

**IN OUR SCHOOLS**

**PTA Meeting**

This year's final meeting of the Cook Middle School PTA will be held on Wednesday, May 25th, at 7 p.m., Wake Forest University, Scales Fine Arts Center, Brendle Recital Hall.

There will be a brief PTA business meeting and installing of the 1994/1995 PTA officers, Teacher of the Year and Volunteer recognition, followed by a Spring Concert by the band.

**Schools to Present Program**

Crescendo, a honors chorus of 80 singers representing the elementary school in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System, will present a program of folk songs, spirituals and show tunes at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 22, at Brendle Recital Hall in the Scales Fine Arts Center at Wake Forest University. The chorus is conducted by music teachers Marjorie John of Walkertown Elementary, Linda Fowler of Old Town and Betty Stokes of Clemmons.

The second half of the program will feature the Winston-Salem Symphony Chorale, which will perform songs by Ned Rorem, a selection from Brahms' German Requiem and two spirituals.

The concert is free to the public.

**Celebration Held**

End-of-Year Celebrations for Success Academy will be held at Cook (2:15 - 3:45 p.m.), Kennedy (2:30 - 3:50 p.m.), and Wiley and satellite locations (6 - 8 p.m.) on Thursday, May 12.

**Parent Community Forum**

South Fork Elementary will sponsor a parent/community forum concerning "Safety in Our School and Community" on Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. Guests for the forum will be George Sweat, chief of police; Douglas Pungler, school attorney; Frank Gordon, division director of auxiliary service; Daisy Chambers, division director, elementary division II; and The Honor Warren Oldham, State House of Representatives.

**Placement Exams**

The advanced placement exams: Biology, Music Theory and Latin will be on Friday, May 13.

**Reading Program**

All students from Ibrahim Elementary School will visit Rural Hall public library to get an introduction to the Summer Reading Program on Friday, May 13 at 9 a.m.

**Spring Fling**

Speas Elementary School PTA will sponsor a "Spring Fling" with games, food and entertainment on Saturday, May 14. Parents, students and the community are invited.

**Board of Education Meets**

On Thursday, May 19 at 6 p.m. there will be a Board of Education meeting.

**Teacher of the Year Finalists**

Donald Hampton, Kaye Henighan, Elizabeth Kiser, and Karen Knott have been named finalists for 1994 Teacher of the Year in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.

Donald Hampton has taught kindergarten at Latham for four years. A graduate of UNC-Greensboro, he earned a M.A.T. degree from Salem College. He chaired the Blue Ribbon School application for Latham Elementary.

Kaye Henighan has taught computer information systems at the Career Center for 17 years. A graduate of WSSU, she has vocational certification from UNC-Greensboro. She is a mentor teacher and chaired the Career Center's initial Southern Association evaluation.

Elizabeth Kiser has 13 years of teaching experience in special education, the past two as prekindergarten teacher at the Children's Center. A graduate of Meredith College, she earned a M.A. from Appalachian State in mental retardation. She is mentor teacher and was a semifinalist for systemwide Teacher of the Year in 1988.

Karen Knott has taught English and journalism at Independence for 17 of her 20 years in education. She received her B.A. and M.A. degrees in education from Elmira College in Elmira, New York. She has been recognized with the Distinguished Human Service Award from Bennett College.

Each school nominated its Teacher of the Year for further consideration by a committee of teachers, administrators, parents, and community representatives. The finalist were selected from nine semifinalists, each of whom was observed in his or her classroom. The semifinalists included the four finalists and Albert Downing, BEH teach at Bolton; Janie Livengood, seventh grade social studies teacher at Ashley; Hope Reagan, third grade including teacher at Kernersville; Dianne Scheipers, fourth grade teacher at Whitaker, and Linda Wigley, first grade teacher at Clemmons. The four finalist will be interviewed before the Teacher of the Year is selected in May.

