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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle." — Frederick Douglass

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# 'She Didn't Deserve to Die Like That'

▲ Pregnant teen, 16, fatally shot in head by ex-boyfriend Saturday afternoon

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS  
Chronicle Executive Editor

When Roosevelt Hudson asked his sister to move to Winston-Salem, he cited a slower lifestyle in the South and told her that there was less crime here than in their hometown of Morgan, Pa.

In July, Sheila Hudson finally succumbed, bringing along her teen-aged son and the two adopted children of her deceased sister.

Although Morgan is a small town — it is located just 12 miles outside Pittsburgh — it has become like so many others overrun with drugs, mostly crack, and the perils that accompany it.

"The city was a lot faster and there were more opportunities for misconduct," Roosevelt Hudson said. "I knew that there was some crime here, but it was not as widespread. At least I didn't think it was."

It is ironic, however, that Morgan is yet to record its first homicide this year, while on Saturday, Hudson's niece, Ceyls Bennett, became Winston-Salem's 17th killing this year. Bennett, who was 16 and about a month pregnant, lived at 540 Kennerly St. with her adopted mother, and brothers Byron, 14 and Dwayne, 13.

She died from a single gunshot wound to the head, allegedly inflicted by her ex-boyfriend Gary Joe Tart a few blocks away at 1635 N. Trade St. in the Kimberly Park public-housing development.

Tart was arraigned Tuesday afternoon in Forsyth County District Court on a charge of first-degree murder and is being held in Forsyth County Jail without privilege of bail.

"You can imagine the devastation after thinking that I've done something to improve and enrich their lives and then this happens," said Hudson, a 38-year-old employee of Sara Lee Knit Hosiery who moved to Winston-Salem in 1980. "You begin to ask yourself: 'If I had left well enough alone, where would she be now?'"

Family and friends say Bennett was a typical teen-ager who occasionally ran with the wrong crowd. She attended Reynolds High School for a brief period last year and was a



Ceyls Bennett

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## Teens: Jobs Option To Selling Drugs

(The following articles represent the first of a two-part series of extensive dialogue with area youths. Next week, David Dillard speaks with current and former drug dealers, and Veronica Clemons tells how a young, former drug addict turned her life around.)

By VERONICA CLEMONS  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Some East Winston youths say if jobs were more accessible, so many of them wouldn't sell drugs or get in to trouble.

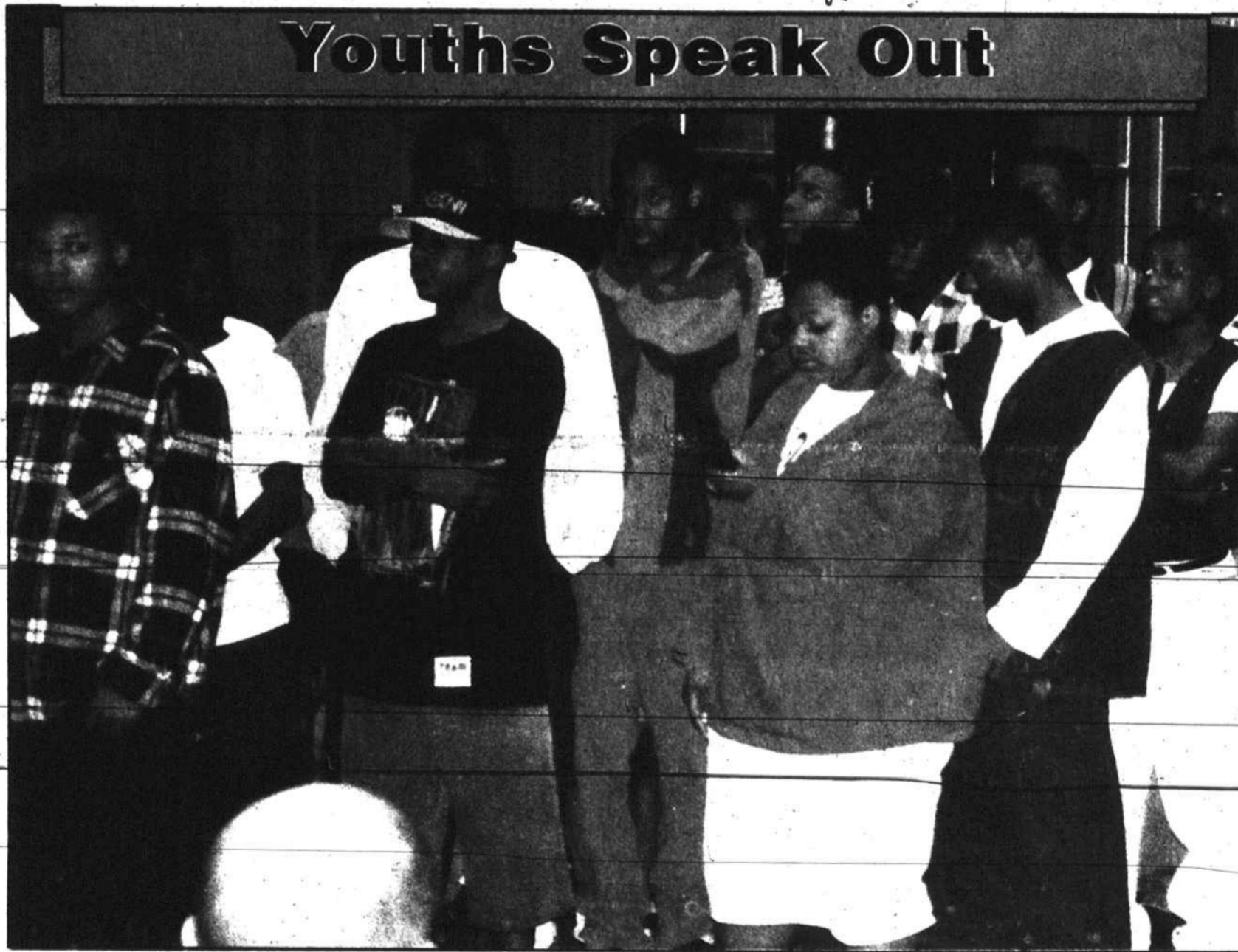
"I know the housing authority gets grant money," said Sebastian Jeffries, vice-president of the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem's youth council. "They should use that money to provide more jobs for us."

