

Church, WFUMC to hold health fair

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Students from Wake Forest University School of Medicine and Physicians from Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center will host a health fair Saturday, Feb. 5, at Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church.

Health Fair 2000 will feature free talks and demonstrations about health risks such as hypertension, diabetes, cancer and heart disease. The fair will

be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; admission is free.

It is the first time that WFU medical students will be involved in an event like this, said Nadia Sutherland, a student coordinator for the event.

"It is part of a national initiative to promote good health," she said. "Medical students all over the country are doing the same type of (health fairs)."

Free screenings and tests

include glucose screenings, blood pressure checks and sickle cell testing.

A variety of activities and presentations will be offered, including an information session on domestic violence by Family Services Inc., and a talk by pediatric endocrinologist Dr. Robert P. Schwartz titled "Healthy Lifestyles for Kids."

Sutherland says the event is a way to give back to the community. She is hoping that peo-

ple come out and take advantage of the free service.

The American Medical Student Association, the Student National Medical Association and the student chapter of the American Medical Association at Wake Forest are sponsoring Health Fair 2000.

Mt. Pleasant Missionary Baptist Church is located at 795 Crawford Place, across from Kimberley Park School.

Church to hold services for students

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Green Street Church will hold an eight-week session especially for college students, beginning Wednesday, Feb. 9. Using the "Serendipity" series of group-building and faith-exploring material, each session will last from 6 to 8 p.m., beginning with a snack supper.

Meeting students at other colleges is an additional benefit of the series. Special invitations have been sent to Salem College, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem State University and the North Carolina School of the Arts.

Green Street Church, a United Methodist congregation, is at 639 S. Green Street, in the West

Salem neighborhood. Its community outreach makes it an appropriate gathering place for students who wish to break barriers that so often separate groups. The church includes people from a variety of backgrounds, both in its congregation and on its staff.

The group will be convened by Rev. Ellen Yarborough and will then establish its own guidelines

and leadership. Also participating will be the Wesley Foundation ministers at the local universities, Rev. Tim Auman, Rev. Juanita Tatum and Laura Elliott.

There is no cost for the meal or the gathering, and preregistration is not required. For more information or to request transportation, call Yarborough at 723-9060 or 721-0606.

Theologian to lecture at WSSU

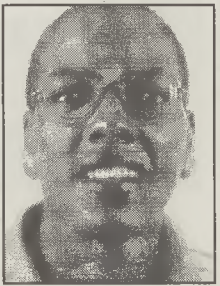
SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Dr. Kelly Brown Douglas, associate professor of systematic theology at Howard University School of Divinity, will deliver the next James A. Gray Religion and Ethics in the 21st Century lecture in Dillard Auditorium of the Albert H. Anderson Center on Thursday, Feb. 3, at 9:45 a.m.

Douglas' lecture, titled "A Spirituality of Survival, will focus on sexuality in the black church, which is the subject of her most recent book, "Sexuality and The Black Church." Douglas is also the author of the book "The Black Christ."

A prolific writer, she also has written chapters in numerous books such as "Embracing

the Spirit," "Living in the Intersection: Womanism and Afrocentricism in Theology," "Black Theology A Documentary History," and articles in numerous religious journals, which include: The Journal of Religious Thought, Anglican Theological Review, Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion, The Other Side, and Voices From The Third World, as well as numerous book reviews and encyclopedia entries.



Douglas

She has given public lectures and presentations across the country.

Douglas earned her bachelor of science degree in psychology from Denison University in Granville, Ohio, and her master of divinity and doctor of systematic theology degrees from Union Theological Seminary in New York, N.Y. She has received many awards and honors, including: Phi Beta Kappa, Hudnut Award for demonstrated preaching excellence, and Julius Hanson Award as an outstanding student in theological studies. She has been a Benjamin E. Mays Fellow for Ministerial Studies and received fellowships from the Fund for Theological Education and the Episcopal Foundation.

Before taking a position with the Howard University School of Divinity, Douglas served as assistant professor of religion at Edward Waters College in Jacksonville, Fla.

Sponsored by the James A. Gray Endowment and Winston-Salem State University, the lecture series is designed to spark thought-provoking discussion about some of the most pressing moral and ethical considerations of our time.