Other teachers selected to serve as their school's Teacher of the Year include: Donna Ireland, Atkins; Barbara Taylor, Brunson; Linda Davis, Carver; Jeffrey Collson, Cash; Susan Carter-Hope, Cook; Deborah Hill, Downtown; Tamara Greenwood, East Forsyth; Veleria Singletary, Easton; Sharon Stone, Forest Park; Curt Rathburn, Glenn; Rebecca Fagge, Hall-Woodward; Gordon Knight, Hill; Angelene Hampton, Ibrahim; Billie Hoots, Jefferson; Diane Davis, Kennedy; Hope Reagan, Kernersville; Teena Williams, Kimberley Park; Barbara Manning, Konnoak; Shirley Myers, Lewisville; Janice McLendon, Mineral Springs Elementary; Noel Grady-Smith, Mineral Springs Middle; Martha Young, Moore; Felecia McMillan, Mt. Tabor; Willie Hunt, North Forsyth; Jerry Howard, Northwest; Karen Parrish, Old Richmond; Sharon Coker, Old Town; Jean Darstein, Paisley; Wesley Leiphart, Parkland; Mary Wheat, Petree; Darcy Gsteiger, Philo; Laura Peace, Piney Grove; Gaye Stelter, Reynolds, Velvet Simington, Reynolds; Teresa Hutchens, Rural Hall; Frances Effler, Sedge Garden; Jeannette May, Sherwood Forest; Elizabeth Wright, South Fork; Nancy Alford, South Park; Judy Williams, Southwest; Laura Young, Speas; Wilma Wheeler, Union Cross; Cynthia Donaldson, Vienna; Annette Blevins, Walkertown Elementary; Ann Wilson, Walkertown Middle; Cheryl Taylor, West Forsyth; and Millicent King, Wiley.

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**CRIME REDUCTION CONFERENCE**

**Eversley Tells of Tools for Survival**

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aged young blacks to become entrepreneurs. Blacks can achieve political sophistication by exercising their right to vote and being involved in the political process, he said.

"If you're not registered to vote, then you're living in sin," Eversley said. "It's part of your Christian stewardship."

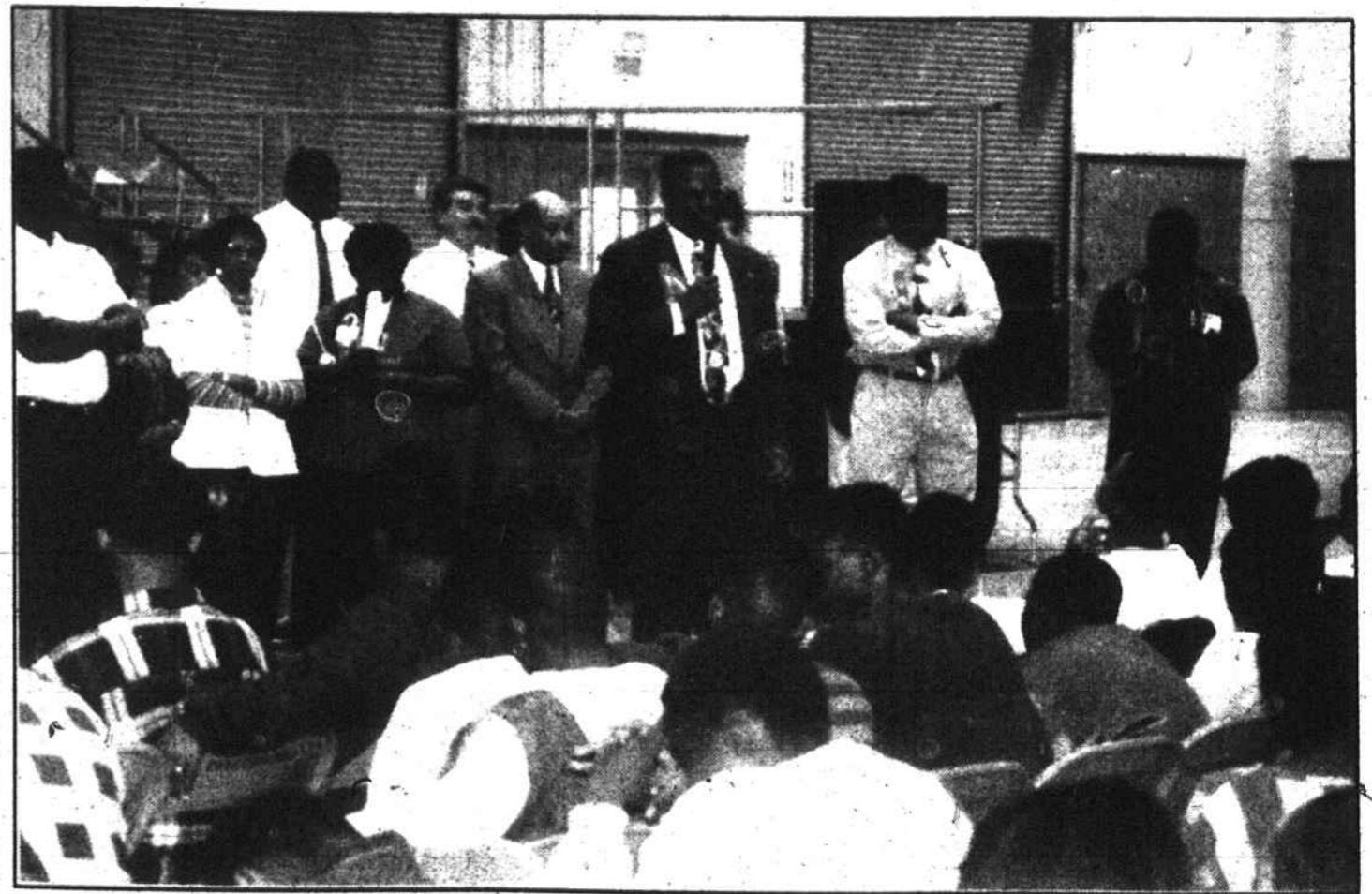
"Only one person created the world," he added. "We should give our time, money and energy to his enterprise. Spiritual sustenance will inspire us to tomorrow."

