

Superintendent Wants To Start Scholarship Program With WSSU In The Fall

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Superintendent Donald Martin wants to partner with Winston-Salem State University to implement a scholarship program this fall that will bring at least 20 new black teachers into the school system in three years.

"If we can get it advertised and students selected I would love to do that this fall," Martin said.

Funds for the scholarship program is included in the \$35,000 in the proposed budget for recruitment. School board members are expected to vote on the budget that will ask the county for about \$67 million Thursday night.

The scholarship will provide 20 education majors with a scholarship that covers their full

tuition. Half will be paid by the school system and half by WSSU. Upon receiving the scholarship, students will have to agree to teach in Forsyth County for three years.

Lelia Vickers, director of teacher education at WSSU, said she is not surprised that Martin is moving to implement this program only one year after he has been in the school system.

"I perceive Dr. Martin as an individual who is able to work with different individuals and build collaborative partnerships," she said. "And I believe he knows that diversity makes a difference in all children's lives, not just the ones of color."

The proposed scholarship program mirrors one Martin began in Rowan County with Livingston College which is located in Salisbury. However,



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the program at Livingston only provides money for one student while 20 will receive the scholarship at WSSU.

Most characteristics of the program, however, will stay in tact. For example, if a scholarship recipient chooses not to remain in the Forsyth County system for at least three years he/she must repay two-thirds of the scholarship money. If the school system terminates the

agreement, then the student is free from repayment. Also, scholarship recipients are expected to maintain a 3.0 grade point average.

In addition to the 20 WSSU students, Martin said he would also like to have a similar agreement with a Wake Forest University graduate student.

The cost of a year's tuition at WSSU is about \$600 per semester Vickers said. In a budget

meeting Martin suggested that the tuition price for a Wake Forest graduate student might be close to \$10,000 per year.

Vickers said for many education majors, the Forsyth County school system is their first choice for employment. However, for many, other systems like Charlotte offer more money.

"Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools has had a recruiting effort that's second to none but for our best students there is a lot of competition," she said.

One recruiting effort that has given Forsyth County somewhat of an advantage, Vickers said, is for the school system to issue contracts early.

Martin said a realistic goal for the African American teacher population in the school system is to be equal of that in the work-

force. Certain factors would come into play, he said, such as how many African-Americans actually applied for jobs within the system.

The recruiting weekend drew about three or four African Americans who said they would definitely come to Winston-Salem.

For the past two years the racial composition of minority teachers, counselors and librarians has been 22 percent according to the Minority Hiring Report for 1993-94.

Some activities the school system has been involved in to recruit more minority teachers is attend job fairs, precontract some minority teachers and contact placement officers at historically black colleges and universities.

Glover Talks to Students on Life's Experiences

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Danny Glover, characterized his visit to Hill Middle School as more than a mere public appearance.

"I do it because I care and I support the work that is being done," he said. "I live in this world with you and I care about the quality of life in the world we live in."

Glover, known for his roles in "Lethal Weapon" and "The Color Purple", made presentations at Hill Middle School and the Downtown School on Monday while he was visiting Winston-Salem.

Glover was in town to help raise money for a scholarship bearing the name of Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Dr. Cleon Thompson.

The Winston-Salem Alumni

Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity is recognizing Thompson through the scholarship.

Thompson is a member of the fraternity.

Funds for the scholarship were raised with the presentation of "An Evening with Langston and Martin," performed by Glover and Felix Justice. The presentation was a series of dramatic readings about the lives of Langston Hughes and Martin Luther King, Jr.

This is Thompson's tenth and final year as Chancellor of WSSU. Glover told students although they might think of him as a superstar, he has life experiences many of them may be familiar with. Glover talked of his young nephew who has been shot, shot another youth and is now on the run in fear of retaliation by his victim's friends.

"You wouldn't expect Danny

Glover of 'Lethal Weapon' to know that story," he said. "I'm troubled because what happens to him affects me." Glover reminded the youth that they too must be concerned about things they do good or bad because it will touch someone else. "Just as when our successes in life effects those around us when we fail it effects others in a dramatic world in a dramatic way."

Glover encouraged the youth not to resort to negative activity when they are angry but vent that anger into something constructive or positive.

"Transform your anger into something that promotes and is a demonstration of who we can be and what we can do as human beings," he said. "We have to find the good in each other and praise it. We need to do that now more than ever."



