

COMMUNITY

Agnew, Celebrities to Hold Fund Raiser for Public-Housing Students

▲ "Community Day with Ray" will be held June 17 at the Gaines Center at Winston-Salem State University

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Ray Agnew Jr. grew up in Piedmont Park housing development. His athletic prowess afforded him an opportunity to attend college, and now he wants to give others from the public-housing communities the same chance.

The Winston-Salem Housing Authority will host the second annual "Community Day with Ray" on June 17 at 6 p.m. at the Clarence E. Gaines Center at Winston-Salem State University.

Fred Acree, an organizer of the event, said the community should support the event because it will help educate black youths.

"Ray has made a commitment to help those less fortunate and this gives certain youth an opportunity to go to college who might not have had that chance," Acree said. "What this does is preserve our future; jails are not the way."

Agnew, a native of Winston-Salem, graduated from Carver High School. He then attended North Carolina State University and now plays professional football for the New England Patriots. In 1992, Agnew helped to start a scholarship fund for youth living in the four public-housing communities with a commitment of \$20,000. The Ray Agnew Jr. Scholarship fund is managed

by the Winston-Salem Foundation.

There are currently three scholarship recipients enrolled full time in four-year colleges.

Art Milligan, executive director of the housing authority, issued a statement calling Agnew an asset to the community and an inspiration for youth in public-housing developments.

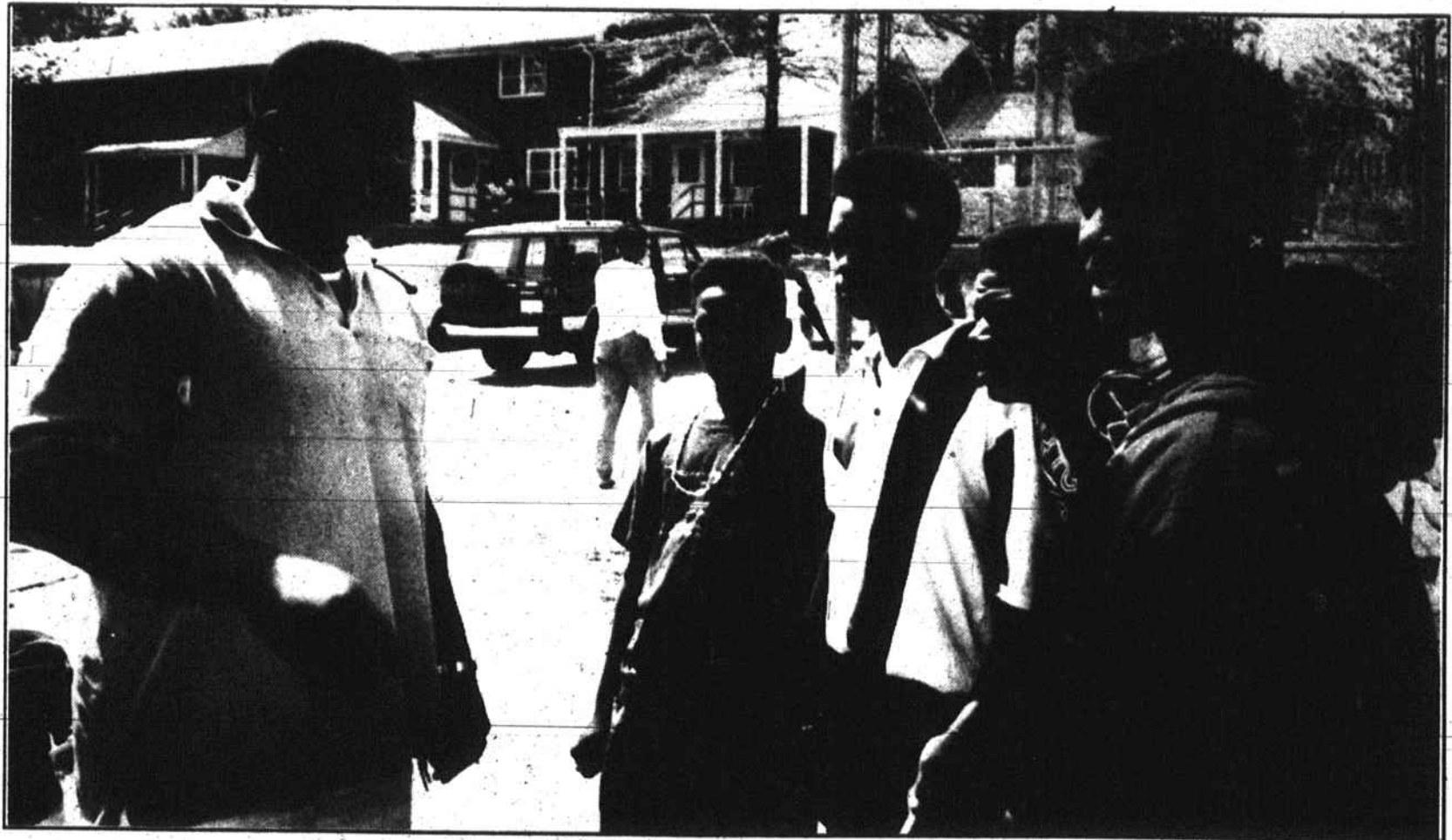
"Ray Agnew, Jr., is a marvelous example of what one can do to help his neighborhood," Milligan said. "His commitment to the furtherance of the education of young people in public-housing demonstrates that you must care about the work you do in the classroom whether you ever have the opportunity to prove yourself in athletic competition. . . . We are proud of Ray and we thank him for his leadership and his concern."

Alderman Vivian H. Burke is the presiding honorary chairperson for the event.

Acree said the day begins with an autograph-signing session followed by an exhibition basketball game with Agnew and other professional athletes.

Tickets can be purchased from the housing authority's central office at 901 Cleveland Ave. The price of admission is \$5 per person with proceeds going to the Ray Agnew Jr. Scholarship Fund.

For further information, call 727-8500.



New England Patriots' star Ray Agnew Jr. visits with kids in Piedmont Park housing development.



Geraldine Nicholson

Mary Kay Official To Give Lecture Friday

Geraldine Nicholson, national sales director of Mary Kay Cosmetics, will deliver a motivational address this weekend at the Best Western Regency Inn in Winston-Salem.

"Heart to Heart," presented by Senior Sales Director Frances Bradley will be Friday from 7 until 9 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m.

Friday night is Guest Night. Door prizes will be given away and Nicholson will be speaking about the Mary Kay company and what it offers.

Saturday morning will be the Red Jacket Debut.

This is a promotion celebration ceremony for consultants who are moving up to management in their areas. Nicholson will be speaking at this program also.

Nicholson became a part-time beauty consultant in 1977. By 1978 she had become a director.

She is a 14-time Gold Medal winner and six-time Circle of Achievement member. She qualified for her first pink Cadillac in 1986 and has been a member of the Queen's court of Recruiting and Director Queen's court of Personal Sales.

"Gerri is everybody's friend as well as the epitome of a successful businesswoman," said Senior NSD Barbara Sunden. She is an effective leader with a tender touch who is dedicated to Mary Kay."

Nicholson attributes her success to putting others first. "I've always been able to step back," she said. "I put my consultants, directors and customers first. I put them in the limelight."

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