

The Great Food Flip Flop Flap: Part II

▲ Guilford College gives Marriott taste of Shaw Foods' Menu

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Last week, in an exclusive feature run in every black newspaper in the state, the Winston Salem Chronicle reported on an imbroglio centered around how two historically black colleges — North Carolina A&T State University and North Carolina Central University — broke contracts for campus food service with black-owned Shaw Food Services of Fayetteville, N.C. That race and racism were undertows in the main

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current of the affair, now in court, is a given. This week, the Chronicle has learned that a similar situation is taking off at Guilford College, an old, elegant and eminent Quaker college in Greensboro. Dr. Donald W. McNemar has sent a long and passionate letter to the Guilford College community, addressing the college's official reactions to the decision by its

food service vendor — mega-size Marriott Corporation — to put on probation a longtime black employee of the College, Douglass Gilmer.

On Sept. 19, Guilford College, in reaction to what students call "Marriott-messing with Mr. Gilmer," whom McNemar describes in his letter as "a long-time and very respected member of the college community," withdrew its food service contract with Marriott.

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Donald W. McNemar, president of Guilford College

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McMillan honored for excellence in teaching

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When the news that Felecia Piggott-McMillan had been selected as the Southeast Regional winner of the 1996 Excellence in Teaching Award reached her students and colleagues at Mount Tabor High School in Winston-Salem, they were, according to Principal Martha Land, "extremely proud and pleased, but not at all surprised." McMillan has spent all of her 12 years in the WS/FCS system at Mount Tabor, and her imprint there runs deep; she was selected its teacher of the year two years ago.

Last week, the impact of McMillan's central mission — education — was broadened by the National Council of Negro Women at its 10th annual awards dinner at the Eugene Marcus Martin Auditorium in Atlanta. Said Dorothy I. Height, council president and CEO, "We believe that by honoring teachers, we bring attention to the efforts being made every day in our school systems to help train and develop African-American youth to be tomorrow's overcomers, achievers, and leaders. We are honored to present the Southeast Regional Excellence in Teaching Award to Ms. Piggott-McMillan of Winston-Salem, NC."

The national title went to Linda Alston of Denver, Colo.

The Award — a foot-tall abstract Tiffany crystal sculpture on a black onyx base, along with a large marble and bronze inscribed plaque on cherry wood, and the \$1,000 monetary award, is sponsored by Shell Oil Company. Vivian L. Turner of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company recommended McMillan for the award.

The collaboration between



The National Council of Negro Women flew McMillan to Washington, D.C., to meet her congressman, Melvin Watt, of the 12th District.

Shell Oil and the NCNW is built around Shell's commitment to "working with educators and community people to ensure that stu-

"Felecia McMillan lives and breathes the best example of the teaching profession ... her nurturing and reinforcement of student needs takes place both in and outside of the school. She is exceptional and much deserves this recognition from the National Council of Negro Women ... and all the rest of us!"

—Dr. Donald Martin, Superintendent
Winston-Salem Forsyth County Schools

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Black lawmakers promised probe of CIA drug link

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA Director John Deutch is promising an independent probe of whether his agency used drug money in the 1980s to aid anti-communist rebels in Nicaragua.

Deutch said Thursday the CIA inspector general, who is independent from agency control, will examine allegations made by the San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News that the agency funneled profits from a crack cocaine ring to the Contras fighting to overthrow the Sandinista government in Managua.

Black lawmakers say they've been deluged with calls from constituents angry over the newspaper series that detailed the spread of crack cocaine through America's inner cities, allegedly with the knowledge of the CIA.

"There is a tremendous amount of distrust," said Rep. Donald Payne, D-N.J., the caucus chairman. But Deutch, he said,

"seems to have the spirit that I've never seen before in a CIA director. He seems to want to see us get to the bottom of this. He says he was teaching school when this

Justice to investigate CIA drug connection

SAN JOSE, California (AP) — The U.S. Justice Department will launch an independent investigation into allegations the CIA funneled profits from a crack cocaine ring to aid anti-communist rebels in Nicaragua.

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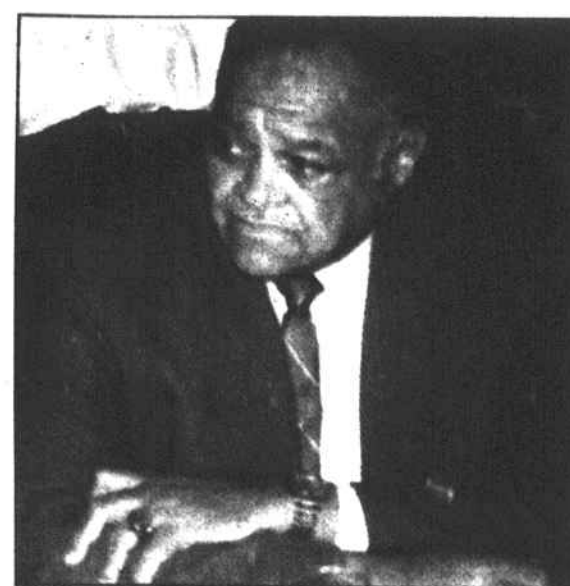
Tailgate Party: Bighouse's Next Frontier

By WILLIAM H. TURNER, Ph.D.
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"Bighouse" personifies the Ashante proverb "A log may forever lie in water, but it will never become a crocodile." Clarence E. Gaines, at the behest of new WSSU Chancellor Alvin Schexnider, is at it again. The 73-year-old emeritus professor, honorary doctoral recipient, and freelance public relations gem of the Rams, may be retired, but he will never tire of working for his beloved WSSU.

The Oct. 4 weekend — WSSU's Founder's Day and Homecoming — will mark what the former coach and athletic director at State calls "a new tradition I want to start, to get those who love the college to do, in support of our programs. I know my friends and former players will be there."

Tailgate parties are well-entrenched



Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines traditions in many American colleges and universities. Locally, Wake Forest Univer-

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This Week in Black History
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Ezzard Charles defeated Joe Louis in heavyweight championship fight in New York City.

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Concert to prevent drug use

▲ Middle School takes the offensive

By MAURICE CROCKER
Community News Reporter

The walls at Northwest Middle School were shaking Tuesday morning as students and faculty attended a rap concert that promoted drug prevention.

More than 1,000 students waved their hands in the air, bobbed their heads, and did all the latest dances, during the two-hour concert.

The crowd was entertained by the AGAPE Performers, a rap group consisting of local teens and youths who try to send a positive message to other youths.

"Our group's motto is, if you don't start drugs, you won't have to stop," said "Kid" the group's lead rapper.

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Students from Northwest Middle School attend a drug prevention concert held at the school Tuesday morning.

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