

Davidson to graduate at top of her class at WSSU

▲ Joyce Davidson returned to school after 17 year hiatus

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Seventeen years ago, Joyce Tyler Davidson started attending Piedmont Bible College. After one year, she dropped out to get married. In two days, she will walk across the stage at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum to receive her college degree in early childhood education at Winston-Salem State University's graduation. She will graduate summa cum laude. She is 35 years old.

"It feels good," she said of graduating with highest honors. "That was one of my goals."

Davidson was part a continuing trend of older adults returning to the classrooms to earn their post-secondary degrees either for financial or personal

reasons. However, many adults usually find it hard to go back to school. They are either embarrassed to be older than the other students, or don't think they still have what it takes to make the grade.

Davidson, who returned for both the financial and personal rewards, admitted being a little nervous going back, but once she got there, she soon realized she wasn't the only one.

"There are a lot of older students at State now," she said, "some who are around my age, and some much older. So it was really comfortable."

The hard part for Davidson was finding the time to carry the 13 to 17 hour class loads and do the work. With two children: 13-year-old daughter Sharene, and eight-year-old son Emmanuel, to

take care of, along with a part-time job, and active participation in her children's PTA, Davidson says she put in a lot of long nights studying and doing assignments.

"This was the roughest year for me as far as doing all of that together," she said looking back.

Despite the hard work, Davidson said she enjoyed being on the campus and continuing her educational process. She now plans to take a break, but not for two long. She is currently looking for a job in her field, which she says she chose because she has "always loved working with children." And she encourages any adults, no matter what their age, to "go for it" if they are considering returning to school because she says there really is nothing to fear.



Joyce Davidson returned to school to receive her college degree. She graduates with highest honors this Saturday.

Habitat for Humanity gets \$4,600

In a ceremony held on April 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center in downtown Winston-Salem, Kerry Avant, president of the Home Builders Association of Winston-Salem, Inc. presented a \$4,600 donation to Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County. Accepting this donation was Beau Dancy, chairman of the Board of the local chapter of Habitat.

This contribution represents a portion of the proceeds of the Home Builders' Association sponsored 1992 Triad Home and Garden Show. President Avant announced that this is the fourth consecutive year that the Home Builders Association has made a donation to the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity - contributions which now total \$18,100. These donations are a tangible way of showing the strong support of the Home Builders Association of Winston-Salem, Inc. for Habitat's pioneering partnership work in the community, making home ownership a reality for those for whom home ownership would otherwise only be a dream.

Also representing the association at this presentation was Bruce Holliday, chairperson of the 1992 Triad Home and Garden Show.

The Home Builders Association of Winston-Salem, Inc. is a non-profit building trade association affiliated with the North Carolina Home Builders Association and the National Association of Home Builders. By representing and serving its 450 local member companies consisting of builders and associates, the association strives to meet the community's needs for quality, affordable housing, and commercial buildings.

For more information contact: Harry Weiler, executive vice president, Home Builders Association of Winston-Salem, Inc., (919) 768-5942 and reference HBA 92-5.

Millions available to young artists through NFAA

Nearly \$300,000 in unrestricted cash awards and \$3 million in college scholarship opportunities are available to high school senior-age artists through the Arts Recognition and Talent Search (ARTS).

An annual program of the National Foundation for Advancement in the Arts (NFAA), ARTS identifies and awards exceptionally talented 17 and 18-year-old artists in separate categories for dance, music, jazz music, theater, visual arts and writing.

Of the more than 5,000 high school senior-age artists who apply each year, approximately 250 will share up to \$300,000 in

unrestricted cash awards.

Each will receive an ARTS award in the amount of \$3,000, \$1,500, \$500, or \$100. About 100 of the ARTS awards candidates selected as finalists will be invited to participate in ARTS Week — five full days of judged individual auditions, workshops, master classes and seminars — held annually in Miami the second week of January.

Up to 50 of the top ARTS awardees will be nominated by NFAA to the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars for designation as the 1993 U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts, the highest honor bestowed on

graduating high school seniors in the nation.

Ultimately, 20 will be chosen for this prestigious award and honored at a White House ceremony during National Recognition Week in June.

All students who participate in ARTS are eligible for more than \$3 million in scholarship opportunities offered by nearly 150 colleges, universities and professional arts institutions that subscribe to NFAA's Scholarship List Service (SLS) and receive the authorized names of ARTS applicants for recruitment purposes.

The early deadline for ARTS applications is June 1, 1992, and

carries a fee of \$25 per application. Between June 2 and October 1, the final application deadline, the fee increases to \$35.00.

Fee waivers are available for applicants who can document a need.

The ARTS '93 applications will be sent to America's 28,000 high schools and to approximately 35,000 arts teachers across the country.

Interested students should contact their principal or college admissions advisor for ARTS '93 applications or write:

ARTS, 300 NE 2nd Avenue, Miami, Fla 33132, or call (305) 237-3416.