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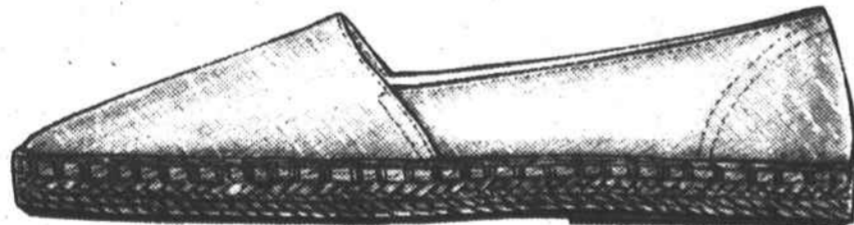
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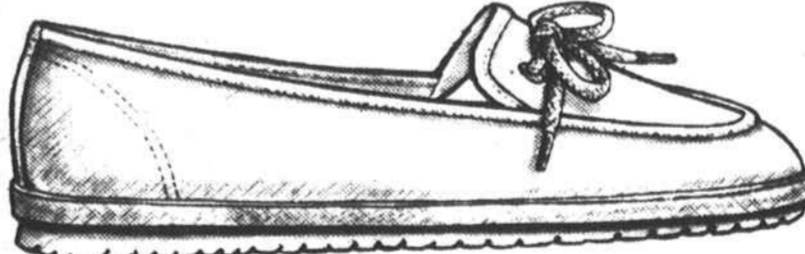
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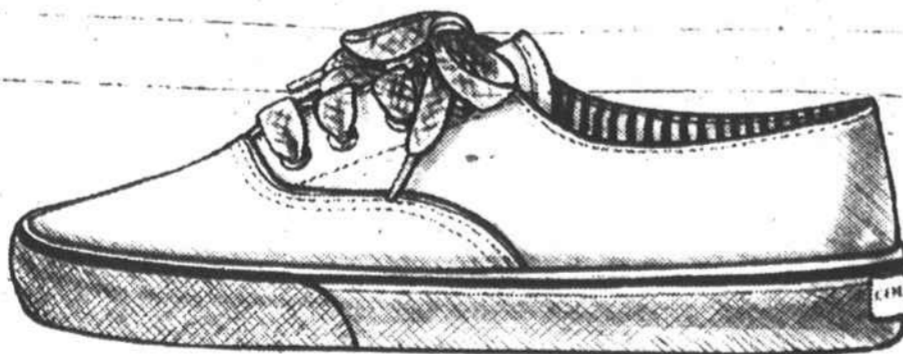
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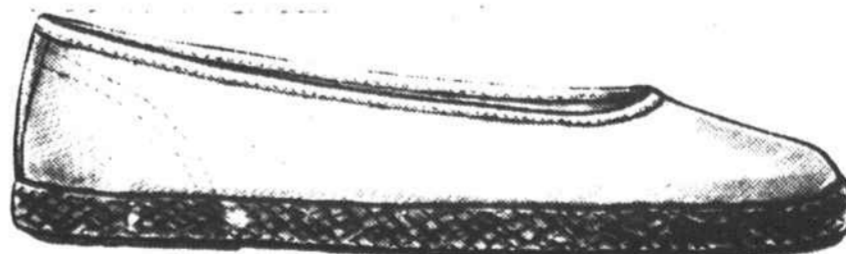
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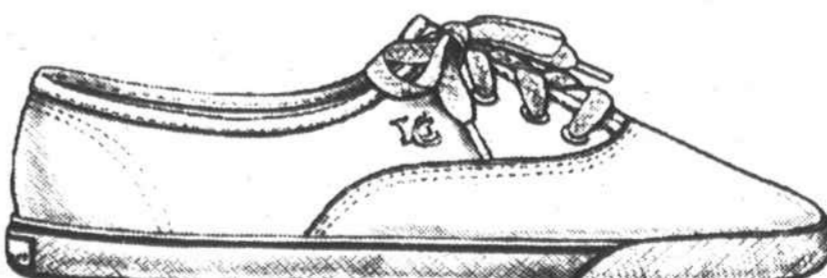
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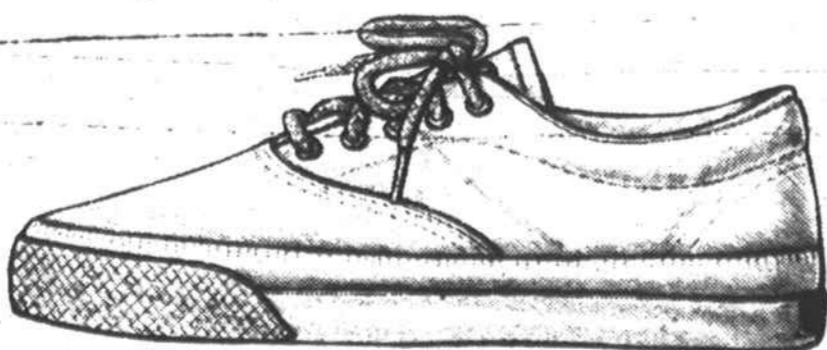


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