

# World Discovers Female Writers

## ◆ Ingram Lectures on African American Literature at Salem College

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African American women writers have portrayed three types of black females in 20th century literature - the suspended woman, the assimilated woman, and the emerging woman, Dr. Elwanda Ingram said in a speech this week.

"The world has discovered African American women writers," Ingram said. "They were always there, but no one took

the time to look."

Ingram, an English professor at Winston-Salem State University, spoke to 30 students, faculty members, and administrators at Salem College. Her speech was part of the "Voices of Struggle" Lecture Series, which celebrates the college's observance of Black History Month.

The Salem College Center for Women Writers sponsored Ingram's speech.

The suspended black woman is trapped by time and space, Ingram said.

"They carry everyone's burden," she added. "They endure racial and sexual oppression, pain, violence and death. They either kill others or commit suicide."

Ingram, a member of the advisory boards of the Council on the Status of Women and the N.C. Black Repertory Company, used women characters from the works of Toni Morrison and Alice Walker as examples of suspended women.

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with Dr. Eileen Wilson-Oyleran, dean of Salem College.

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## Womble, Eversley Ignored During FTCC Board of Trustees Meeting

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The Forsyth Technical Community College Board of Trustees ignored the Rev. Carlton Eversley and State Rep. Larry Womble, D-Forsyth County, at the board's meeting last week.

Womble and Eversley were asked to attend the meeting after questions had been raised concerning the ratio of African American administrators and faculty members to students.

Womble said the questions concerning the number of African American administrators and faculty members were asked after he received a report

informing him of the low numbers.

The report indicates African Americans represent 25 percent of the student population at the college, but only 10 percent of the faculty.

Of the 18 member house-keeping staff, 15 are African American.

"If they can find blacks to be janitors, maids, and custodians, then why can't you find any to be faculty members and administrators?" Womble asked.

Womble said the excuses given in the past such as, African Americans aren't qualified or interested, are no longer acceptable.

"We were invited to attend the meeting and then they put us at the end, after the meeting had officially adjourned," Womble said.

"That was an error," said Gordon Hughes, Chairman of the Board of Trustees. "Our procedure calls for us to go through our meeting and presentations are made at the end."

According to Hughes, normally if there are visitors present, the board will acknowledge them at the beginning. "Mr. Eversley and Mr. Womble came in after the meeting had begun," he added.

"We met several months ago with Gordon Hughes to discuss the lack of African

Americans on the staff and he invited us to the meeting," said Eversley, who is pastor at Dellabrook Presbyterian Church.

He thought that even if he and Womble could not address the board during the meeting, that they would be included in a group discussion.

"But that's not how it happened," he said.

According to Womble and Eversley, they sat during the meeting and were not addressed until the meeting was adjourned.

Although board members knew why Eversley and Womble were attending, at no time were they asked to comment or



Rep. Larry Womble



Rev. Carlton Eversley

express their views.

"Once the meeting adjourned they said, 'For those of you who want to stay, we have Rev. Carlton Eversley and Rep. Larry Womble to speak,'" Womble said.

Three of the 12 board members dismissed themselves before they spoke, Womble said.

After expressing their views and concerns to the

board, Womble and Eversley said some board members still were not receptive.

"Some people wanted to challenge Mr. Womble on the way he voted in the State House concerning community colleges," Eversley said.

Womble said that was an evasive tactic to try and divert the attention to something else

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## Lowe's Asks Magistrate To Change Check Policy

By JOHN HINTON  
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Lowe's Companies Inc. of North Wilkesboro is requesting the Forsyth County Magistrate Office to change its policy of requiring local businesses to provide race, gender, age, and telephone numbers of customers writing checks.

Lowe's officials are seeking the change in the policy after Evon L. Crooks of Winston-Salem complained last week that a cashier at Lowe's hardware store on North Liberty Street wrote "BM" on the top right corner his \$19.47 check.

But Forsyth County Magistrate Nancy Phelps

says that her office does not require businesses to identify check writers solely by race or gender.

"That is not our policy," she said. "All we requested is that they be able to identify worthless check writers."

Merchants, who suspect someone using a worthless check, can identify them by height, weight, color of eyes, color of hair, tattoos, race or gender, Phelps said.

"It was Lowe's policy to place race and gender on checks," she added. "We never mandated that they put anything on a check."

However, W. Cliff Oxford, Lowe's senior vice president for corporate and

human development, insisted that the Forsyth County Magistrate Office forces Lowe's cashiers to record race, gender, age, and telephone numbers on every check.

The magistrate office stipulated that Lowe's and other county businesses could identify check-writers several ways- height, weight, age, hair and eye color, scars and tattoos; race and gender; or by all characteristics.

"It is practically impossible for us to put a scale at every cash register to record the height and weight of every customer," said David Oliver, Lowe's manager of community relations.

"As of last week,



Evon L. Crooks

Crooks was the only customer to complain about the race and gender identification on checks, Oliver said.

"Lowe's is a strong supporter and enforcer of the principles of equality and fair treatment," Oxford stated in letter to the Chronicle. "We are appreciative to Mr. Crooks for bringing to our attention

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## CIAA Tourney Set For Feb. 25, Events Scheduled

By MAURICE CROCKER  
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Programs and activities are being finalized for the more than 20,000 people who plan to attend the CIAA tournament next week in Winston-Salem.

Students, alumni and administrators from 13 of the prestigious historical black colleges and universities in the conference come from all around to attend the basketball tournament.

Over the years the tournament has grown to be more of a social event rather than a contest to test the skills and abilities of the conference players.

As a result of the great interest to meet and greet for those who attend various activities have been scheduled.

On Feb. 25, activities begin with the women's opening dinner. The dinner will be held at the Benton Convention Center. The guest speaker will be Myrlie Evers-Williams, former president of the NAACP.

Women's preliminary round gets under way on the 26th. Games will begin at 11 a.m.

On Tuesday, Feb. 27 the men will have their opening dinner, which will be held at the Benton Convention Center. The guest speaker will be Kweisi Mfume, president of the NAACP. The Men's preliminary round will get under way on the 28th.

Area high school students will have a chance to meet with representatives from the colleges during high school day. The event will be held on Thursday Feb. 29th and will begin at 8 a.m.

At 9 a.m. there will be a hall of fame presentation for the CIAA officials at the Benton Convention Center March 1.

Also on the 29th the most talked about and anticipated fashion show and luncheon will be at the Benton Con-

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*This Week in Black History*  
February 23, 1965  
Constance Baker Motley elected Manhattan Borough president, the highest elective office held by a black woman in a major American city.

## Health Fair Draws 100 People

### ◆ Kids get exams, dental check, advice

By JOHN HINTON  
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Nearly 100 children visited the Health Fair at the Winston Lake YMCA last week, receiving physical examinations, dental check-ups and advice about nutrition and drug abuse. Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. sponsored the event.

"We thought it would be a trickle, but they came in waves," said Darrin Eaton, coordinator of the Health Fair.

Parents brought their children for the medical

screening. Many of them were attending a youth league basketball game at the YMCA.

The children live in various city neighborhoods such as Kimberly Park and Happy Hills Gardens. "Some of neighborhood kids may not be checked out by a health care professional on a regular basis," Eaton said. "If you start young people on good health care, they

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Dr. Perrin Black, a local dentist, examines the teeth of Lisa Morris, an 11-year old student at Kernersville Elementary School.