Jeffries and some more of his peers discussed the real causes of violence in their neighborhoods and why young men and women their age are resorting to crime. They say there isn't enough for them to do, but if there were jobs available to them, there wouldn't be time for illegal acts.

Jeffries added that there needs to be more incentives for youths to stay out of trouble and those who do shun trouble should be rewarded. In addition to helping youths get jobs, Jeffries also suggested that grant money be used to help youths start their own businesses in their communities.

Kia Singletary, 16, said youths are being used as consumers of guns because they can't buy them and they are not the ones bringing them into their neighborhoods. They said the same is true of drugs.

Even some adults agreed that many of  
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About 200 people, including approximately 80 youths, attended the Housing Authority's two-day Crime Reduction Conference.

## Youths Speak Out

## Eversley Tells Youths of Tools for Survival

By VERONICA CLEMONS  
Chronicle Staff Writer

The Rev. Carlton Eversley, pastor of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church, says there are four tools for survival: educational excellence, economic empowerment, political sophistication and spiritual sustenance.

Eversley told a group gathered in Winston-Salem last week at a crime-reduction conference that young people should be challenged, and should learn about the contributions of Africans and African Ameri-

cans to national and international civilization.

"Your ancestors paid too high a price for you to have any rights to laziness or stupidity," he said.

He said that in addition to learning in the school system, young people should learn how to get along, respect people they care about, respect the elderly and young men learn what manhood is all about.

Eversley delivered the keynote address at the Housing Authority of Win-

ston-Salem's first Crime Reduction Conference, which brought together public-housing residents and community leaders to probe the issue of crime and to discuss some possible solutions. Representatives from at least nine other public-housing authorities, as well as about 15 local agencies, attended the conference.

To achieve economic empowerment, Eversley encouraged the audience to support black-owned businesses and encourage  
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## Youths Bridge Gap With Adults

By VERONICA CLEMONS  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Respect, encouragement, friendship, support and a hug and kiss every now and then are a few of the things area youths said they would like from adults.

The dialogue came Friday during the final session of Housing Authority of Winston-Salem's Annual Crime Reduction Conference.

The session was conducted by Marlon Shackelford and Alfred "Coach" Powell of Black Brothers & Sisters Involvement. The duo, who are nationally known violence-prevention specialists, conducted a session with youths on Thursday.

Powell said he was pleased with both sessions and the attitudes of all of the young people who participated.

"It felt real good at the end," he said. "And, the way the youth responded, Winston-Salem has set a pattern for history."

Once the youths stood in front of the room and told adults what they needed, adults responded by standing and repeating one of the needs they had heard. The youths were very pleased to hear their needs repeated exactly the way they had said them.

"It made us feel that grown people really care about our feelings," said 16-year-old Tamont Bell, a member of the HAWS Youth Council.

"They found out how we feel when they mistreat us," added Kim Singletary,  
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## Black Media and Tobacco Cos.: An Unholy Alliance?

By CAROL WEATHERFORD  
Special to the Chronicle

As pressure mounts for increased regulation of tobacco products, more and more African Americans are choosing sides.

Eleven Congressional Black Caucus members, including Ron Dellums and Maxine Waters, both California democrats, and John Lewis (D-Ga.) are co-sponsoring a bill that would ban smoking in public facilities.

Rep. Henry Waxman (D-Calif.), the bill's

sponsor, chaired a recent hearing by the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health and Environment where seven tobacco company chief executives testified. After grueling, sometimes intimidating, questioning by the lawmakers, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. Chairman James Johnston was convinced that some lawmakers want prohibition.

"They want an advertising ban . . . they

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This Week In Black History  
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Second NAACP conference, held in New York City, created a permanent national structure.

WHERE TO FIND IT

## Residents Support Forsyth Tech Branch in East Winston

By VERONICA CLEMONS  
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If officials from Forsyth Technical Community College had any questions about whether East Winston residents want a satellite campus in their neighborhood, those questions were answered Tuesday night.

About 100 people attended a meeting at Carver High School about the proposed Forsyth Tech campus at Carver School Road

and Lansing Drive. And by a show of hands, everyone supported a campus at the proposed site.

"The attendance was excellent," said Daniel Pickett, Carver's principal. "I don't think people came the last time because it wasn't publicized enough."

Tuesday's meeting was the second one allowing citizens to come and show support

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