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## Covington Delivers Inaugural Address at Radford

Dr. Douglas Covington, a Winston-Salem native, was formally installed as the Fifth President of Radford University, Radford, Va., on September 18. The ceremony was held on the lawn in front of the McConnell Library and it was the Kick-off event for the University's annual Homecoming Weekend.

Karen Waldron, Rector of the Board of Visitors, presided at the Inaugural Exercises and Inducted the new president. Greetings were given on behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the City of Radford, Virginia Colleges and Universities, Faculty, Students, and Alumni and the Director and Head of Department, School of Scottish Studies, University of Edinburgh, Scotland. A Reception followed the Inauguration on the McConnell Library Lawn.

Covington, who assumed his duties as president of the

85-year old institution on June 1, became the first African-American to serve as the president of a primarily white University in Virginia. He came to Radford from Cheyney University in Pennsylvania where he had served as president since 1992.

Prior to serving as president of Cheyney University, Covington had served as chancellor of Winston-Salem State University, President of A&M University in Huntsville, Ala., and Interim President of Shelby State Community College in Memphis, Tenn. He has also served in other leadership positions in both the Public Schools and in higher education.

Delegates from 72 academic institutions and four Learned Societies participated in the Inaugural procession, and 189 Colleges and Universities sent Dr. Covington congratulations upon his appointment as

President of Radford University. Three pieces of music were written and played especially for the Inauguration.

Winston-Salem residents attending the inauguration and events associated with the Inauguration were: Dr. Gerald McCants, Mr. & Mrs. G. Roy Phillips, Attorney and Mrs. Harold L. Kennedy, Jr., and Dr. & Mrs. C. B. Hauser.

Also, the Rev. and Mrs. Cedric S. Rodney, Louise Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Roland S. Watts, Inez Davis, Cheryl Bradshaw-Super, Dr. Virginia K. Newell, and Nell D. Britton.

Covington began his education in the local public schools and is a graduate of Central State University in Wilberforce, Ohio. He holds both master's and doctorate degrees from Ohio State University. He is married to Beatrice Mitchell and they have two adult sons, Jeffrey and Anthony.

## Annual Meeting/Game to be Held Nov. 5

Winners Last Week  
Monday, October 16, 1995  
2 p.m. - Carl Russell Recreation Center  
First Place - Pauline Caldwell and Rosetta Hauser

Second Place - Bessie Allen and Demerice Erwin  
Third Place - Billie Matthews and Ruth Washington

Tuesday, October 17, 1995  
7 p.m. - Winston Lake Family YMCA

Winston-Salem Duplicate Bridge Club

1/2 Place Tie - Rosalind Bell and Darlene B. Grady

1/2 Place Tie - Geraldine Cary and Freddie Gary

Thursday, October 19, 1995 - 7 p.m. - Rupert Bell Recreation Center

Kings and Queens Duplicate Bridge Club

First Place - Sandra Brown and Pauline Caldwell

Note: This was a "team game" and no master points were awarded.

Other Bridge News  
The Winston-Salem Dupli-

cate Bridge Club will not have games on Tuesday, October 31 (Halloween) and Tuesday, November 7 (Election Day). This means there will be no Tuesday night game for two

consecutive weeks. The next Tuesday game will be November 14, 1995. The Triad Bridge Unit will have its Annual Meeting/Game on Sunday, November 5, 1995. The event will be held at the Dudley's Cosmetology University. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m., followed by the game at 3 p.m. All bridge players are invited to participate in the game.

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All unit members are urged to make a special effort to attend the meeting. Reports

from committees are due. The unit's newsletter will be distributed during the meeting. All news for the newsletter is due no later than Saturday, October 28, 1995.

As announced earlier in the year, the writer of this column will terminate this volunteer contribution, and urges someone to step forward to continue this work. November 1, 1995 was set as the date for someone to make it know of their interest in writing and being responsible for this column.

The present writer will be available to help a replacement during November and December, if needed and desired.

## Foster Care & Adoption

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# "An Evening With Rachelle Ferrell"

**Friday,  
November 3  
8 p.m.  
K.R.  
Williams  
Auditorium**

**Presented By  
The Winston-Salem  
State University  
LYCEUM Cultural Events  
Committee**



**Tickets: \$10 in advance  
\$12 at the door**

Tickets go on sale October 23, M-F 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m.  
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