

IN OUR SCHOOLS

Violence Reduction

A two-day conference on "Strategies for Effective Collaboration about Community Resources for Preventing/Reducing Student Violence" will be held at the Benton Convention Center today and tomorrow until 4 p.m.

Each school will be represented by one administrator, a guidance counselor, all school social workers and psychologists, liaison officers and representative police officers.

This will be a problem-solving meeting with participants sharing their capabilities and frustrations in trying to help students and families.

The sessions will be videotaped and then produced for sharing with the schools, parents and community groups. Call Pamela Chisholm at 727-2350 for information.

School Applications

Applications for the Downtown School, Moore Alternative School and Kimberley Park Alternative School for next fall are now available and must be returned by March 11.

Most openings are for kindergarten. A few openings may be available at higher grades at each school. The Downtown School also has openings for 3- and 4-year-old preschool classes.

Applications are available at any elementary school in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County system; the Administrative Center, 1605 Miller St.; at any Housing Authority office; at city recreation centers; and at the Black-Phillips-Smith Government Center, 2301 N. Patterson Ave.

Academic Competition

West Forsyth and Reynolds high schools remained undefeated in fourth-round matches of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Academic Competition as of Feb. 2.

East Forsyth led in the overall scoring for the day. Leading individual subject teams were Carver in English, Reynolds in mathematics, West Forsyth (with a perfect 68 points) in science, and East Forsyth in social studies and general knowledge.

Field Trip to Sawtooth

Students from Walkertown Middle School will have a field trip today to the Sawtooth Center for Visual Arts.

Musical Performance

Students at Sherwood Forest Elementary School will be entertained during lunch today by the Singing Strings group.

Drama Presentation

Mt. Tabor's Drama Club will present "Steel Magnolias" in the auditorium today, Friday and Saturday. Parents, friends and the public are invited. Admission is \$4. Call Valerie Maley at 765-6855 for information.

Touring Diggs Gallery

Third-, 4th- and 5th-grade students from the Downtown School will take a field trip to tour Diggs Gallery. This is sponsored by an Associated Artists Arts in Education Grant.

Phone-A-Thon

The P.T.A. Executive Board of Konnoak Elementary will have a Phone-A-Thon, Feb. 14-15. The event is to raise money for new playground equipment.

Orchestra to Perform

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County All-County Orchestra will be in concert Feb. 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Reynolds Auditorium. Peter Perret will be the guest conductor for the high school section. James Basta will be the guest conductor for the middle school section. Free admission.

School Board Meeting

The Board of Education will meet Feb. 17 at 6 p.m.

"In Our Schools" is a weekly calendar of events that chronicles goings-on in our local schools. If you would like your event or information included, send them to: "In Our Schools," The Chronicle, P.O. Box 1636, Winston-Salem, NC 27102. You may also fax it to 723-9173.

CORRECTIONS

In the Jan. 27 edition, the Chronicle incorrectly reported the number of African-American anchors at WXII TV-12. The station has two.

Also, incorrect dates were reported about events at WSSU. David Driskell will speak March 8 at 7:30 p.m., and the Rev. Nicholas Lewter will speak March 10 at 7:30 p.m. The Chronicle regrets these errors.

Attending WSSU Becomes a Family Affair

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Goldsmith, a sophomore political-science major, Lisa transferred to WSSU from N.C. A&T State University in 1989, and the family was put back together again.

Another of Barber's daughters, Darlene Jackson, who is Goldsmith's mother, graduated from WSSU in 1988 with a degree in special education.

"I had always wanted to go to college, but because of my family I put it on the back burner," she said.

As a mother of five, Barber went as far as the 10th grade before she dropped out of Atkins High to be married.

Nonetheless, she was nagged by an incessant desire to go to college.

Barber attended a business school for a year while the children were young, and she eventually earned a diploma at the old Anderson High School (which is now a conference center, office space,

and classroom building on WSSU's campus) when her oldest child, Walter, was in the seventh grade.

For a couple of years, she was a patient-care technician — "a sophisticated word for nurses' aide," she said — at the old Kate Biring Hospital.

She then moved to N.C. Baptist Hospital and stayed there until 1975, sterilizing surgical instruments, linens, uniforms and other items.

Heart problems forced her to leave Baptist. During her year-long recovery, she enrolled in a medical secretarial course at Forsyth Technical Community College, which made it possible for her to return to Baptist as a unit secretary, translating doctors' orders onto appropriate forms.

When the same medical symptoms — shortness of breath and chest pains —

returned in 1977, she left the hospital for good.

She then found permanent employment in subscription sales at the Winston-Salem Journal, where she has been ever since.

Through the university's Office of Continuing Education, which was established to meet the needs of adult learners, Barber enrolled as a special student for two semesters, taking six hours each in the general-education curriculum. Once completed, she enrolled full time.

Apart from having reconstructive knee surgery in May 1992, which cost her college credit and six months out of work, Barber has been a steady presence on campus.

"I did not get discouraged by the surgery because I knew that the Lord was giving me strength," she said. "But it has-

n't been peaches and cream."

David Barber, who attended WSSU part time in 1985 but quit because of employment opportunities, is indebted to his mother for "showing me I had no excuse for not getting an education — that education plays a vital role in anything you want to accomplish."

