

## St. Mark Holds 19th Annual King, Queen Pageant

St. Mark Baptist Church, recently held its 19th Annual Mr. & Miss St. Mark King and Queen Pageant. Marvin Fulwood and Sharon Wilson were crowned Mr. and Miss St. Mark.

Wilson is now a permanent Queen after winning three years straight.

Ronald Claggett was First Runner-up for king, and Melvin Lewis was second runner-up.

Bernice Black was first runner-up for queen, and Oddessa Harris was second runner-up.

The pageant was directed by Hattie Fulwood.

The pageant raised more than \$5,000. The Rev. James Fulwood is pastor.

▲ Pictured right Marvin Fulwood and Sharon Wilson, Mr & Mrs. St. Mark



## New Youth Career Club Helps Fight Crime

By SHANNON HICKERSON  
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The 920 Youth Career Club started as a way for the Cleveland Avenue public housing residents to fight the war against drugs.

"We (foot patrol) noticed that for every young person we arrested for drugs, there were five more waiting to take their place," said Sgt. Stephen Hairston. "The drug dealers had a big influence and we felt they (the youth) needed a more positive influence."

Since the program was implemented, the group has visited Wake Forest University, most of the historically black institutions and, most recently, Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

The Safer Communities Foundation is also teaching the children about the basic principles of conflict resolution.

The main focus of the group when visiting the universities is having them fill out interest cards to find out what the admission requirements are, Hairston

said. "The group gives them exposure to a way of living to be positive in the community," Hairston said. "They are also exposed to working people who just make a living."

At Bowman Gray, the students toured parts of the facilities and had a question and answer session with minority medical students, some of whom lived in the same type housing communities.

The main goal, said Dr. Velma Watts, director of minority affairs, was to let the young adults know that medical school is possible.

"If you start early and give children direction and focus, if they are really impressed, they will follow," Watts said. "Where you're coming from doesn't make a difference it is where you are going. But, you have to work hard."

Out of 55 kids that have been in the program, 97 percent have remained drug free and none have dropped out of school. With a success rate that good,

other foot patrols are taking note. "This is successful because the foot patrol is sincere about their jobs and they have built a trust with the adults in the community and built a working relationship with the staff at the housing authority," said Capt. Mike McCoy.

"Not only is the police department working on preventative measures of reducing crime, but the criminal justice system as a whole is realizing that it is more cost effective to deal with preventative measures than punitive.

The first group from the 920 Youth Career Club will graduate high school and Hairston says that his biggest dream is to see how many of them go to college.

"We know that it takes blood, sweat and dedication—that's what makes the program successful," Hairston said.

"Any victim of a crime will show appreciation to the police for the arrest of the suspect, but the victim will be more appreciative if they weren't a victim of crime at all."

## WFU Provost David Brown Praises Local Schools

By JOHN HINTON  
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The provost at Wake Forest University praised five local schools recently that won statewide awards for their academic programs, including Mineral Springs Elementary and Middle Schools for their art curriculum.

"Our system is number 1 in the state by sending no less than 25 seniors off to college with \$20,000 N.C. Teaching Fellowships," David G. Brown told about 50 gathered at the Chamber/School System Luncheon at the Eastgate Shopping Plaza.

"We insist upon measured success. We praise success because we expect it," Brown noted the achievements of:

\*Mineral Spring Middle School and the Downtown School for parent involvement.

\*The Downtown School for its emphasis upon multiple intelligences.

\*Philo Middle School for offering students a choice between a year-round and traditional schedule in the same building. \*Parkland High School for its creative implementation of the four period day.

\*Easton Elementary for its nationally recognized read program. "We have reason to be proud of our schools," Brown said. "In the end-of-the-term Reading and Math test, our stu-



David Brown

dents outscored their state counterparts in all grades. At every grade level we were above average."

Brown, a member of the Chamber of Commerce's Education Committee, cited the involvement of 150 businesses with various schools through the partnership program.

"Yet, we can and must do better," he said. "Good schools are magnets for good jobs. Companies want well educated employees, a skilled labor force. And their employees want good schools for their children."