Dr. Cedric S. Rodney is James A. Gray professor of religion and ethics at WSSU and is the program coordinator. For more information about the lecture series, call Dr. Rodney at 336-750-2479 or 336-778-2005.

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ship are white people who want to control the museum and what will go in it, or black people who are "puppets" of white people, they said.

"Some people can't stand the fact that two black men who are alive and well and raising hell can do something like this," Alston said. "But they're afraid. They know Earl and I are not going to water this down."

"Some blacks feel that way, too. They think Earl and I are too bodacious. They've been brainwashed. Their self-esteem is gone. And that's what this museum is going to be about: self-esteem."

Some white people want the museum to fail and they have influ-

enced some black people, Jones said.

"It's called divide and conquer," he said. "White people have been doing it for years. They don't want the true story to be told."

Alston and Jones also have strong supporters, including state Sen. Bill Martin, D-Guilford, a black member of the museum foundation's board of directors. He said he feels strongly that Alston and Jones should retain their leadership roles.

On Feb. 1, 1960, four black North Carolina A&T State University students sat down at Woolworth's whites-only lunch counter and refused to leave after being denied service. That act led to the integration of communities throughout the South as sit-in demonstrations mushroomed from

city to city and Jim Crow laws were wiped from the books.

The museum opening has been delayed at least twice and now is at least three years away, Davis said.

Franklin McCain and Joseph McNeill, two of the four original sit-in demonstrators, said they intend to seek a meeting with Alston and Jones sometime during the sit-in anniversary celebration.

"I'm very disappointed," said McCain, now a retired Charlotte businessman. "I'm disappointed but not yet disgusted. Greensboro, through this museum, can still demonstrate to the whole world the importance of what happened here."

"But it must belong to the entire community, and the entire community must be made to feel like it's their museum. It can't

belong just to the black community. I've told that to Skip and Earl before, and I'll tell them again."

Theoretically, the board could remove Alston and Jones, but it would have to vote to change its charter, which gives them lifetime membership, and then vote to remove them, Davis said.

Davis, who is also a stockbroker, said people should blame him for the museum's delay. He said that when the museum board hired him in 1997, he had no experience with museums or nonprofit organizations.

"As a stockbroker, I could say 'Give me \$50,000 or \$60,000 and I'll make you some money,'" he said. "Now, all I can offer you is a tax deduction and a warm, fuzzy feeling. That took some getting used to."

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team; however, Robinson, Byrom and Hairston were the only ones disciplined, supposedly because they were the highest ranking officers working the event.

The demotions outraged many, including several aldermen, who contend that other parties responsible for the melee, including LJVJ officials, should be disciplined.

George Allison, the state executive director of the NAACP, will speak in support of the officers at Monday's meeting. He is expected to request that they be given back their stripes.

All three men filed grievances with City Manager Bill Stuart soon after being demoted and each had meetings with Stuart in mid-November. City officials say the ball is now in the court of the officers, who they say must schedule formal grievance hearings before any review can go forward.

But a source close to the matter, who requested anonymity, said more than one of the officers has expressed a desire that Stuart remove himself from proceedings.

Stuart's relationship with the police chief has been cited as one of the reasons the officers are uneasy about his overseeing the hearings, the source said.

Last year Stuart talked Davis out of retirement and into her current position, reportedly because he was overwhelmed by her leadership style and abilities.

Stuart's recruitment of Davis was roundly criticized by many local black officials, including Mayor Pro Tem Vivian Burke, who said Stuart's practice of hiring police chiefs who do not apply for the position was unfair to those who did go through the application process. Stuart had hired Chief George Sweat, whom Davis

replaced, in a similar manner.

At a news conference in front of LJVJ Coliseum in December, members of the Black Leadership Roundtable requested that Stuart appoint a special liaison to hear the matter.

The request was quickly denied by Stuart, who met with the group a short time after the news conference. Stuart says the city's charter gives him jurisdiction over such matters.

Alderman Nelson Malloy, who is a member of the Roundtable, said he is still 100 percent behind the officers. He still believes they were punished excessively.

"They did all they were asked to do," Malloy said. "She (Davis) went too far in disciplining those officers."

Malloy says he favors an independent grievance officer because he believes it will be difficult for Stuart to "reverse, change or modify" a decision made by Davis. The odds are already stacked against the three officers, Malloy said, since the city manager's track record shows that he rarely reverses decisions made by his subordinates.