"I was thankful for the jobs I had, but this (a college degree) will help me get something better in the future," Barber said.

Goldsmith said she admires her grandmother for her determination. "She is an inspiration to me," said Goldsmith, who at one time had considered attending a community college, but was dissuaded by Barber.

Lisa said she intends to become a computer analyst "so I can help take care of my mom."

Blacks Suspended 3 Times the Rate

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the disproportionate numbers. Economics, white teacher/black student relations and single-parent homes were all advanced as some of the causes for the high number of black expulsions.

Sheila Chandler, the single mother of Joseph, said that her 14-year-old son was a straight-A student at Brunson Elementary, but when he moved on to Cook, his grades dropped to D's and F's.

Chandler blames the drastic drop in her son's grades and his current troubles on a number of factors. One of them, she said, has to do with the absence of black teachers who care. She said that her son

has more white teachers now and he doesn't relate to them.

"He had black teachers back then," Chandler said. "The teachers really liked him," she added.

"I feel like black children are being left out," she said. "You have to make black children feel wanted."

She also said that her son, who was suspended earlier this year for skipping school, is going through that "teen thing of not wanting to do his homework," but "he's not a bad boy." She said that her son suffered a childhood injury that cost the sight in one eye, causing him to read

slower than other children.

On the advice of school officials, Chandler sent her son to see a psychiatrist. She recently found out from the specialist that nothing was wrong with her son.

"I thought he (Joseph) was really nuts," she said, laughing.

Although a school official told Chandler that Joseph shouldn't be sent to Petree Middle School — the school that offers troubled children a second opportunity to make it within the system — that's where he will be for the remainder of this year.



Walter Marshall

Crime Package Called Unfair

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blem of crime — lock 'em up and throw away the key — is a hysterical response," he said. "Simply locking up an individual does not address the root cause of why he has turned to crime in the first place."

The Rev. Serenus Churn Sr., pastor of Mt. Zion Church, said some of the funding Hunt is requesting in the crime-plan package could be better utilized.

"We do not believe that it is a productive or enlightening approach to the problem," Churn said. "It seems to lean far too heavily on the erection of new jails and the incarceration of more black citizens."

"It is strange that we have no money, but we have ample resources when it comes to jailing blacks," he said. "In times when we lack housing and jobs and education, we're still able to find millions of dollars to lock up people."

Churn said the crime-plan package



Gov. Jim Hunt

does not address the social, economic and political oppression that plays a role in leading people to a life of crime. He said more of the attention needs to be on creating jobs.

"Part of the violence and part of the



Rev. Serenus Churn Sr.

crime problem is in the hopelessness and despair felt by young people as they hope to find a meaningful future for themselves," he said. "Any package that does not include anything that addresses that is woefully inadequate."

He said the costs of building new jails could go toward building homes for people of low income and shelters for the homeless.

"With people sleeping on the street, if there is any building to take place, it should be low-cost housing so that families can be sheltered," he said. "Crime does pay, but it pays for those who tries to oppress and depress the disadvantaged."

The Rev. Donald Jenkins, pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, said more focus should be on community reinvestment.

"That certainly has to be part of rebuilding, the prevention of crime," Jenkins said.

He also said none of the governor's plans would have a positive impact on the African-American community.

King Holiday Service Held At Macedonina True Vine Church



Rev. Ronald Davis Jr.

A service honoring the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday was held Saturday night at Macedonina True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church.

The service featured the Rev. Dr. Ronald Davis Jr. as keynote speaker.

The service, like the other more well-known local activities held in commemoration of the slain civil-rights leader's birthday, was postponed on Jan. 17 because of inclement weather.

Davis, pastor of St. John C.M.E. Church, spoke on "How do we move from chaos to

community?" His speech attempted, among other things, to apply King's philosophy to today's "chaos."

The service was sponsored by the the Minister's Conference of Winston-Salem, of which Davis is the president.

The Minister's Conference also supports the Martin Luther King Jr. Seed Scholarship program, which encourages African Americans to attend predominantly black colleges by awarding them financial assistance. Seven \$1,000 scholarships were awarded last year, Davis said.

Fund Raiser Nets Over \$2,000

The Southeast Winston Rescue Squad moved a bit closer to being able to afford a new rescue squad after a fund raiser netted the volunteer outfit over \$2,000.

The rescue squad held a fund raiser on Jan. 29 that featured professional ballroom dancers and audience participation.

"I thought it went swell," said Joyce Henry, a member of the squad's board of

directors. "It was very nice."

Henry said the event raised \$2,105, and all of it was added to the approximately \$28,000 that had already been raised for the new rescue vehicle.

Vandals destroyed one of the squad's vehicles in October.

Squad officials hope to have the \$70,000 needed to buy a new one by March.

Community Outreach to Celebrate Anniversary This Weekend

The Community Outreach program will celebrate its first anniversary this weekend with seminars on Saturday, Feb. 12, and a banquet on Sunday.

The seminars, which are free, will be held at the Anderson Center at Winston-Salem State University from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The banquet, at 3 p.m., will also be held at the Anderson Center.

The Rev. Melvin "Rip" Wilkins will be the guest speaker. Banquet tickets are \$20.

The Salemaires of Midway, N.C., will provide the entertainment.

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