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## Children get guidance, education and recreation

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On Valentine's Day, the 14th Street Community Center threw a party. But it wasn't an ordinary Valentine's Day jam.

This gathering, which was hosted by the community group-""Brothers and Sisters Rising, was a 3 joyous celebration for the children of the community and their supporters.

Three supporters of Brothers and Sisters Rising and the children \_ who are assisted by this grassroots group were honored at the gather-, ing.

The Rev. Samuel Hodges of h' First Stephen's Church, Jack Cavanagh, mayor of Winston-3. Salem; and Walter Marshall, ... Forsyth County commissioner, all ... were awarded wooden plaques by Brothers and Sisters Rising and -" the 14th Street Community Center " as a symbol of appreciation for all of their help and assistance.

The brief and modest awards ceremonial portion of the Valentine's Day party was held in the small gymnasium of the 14th Street Community Center. The audience was comprised mainly of about fifty children who ranged in age from about five to 13 years old. Cavanagh, after giving a short speech about his life, ancestry and ar religious faith, informed the children and the few adults in attentandance that he was willing to help " them in whatever way that he tir could.

"You don't have to come from it royalty or a rich background to W become an alderman in the city of "Winston-Salem...or a North "- Carolina senator...[or] mayor...," said Cavanagh.

"You have 4 years to come to



Two youngsters enjoy themselves at a Valentine's Day gathering at the 14th Street **Community Center.** 

me for help and I will do all that I can," Cavanagh concluded.

Marshall wasn't able to attend the party.

But Hodges, as president of Brothers and Sisters Rising, was in the house. And he commanded, with his presence, the respect and attention of both the children and the adults.

Charlene Rickard is the hardworking vice president of this 4-H charter group which is dedicated to helping the children of the Cleveland Avenue Homes area and its surrounding communities. With guidance, education and recreation activities, Brothers and Sisters Rising is trying to make a differ-

"I like doing what we're doing in the community, and love playing a part in somebody's child's [development] as somebody is playing a part in our children's [development]," said Rickard.

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al assault are very unusual for our campus. Up to this point, during this academic year, we've had no reported sexual assaults on our

campus," said Welborne. "For your information," Welborne added, "two of these basically were robberies, and two were a combination of robbery and sexual assault."

Immediately after the first criminal attack on Feb. 4, the campus police claims to have taken action.

"Upon us being notified of the first assault, we immediately began surveillance of the area where this occurred. We increased our foot patrols and we also sent out an alert to the university community," stated Williams.

"Upon the second attack," continued Williams, "we started an immediate intensive investigation cooperation with the in Greensboro Police Department...and we also checked with the surrounding universities to see if they had any similar attacks...We also have been working in cooperation with the State

Bureau of Investigation to see if we can round-up this suspect as quickly as possible."

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Authorities believe that the same perpetrator is responsible for all four of these crimes.

The suspect is reported to be a 5'10" to 6'1" Black male in his early twenties with a light-brown complexion. He weighs approximately 180 lbs., has hazel eyes and sports a Hitler-style mustache. Also, he is described as wearing a blue-hooded rain jacket.

The suspect is potentially dangerous. He has reportedly used a handgun in two of the attacks and a knife in the others, said Williams. But "to this point, none of the victims have been physically harmed."

In addition to increased safety measures such as improved campus lighting and police foot patrols, the university has upped its reward offer from \$500 to \$1,000 for any information regarding these robberies and sexual assaults. Please call 334-7155 or 334-7675 to share any information which might solve these crimes.



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## City appoints Lucas to M/WBE post

Assistant City Manager J. Allen Joines announced the appointment of Denise Mitchell Lucas to the position of Minority and Women's Business Enterprise program coordinator.

Lucas reports to Joines and is responsible for carrying out the city's M/WBE and Section 3 contractor's business program. Section 3 is a construction training program, and the monitoring of all city projects under the umbrella of Section 3 federal regulations. Lucas also will be working closely with the Business Development Department in obtaining assistance for disadvantaged businesses.

Lucas began working with the city in 1993 as a youth counselor in the Workforce Development Department and was promoted to eligibility specialist and to job training specialist. In 1995, she was promoted to Section 3 coordina-

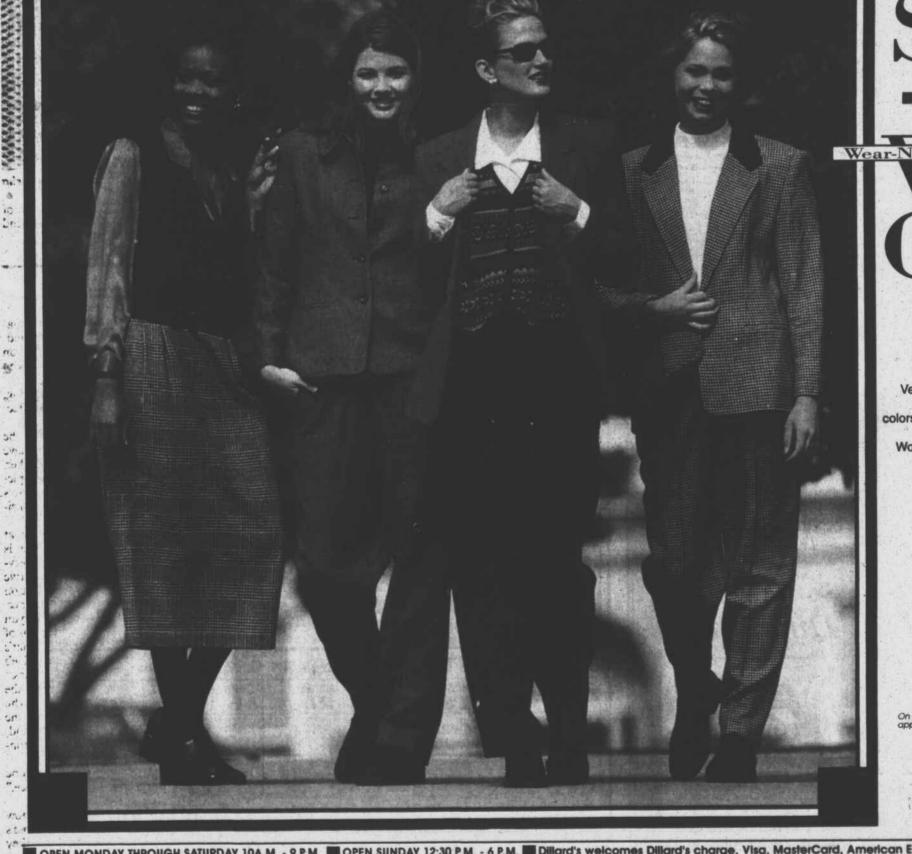


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