NFAA is a nonprofit Miami-based organization with a regional office in Philadelphia. It is supported nationally by individuals, corporations and philanthropic institutions. Its mission is to encourage young artists in all art forms by assisting them financially and by creating opportunities for them to further their education and advance their professional careers.

The jazz component in ARTS is made possible in part by support from the International Association of Jazz Educators. ARTS is administered for NFAA by Miami-Dade Community College, Wolfson Campus.

EVENTS CALENDAR April-May

How to Schedule Your Event: Send your information, clearly 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, APRIL 30

7:30 a.m. — The American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at East Forsyth High School, 2500 E. Mountain St., Kernersville, until 1 p.m.

7 p.m. — The First Annual Evening of Prayer for prisoners, officials and families affected by incarceration in the Forsyth County community will be held at the Forsyth Correctional Center Chapel, 307 Craft Drive. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the program. For more information, contact the Forsyth Prison Chaplaincy at 759-0063.

FRIDAY, MAY 1

7:30 p.m. — The musical *Annie Get Your Gun*, will be presented by students of West Forsyth High School, in the school auditorium today and tomorrow. Admission is \$4. The school is located at 1735 Lewisville-Clemmons Road, Clemmons. For more information, call 766-6467.

8 p.m. — Untitled Associations of Reynolda House, Museum of American Art, will sponsor a jazz/art concert at the museum. The Matt Kendrick Unit will play music based on paintings in the museum collection. For more information and/or reservations, call 725-5325. Admission is \$5.

SATURDAY, MAY 2

8 a.m. — Registration for the March of Dimes TeamWalk/Piedmont/WalkAmerica 1992 will take place at the Corpening Plaza. The walk will begin at 9 a.m. For more information, call 723-4386 or 1-800-443-4093.

— Union Cross PTA will hold a yard sale until 12 noon at Union Cross Elementary School. An auction will also be held at 9:30 a.m. A \$10 donation will reserve space with a 30" x 72" table. Sellers can keep all profits. For more information, call the school at 769-9031. In case of rain, the event will take place May 9.

9 a.m. — Registration for the Winston Lake Family YMCA Summer Day Camp Program will be held until 12 noon. Birth certificates must be provided at the time of registration.

— The Arts Council of WS/FC will present Visual Artist Charles Searles on "Personal Development and the Public Space" at the Arts Council Boardroom, 305 W. Fourth St. The program is free and open to the public. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 722-2585.

10 a.m. — The Boy Scouts of America will hold a Scout Fair/Rummage Sale at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds until 3 p.m. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from scouts in your neighborhood.

3 p.m. — An interest meeting will be held for young girls ages 5-10, interested in joining The Ebony Angels at the Winston Lake YMCA, 901 Waterworks Rd.

7:30 p.m. — The WS Chapter of A. Philip Randolph Institute will honor Dr. Manderline Scales at its Annual Community Service Awards Banquet, which will be held at the Holiday Inn-North. Tickets are \$15 per person and may be obtained by calling Linda Sutton at 744-0810, Joel Fogg at 924-4248, or Joan Lane at 724-2441.

SUNDAY, MAY 3

4 p.m. — The sisters of Bivovac Chapter No. 530, order of the Eastern Star will hold their first annual recognition service at the Masonic Temple, 1025 E. 14th St. The public is invited.

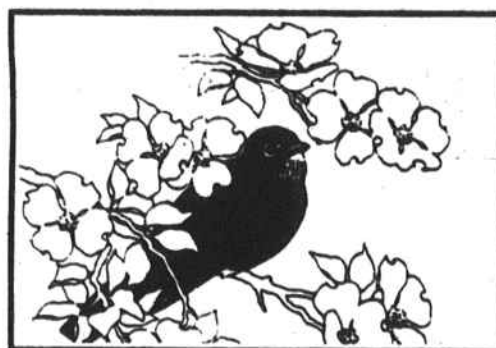
TUESDAY, MAY 5

10:00 a.m. — The NC School of the Arts Broadway Preview Series will hold auditions for principals and chorus for the World Premiere on stage of Rodgers and Hammerstein's *State Fair*, at the Stevens Center. Dancers and singers from the early 20's and up are needed. Both men and women must have strong ballet and jazz technique. Some men must also be strong in tap. Everyone should prepare a ballad and an up tempo in the traditional Broadway style of Rodgers and Hammerstein, Lerner and Lowe, etc. Equity and non-equity positions are available. For more information, call 723-3533.

— The New City Market, an open-air market at Sixth and Cherry Streets in downtown, will open until 3 p.m. Floweres, plants, fresh baked bread, cakes and pies, cheeses, country cured ham and bacon, and many crafts will be on sale.

2 p.m. — Janet DeCreny of the City's Economic Development Office will present "One on One Discussions regarding Small Business Loans" at the Neighborhood Government Services Office, 2301 Patterson Ave. The program is free and open to the public.

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