



Left to right, Michelle Williams, Tanya McDougal, director Florine Miller and Tanya Little show off designs created by Winston-Salem's Belinda Allah.

## Positive Images seeks models, performers

Positive Images...and More, a fashion consulting business based in Winston-Salem, will launch its 1997 Model Search with registration on Sunday, Aug. 24, at the Anderson Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University, for its fall/winter designer fashion shows. Positive Images offers fashion shows as entertainment events at a number of venues.

Owner/director Florine Miller will be screening for male and female models of all races, of all sizes. She is also seeking twin models for a special show this season. Models must be middle-school age and older.

"My shows are uniquely designed to represent real people," said Miller. "What you won't find is your typical cover-girl model."

Miller said she started the business last year because of her concern for young people.

"There is an enemy in our society that antagonizes young people in every community," she said. "This enemy can mentally, physically and spiritually damage an individual for life. It's called 'low self-esteem.'"

She said that through Positive Images...and More she wants to help people of all ages develop a greater sense of confidence and self-worth.

For the fall/winter shows, Miller is expanding the talent base by incorporating male and female vocalists, singing groups (2-4 people), and rappers. Details about auditions will be given at the Aug. 24 registration. There is a \$20 fee for registration. Individuals not chosen will receive incentives as well.

For more information, call 650-1560.

## LYONS

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"There has never been any money taken from this church or from the National Baptist Convention to secure the loan on the house," Mrs. Lyons also recanted her previous statement, and said the fire was an accident and she believed her husband had been faithful.

Lyons told authorities that the house was used for ministers' retreats, to the surprise of some Baptist officials, who said they never knew the house existed. Lyons does not have permission to spend convention money on personal real estate deals, the church officials said.

Lyons' fundraising letter asked

that all churches give no less than \$300, and urged others to give \$1,000, in order to raise an extra \$1 million for a religious center in Denver, Colo.

The request was not made without apparent apprehension. "I am fearful that certain churches and pastors will withhold their financial contributions to the convention programs this year," Lyons wrote in the Aug. 1 letter.

The controversy does not appear to be blowing over.

"We need to put him out of there," said the Rev. David Weeks Jr., president of the Philadelphia Baptist Ministers Conference. "People are getting the picture that all Baptist preachers are like

Lyons, but it ain't that way at all." Lyons' term as president expires in 1999. The Rev. Raymond Bowman of Nashville agreed. "We want him totally out of the mix," said Bowman, adding that Lyons "betrayed a sacred trust."

The statement from the Pennsylvania ministers was the first formal announcement made by Baptists since the allegations about Lyons surfaced. If enough other churches adopt such resolutions, Lyons could be forced to step down.

The National Baptist Convention USA is the largest black church organization in the country, with 8.5 million members.

## IMPASSE

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Meanwhile, the interim budget put in place by the Local Government Commission expires Aug. 31, and there is still no town budget.

The impasse could force the LGC to adopt a year-long budget and a tax rate for the politically divided town.

"We're still waiting for the

board and the town to solve its own problems," said Bob High, deputy state treasurer and secretary of the Local Government Commission. "However, I will be prepared to present a budget to the committee."

High said he will be prepared to recommend a tax rate Sept. 2, when the commission's executive committee meets. If the commission adopts a budget and sets the tax rate, the local town board will

be unable to change the tax rate during the fiscal year, he said.

High predicts there would be no increase in the tax rate over last year and no appropriation for an employee pay raise.

Hardaway has demanded a 5.1 percent pay raise for town employees, as well as water and sewer improvements. Many residents still use outdoor faucets and ancient outdoor privies.

## Spainhour resigns from WSTA

After serving 22 years on the Winston-Salem Transit Authority board of directors, Chairman Sterling A. Spainhour has resigned. Spainhour will be honored with a reception at the Transportation Center today, where Mayor Martha S. Wood will present him with a commendation.

During Spainhour's tenure and leadership on the board, significant accomplishments were made. Successful ride-sharing, carpool and vanpool programs were initiated, and a new center opened earlier this year.

"With the opening of the new Transit Center, the Authority begins a new era in public transportation," said Spainhour. "It



Sterling A. Spainhour

seemed to me that this is an appropriate time to leave the board."

Spainhour joined the board in 1975 and had served as chairman since 1983. He has been replaced by Dan Beerman, chairman, and Martha Jones, vice chairman.

Spainhour is senior vice president and counsel for Wachovia Bank. He also serves as an adjunct professor of law at Wake Forest University School of Law.

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For more information, call Nona Smith, RN at (910) 718-5343.

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