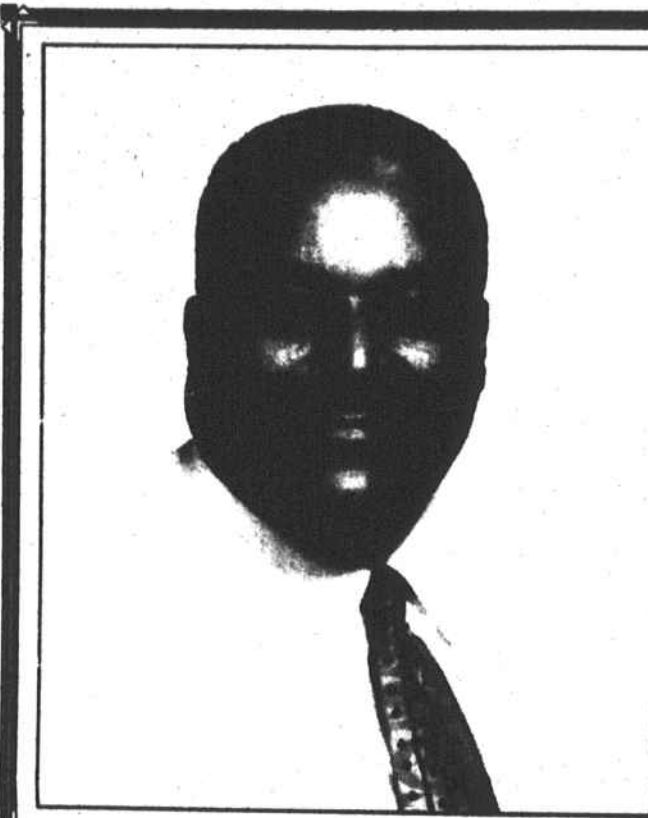
More jobs will be created in Winston-Salem if parents, educators, and business people "get involved in setting standards and measuring our progress against those standards," Brown told the audience of African Americans

and whites.

"We must all get involved in adding classrooms and computers to our strong corps of teachers," he said. "We must get all get involved in insisting and enabling our employees and their children to devote more hours to schooling, and creating a supportive environment."

Brown stressed that every parent, employer, worker, and citizen must devote more hours to education and create supportive environments for learning.

"Good employers insist upon good schools," he said. "Good schools beget good employers."



Charlie L. Kennedy, M.D., P.A. is pleased to announce the addition of Wilbert C. Dillard, Physician Assistant, to the practice of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine with Charlie L. Kennedy, M.D. and Pamela S. Dockery-Howard, M.D.

Mr. Dillard is a native of Winston-Salem, and graduated from Greensboro College in 1993 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. He received his Physician Assistant Certificate from Bowman Gray School of Medicine Physician Assistant Certificate Program on August 12, 1995. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Student Academy of the American Academy of Physician Assistants.

Mr. Dillard and his wife Deborah have four children, Wilbert III, Lucy, Emily and Amanda. In his leisure time, Mr. Dillard enjoys gardening and swimming with his family.

## Airmen Reunite 50 Years Later

TUSKEGEE, Ala. (AP) — The first black fighter and bomber pilots came home to Tuskegee, receiving a hero's welcome from residents who gathered in the old brick airplane hangar at Moton Field.

The Tuskegee Airmen returned recently to the site where their journey began more than 50 years ago, a journey that propelled blacks into military flight.

More than 450 blacks who rallied against an all-white military establishment trained at Tuskegee and were sent overseas to fight in World War II, shattering the bigoted stereotypes that blacks faced in the military.

The airmen, referred to as the "Black Redtail Angels," never lost a bomber they escorted to enemy fire in 200 escort missions. They amassed an impressive record with the destruction of 11 aircraft in aerial combat and 150 on the ground. They destroyed a German battleship using only .50-caliber machine guns.

The Tuskegee Airmen have claimed another victory in a battle many of them have fought for 50 years. Air Force officials removed letters of reprimand from the permanent military records of 15 black pilots at the

group's 24th annual convention banquet Saturday.

The pilots were part of a group of 104 who tried to desegregate the officers' club at Freeman Field, Ind., on April 5, 1945. According to U.S. War Department policy, the club was supposed to be integrated, but the local commander had defied the policy.

The letters had charged the men with "mutiny" and "breach of good order and discipline."

"When you're in the army fighting for your country you are first class regardless of color," said former 2nd Lt. Roger Terry, one of more than 100 black officers who challenged the commander and tried to enter the officers club. "I felt, and my fellow men felt, it was time to see whether or not our people would be better off than we began."

Terry was court-martialed, but was finally vindicated Saturday.

The 89 other members of the "Famous 104" will have the letters removed from their records as soon as they formally request the action.

An HBO Pictures movie about the Tuskegee Airmen, premieres on cable television on Saturday.



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