The conference was held Thursday and Friday in the Educational Building at the Dixie Fairgrounds. Early Thursday, there were about 120 participants attending the sessions. But when more adults came in the afternoon and vans brought more than 75 youth to attend the youth session, the number ballooned to about 250. Friday, the numbers were just as good.

HAWS Deputy Director June Michaux said she got the idea for the conference while attending the state crime-prevention conference and thought it would be beneficial to have a similar event locally. Authority Executive Director Arthur Milligan Jr. said he felt really good about the participation of the first conference, and it offered free-flowing dialogue and gave HAWS staff a chance to meet some residents.

"We want to bring agencies together with people to reduce crime in public housing as well as the total community," said HAWS Board of Commissioners Chairman William H. Andrews.

Local agencies were set up in booths for conference participants to get material and ask questions. Girl Scouts, Big Brothers/Big Sisters



Youths and adults held enlightening discussions Thursday and Friday at the conference.

and the Winston-Salem Police Department's Community Watch Program were some of the agencies represented.

"We want to make sure the residents and staff know what's available to them," Michaux said.

Both days of the conference were filled with discussion sessions that explored different facets of crime, the affect it is having on Winston-Salem communities and ways to combat the problem. Session subjects included Education as a Tool, Community Organization and Mobilization, Conflict Resolution and Resident Initiatives. The youth has a session of their own Thursday

afternoon with Marlon Shackelford and Alfred "Coach" Powell of Dayton-Ohio-based Black Brothers & Sisters Involvement.

The conference concluded Friday with a youth/adult forum, a close-out session conducted by members of the youth council and a social hour.

Michaux said that from this conference she hopes people will understand that communities must work together against crime.

"We want to let people know there are alternatives to crime," she said, "and it's left up to us as a whole to contribute to it disappearing."

**Teens: Jobs Option To Selling Drugs**

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the violence problems in East Winston neighborhoods cannot be attributed to young people living there. According to HAWS Board Chairman William H. Andrews for the past 18 months only two of the several shootings that occurred in public-housing neighborhoods was committed by a resident.

Adults and youths agreed that it's going to take both groups working together to keep criminal activity out of their neighborhoods.

Falontis Clark, 14, and a member of the youth council, said many youths sell drugs and carry guns just to project a certain image.