"He hand-picked Chief Davis. Do we really expect him to be objective?" Malloy asked. "I don't think that can happen."

Earlier this week, Stuart reiterated his stance, stating that as city manager it is his job to act as the grievance officer in such matters.

"It's not for community groups and individuals to make such requests," he said.

Stuart said there is no buddy-buddy relationship between himself and the chief of police; he cannot understand why some people might feel that way.

With 20 years of experience as city manager, Stuart said he knows how to make objective decisions.

Though he couldn't cite exact numbers, Stuart said he has overturned disciplinary decisions made

by his department heads. But cases have to be considered on an individual basis, he said.

"We look at the merits (of each case)," Stuart said.

According to the source, at least one of the officers thinks Stuart could have reached a decision after the November meetings.

But Stuart said the purpose of the meetings was not for him to hear the grievances.

"I wanted an opportunity in a very short time to have a quick and brief opportunity to see if there was any blatantly obvious... evidence of large mishandling (of the concert) by the police," Stuart said.

Stuart says he found no such evidence, but that finding does not indicate which way he will decide the matter.

"These were short meetings; we did not go into detail.... They were not sufficient enough for me to make a decision."

The source strongly disputes Stuart, claiming that in most cases the "short meetings" lasted for more than two hours. Davis was present at each meeting, the source said, reading the charges against the officers.

Everything that would be discussed at a formal hearing was discussed during the meetings, the source contends.

State Rep. Larry Womble, co-convenor of the Roundtable, said the situation is a "matter of interpretation." Womble says he has also heard from sources, which he did not reveal, that some of the officers may feel the meetings were sufficient enough for Stuart to make a decision.

"Where the holdup is I do not know for a fact," Womble said.

The Roundtable is standing behind its original call for Stuart to remove himself from hearing the grievances. Womble says there is too much room for "subjectivity" with Stuart involved.

"Whether real or perceived, he has a vested interest in this matter," Womble said.

Womble is hoping whatever decision is eventually made favors the officers. He is calling on individuals and organizations to support them by showing up at aldermen meetings and writing letters to Stuart and elected officials.

Womble said the Board of Aldermen could also do its part to move the process along.

"I think the Board of Aldermen has acted in an appropriate way, but I do think the board needs to take a more decisive stance.... They need to act more quickly to make sure things do not drag on for months," Womble said.

Malloy says the board will act after it hears Stuart's decision, but Malloy would only hint at what type of action he wants the aldermen to take if Stuart decides to uphold the demotions.

"We will cross that bridge when we get to it, but I certainly would hope my colleagues would not let this happen and not respond in any way. I do not know what that response would be," Malloy said.

The officers have each obtained legal counsel and have been tight-lipped about the matter. Davis has said she is bound by state law from talking about personnel issues.

Stuart said there is still a possibility that coliseum officials could face disciplinary actions stemming from the concert.

"I have not closed that door," he said. "It is still an active matter."

Stuart said his grievance decisions may coincide with a possible decision on disciplinary actions for others involved.

George Allison will speak at the Board of Aldermen meeting on Monday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the aldermen's chamber in City Hall.

U.S. Census Bureau

Marshall Jeffries *Guest Columnist*

Questions and answers about Census 2000 jobs?

What Are the Qualifications?

Applicants should be 18 years old or older. Those ages 16 and 17 may be hired for positions not involving driving so long as they meet federal, state and local employment requirements. Applicants should not have had a conviction other than a minor traffic violation since age 18. And they should not be currently employed as a tax collector/assessor or law enforcement officer. Men age 18 or older or born after Dec. 31, 1959 must be registered with Selective Service. Additionally, applicants must take a written test of basic skills and pass a security check.

Where Is the Work? What Are the Hours?

We strive to have people work within the neighborhoods in which they live. We need a representative work force, reflective of the community. Census taking is NOT an office job. Workers spend most of their time locating addresses and conducting door-to-door interviews. In order to find people at home, census takers must work evenings and weekends.

When Will the Work Begin?

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1-888-325-7733
TDD: 1-800-341-1310
Visit the website
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United States Census 2000

Most census takers will work mid-April to mid-June in 2000, to follow up on households that did not return their questionnaire. In rural areas, more people will be needed in March to update address listings.

How Much Is the Pay?

