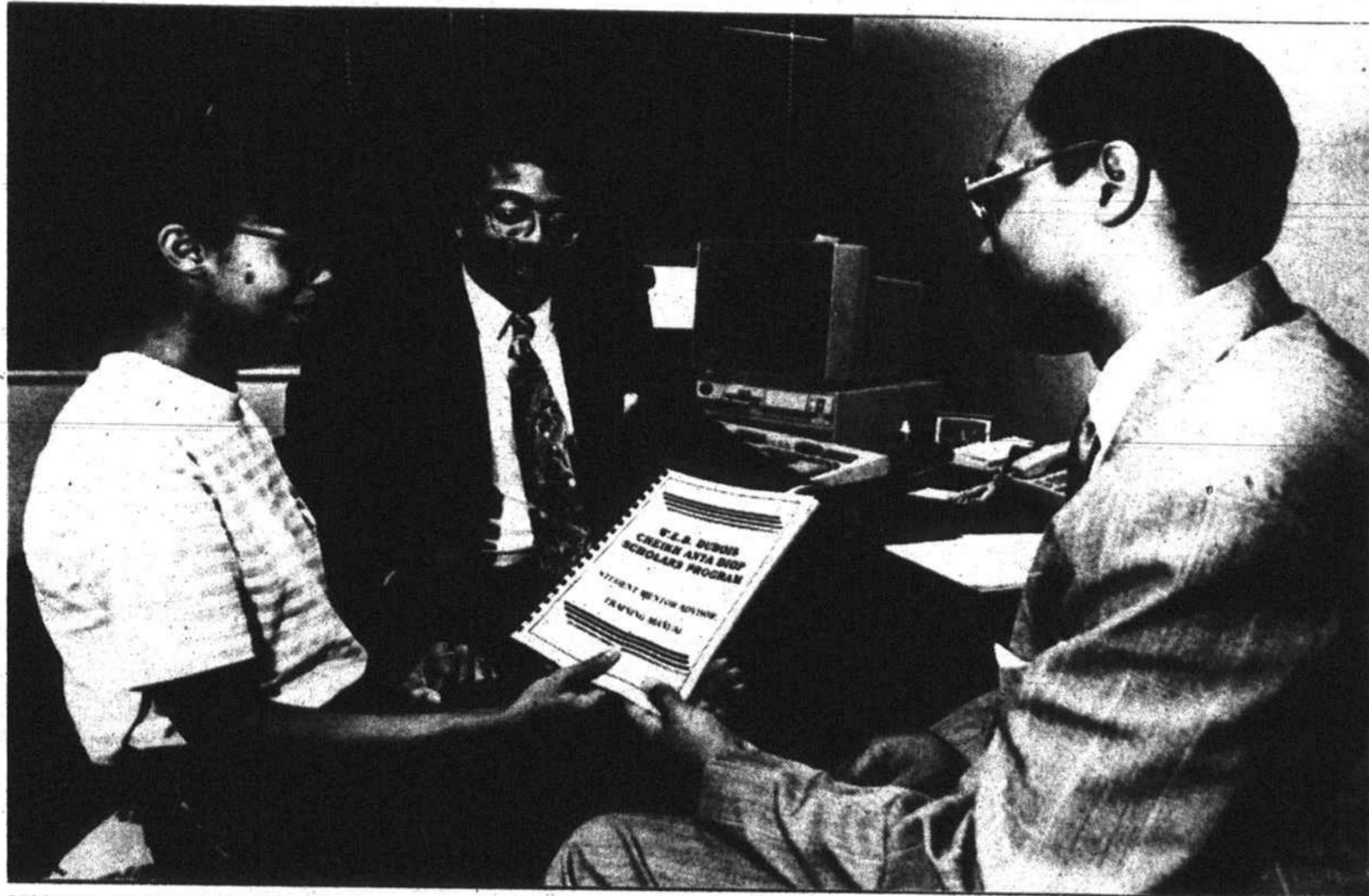
al sessions involving support group workshops for men and women.

The Student Peer Mentoring Program will offer students the opportunity to interact with fellow students who can assist them in making their transition to university life smoother and more rewarding.

"The DuBois-Diop Scholars

Lovett says were pioneers in education. W.E.B. DuBois was the first African-American to earn a Ph.D. from Harvard University. A historian, sociologist and essayist, DuBois was the author of more than 20 books and 100 scholarly articles.

Cheikh Anta Diop was a physicist, Egyptologist and histori-



WSSU student LaShelle Lawson (left) learns more about the W.E.B. DuBois - Cheikh Anta Diop Scholars Program from Program Director Daniel Lovett (center) and staff member Carrington Carter.

program is designed not only for those who are or have been scholars, but also for those who aspire to become scholars."

Lovett says that there are four components around which the program is centered. All components, he says, are designed to develop the necessary intellectual strengths and leadership skills to achieve optimum success at the university and in life after graduation.

The DuBois-Diop Academic Enrichment Sessions are designed to give students assistance in various areas of study involving course work.

The Mary McLeod Bethune Academic Skills Training Workshops will introduce students to study and leadership skills necessary to compete successfully in academics and in the workplace.

The Fannie Lou Hamer Memorial Series is a group of motivation-

Program is aimed at assisting students in developing the necessary intellectual strengths and leadership skills to be successful at the university and in life after graduation whether they go on to careers or to graduate school," says Lovett, formerly the university's director of admissions. "We expect there will be a large response because we believe we have some of the best students in the state who are highly motivated and who are looking for an opportunity to develop themselves to their greatest potential."

The scholars program was named in honor of two men who

an from Senegal who offered revolutionary theories on Egypt as an African civilization.

Lovett says that those two educational leaders were selected in hopes that the program would draw strength from the legacies of DuBois and Diop.

"We expect students will profit immensely from the program because we will be giving them all the tools by which they can get a head start on their lives," he says. "Coming out of this program we expect to see some of the best students this university and this state have ever produced."

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the board has tried to make decisions that were in the best interest of the Urban League.

"We feel good about the way we've gone about the selection process. It's not been easy, but we've accepted the challenge." He said the new president would be selected next week.

Griggs suggested that the Winston-Salem Urban League should spin off from the National Urban League in protest of its mandate that Smith's position be declared vacant and a national job search be conducted.

Dr. Irvin stated that the local Urban League receives \$377,000 from National Urban League: 44 percent of the total local budget. Of that amount, \$21,000 is paid back to the national organization for affiliate dues.

Winston-Salem Urban League also receives JPTA (Job Partnership Training Act) funds because of its accreditation with National, according to Irvin.

"If we chose to disassociate with the national group, we could not use the Urban League name or logo," he said.

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were also asked to name the three most pressing problems facing the public housing communities, the city as a whole, and some suggestions for the future.

Drugs and crime topped the lists for those problems most pressing in the public housing communities and the city as a whole, followed by un/underemployment, lack of individual/community self-esteem, and racism/prejudice.

Suggestions for the future included: a quarterly update, concentration on only a few issues in more depth, more attention to jobs for young people and adults, air

conditioning, enforcement of the loitering law, more support systems for families, and the development of resource center programs.

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