"They want to seem 'hard,'" he said. "They want to be the big man."

Facilitators for the youth sessions of the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem's Annual Crime-Reduction Conference, Marlon Shackelford and Alfred "Coach" Powell of Black Brothers & Sisters Involvement, want youths to look at being entrepreneurs.

"Everything is business," Shackelford said, "and we want them to have a business mind."

The nationally recognized motivational speakers said people do a lot of things because they are discouraged. Their goal is to improve neighborhoods by raising the conscious level of young African Americans. They believe in the philosophy of Malcom X, "by any means necessary."

According to Powell, another reason youths turn to criminal activity is because they are mis-educated. Powell, who worked for the educational system, knows first hand about the lack of information African-American youths are getting in the classroom.

"I feel like the kids are being mis-educated out of their minds," he said.

Powell and Shackelford tell youths about their African heritage that is filled with kings and queens and about contributions blacks have made to society. The youths said they enjoyed the sessions with Powell and Shackelford because they were interesting and informative. They all took a message from the conference they will remember.

Jeffries said he will remember the message: "Be the best you can be."

Youth council member Seneca Allen, 16, said he will remember to respect others and treat them the way he would want to be treated. He said he also learned that "black males have got to treat black females better."

**Youths Bridge Gap With Adults**

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16, also a youth-council member.

One expressed need was fulfilled as each youth got a hug from an adult before they sat down in the audience and let the adults take their places up front.

Each adult participant, which included HAWS staff and residents, offered youths an apology for any wrong they may have committed to them and reassured they that they do love and support them.

"This is not a battle between them and us," Powell said. "It's an opportunity to bond."

Added Shackelford: "It's adults making a

commitment to youth and being able to sit down and talk to one another."

Youth Council Vice-President Sebastin Jeffries agreed.

"Adults and youth misunderstand each other a lot of the time," he said. "Each one of us needs to just stop and listen to one another."

In addition to their apologies, some adults told the youths why they were so hard on them.

"I'm hard on you because you're just like me," said Williard "Coach B" Edmonds who works in the maintenance department at Kimberly Park. "I've been there and if you would just

listen to me you wouldn't have to go through that same pain."

Added HAWS Youth Service Specialist Jacques Bitting: "I've been on the same roads you're on. I don't want you to make the same mistakes I made. I don't want to see you in Forsyth County Jail."

The session ended on an upbeat tempo with motivational presentations from Jeffries and Horace Fulton of Citizens Coalition for a Better Tomorrow. Youths and adults joined together for songs promoting pride and self worth before the conference ended with a social hour.

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

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member of the school's Junior ROTC program. She had since enrolled at Independence High and had talked about joining the Job Corps and the military.

"She was a teen-ager and she did the things that teen-agers do. Some things you praise them for and other things you scorn them for," Roosevelt Hudson said. "But she didn't deserve to die like that. I had to go see "Baby" laying in her own blood."

It was in Loretta Gauldin's apartment where Bennett was killed. Gauldin said she had known Bennett for about two months and that the two had become good friends. On April 29, Bennett gave Gauldin a bottle of champagne, a hug and a kiss for her 20th birthday.

Gauldin had known Tart a little longer. Although her friend had sworn out an assault warrant against her and she had known him to beat her, Gauldin didn't feel frightened when Tart came over and began playing with a loaded 9mm semiautomatic handgun. Tart later began flirting with Gauldin and helped her to carry a mattress upstairs. While

they were upstairs, Bennett came to the apartment.

"When he heard Cey's voice he said, 'I ought to shoot that bitch,'" Gauldin said. "I said no you shouldn't — that he might not like her, but she's my friend."

Moments later, Gauldin said, she saw the gun held against Bennett's head.

"When he pulled the trigger he had this look on her face like he couldn't believe that he had shot her," she said. "He took off and ran downstairs."

Gauldin said Bennett was holding the side of her head and looking at her.

"She said 'Loretta, please help me. Please.' That was the last word she said," Gauldin said.

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Family members have returned the body to Morgan, Pa., where funeral arrangements are incomplete. They said the family regrets that the body will not be viewed locally, but asked that Bennett and the family remain in their prayers.

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