Census workers are paid hourly. They receive a competitive wage, based on the average for the area and activity (approximately \$8.25 to \$18.50 per hour). They are paid to attend training and reimbursed for mileage.

What About Benefits?

Census takers are not eligible for coverage under Federal employee Health Benefits Program, Employees Group Life Insurance Program and the Federal Employees Retirement System. Day care is provided, but not earned. Takers are eligible for benefits: the Federal Employees pension plan, disability, injury sustained while in performance of duty. They also are eligible for unemployment compensation under the unemployment Federal Employees Program.

How Does the Census benefit Your Community?

Census information:

- Determines political representation among states
- Helps your community get special assistance for roads, schools and more
- Helps your community plan for child care, education, health and recreation
- Helps your community plan for the future.

NOTICE MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is seeking minority and women-owned firms (M/WBE) to bid on upcoming projects throughout the State. The Locations of the projects are:

Project No.	County/Route	Division No.	Type	Location	Metric/English
8.147101	Alamance	7	Grading, Drainage, Paving, & Structures	NC-54 from SR-2106 (Whitmore Loop) East of I-40/RS at Grifton to NC-119.	Metric
8.0492308	Guilford	7	Grading, Drainage, Paving, & Structures	I-85 Greensboro bypass from West of SR-300 (Etn-Eugene St.) 2 Northeast of SR-331 (Wiley-Lewis Rd.)	Metric
8.1674801	Mecklenburg	10	Grading, Drainage, Paving	NC-49 (S. Tyson Street) at NC-160 (West Boulevard) in Charlotte.	Metric
8.1792202	Catawba	12	Grading, Drainage, Paving and Structures	NC-127 from North of US-321/NC-127 interchange to North of SR-1182.	English
8.1800702	Cleveland	12	Grading, Drainage, Paving Structure	NC-180 (N. Post Road) from SR-2200 to SR-2062 in Shelby.	English
8.1741304	Surry	11	Grading, Drainage, Paving	I-77 from US-21 Bypass (MP-84 to MP-87)	English
8.2710801	Ash	11	Grading, Drainage, Paving & Structure	Bridge over Buffalo Creek and approaches on SR-1133 (Back Mountain Road).	English
7.3611313 etc.	Franklin	5	Widening, Milling, Resurfacing, Shoulder Reconstruction and Pavement Markings	One section of primary and ten sections of secondary roads.	English
7.4011314 etc.	Wake	5	Widening, Milling, Resurfacing, Shoulder Reconstruction and Pavement Markings	One section of primary and thirty sections of secondary roads.	English
6.4290057	Bladen	6	Signing & Guardrail	NC-87 (Elizabeth Town Bypass) from SR-1336 to SR-1704.	English
7.4211157 etc.	Bladen/Columbus	6	Widening, Resurfacing, Shoulder Reconstruction and Pavement Markings	Seven sections of primary road and nineteen sections of secondary roads.	English
7.4421156 etc.	Cumberland/Hamlet	6	Widening, Milling, Resurfacing, Shoulder Reconstruction and Pavement Markings	Three sections of primary and fifty-seven sections of secondary roads.	English
7.4611155 etc.	Robeson	6	Milling, Resurfacing, Shoulder Reconstruction and Pavement Markings	Five sections of primary and twenty-two sections of secondary roads.	English
7.6011180 etc.	Davidson	9	Milling, Resurfacing and Pavement Markings	Five sections of primary and twenty-six sections of secondary roads.	English
7.6111181 etc.	Davie	9	Milling, Resurfacing and Pavement Markings	Two sections of primary and two sections of secondary roads.	English
7.6211182 etc.	Forsyth	9	Widening, Milling, Resurfacing and Pavement Markings	Two sections of primary and eighteen sections of secondary roads.	English
7.6311183 etc.	Rowan	9	Milling, Resurfacing, and Pavement Markings	One section of primary and sixteen sections of secondary roads.	English
7.6411184 etc.	Stokes	9	Milling, Widening, Resurfacing, and Pavement Markings	Two sections of primary and seven sections of secondary roads.	English
7.6511210 etc.	Anson	10	Milling, Resurfacing, Shoulder Reconstruction and Pavement Markings	Four sections of primary and five sections of secondary roads.	English
7.6611211 etc.	Cabarrus	10	Milling, Widening, Resurfacing, Shoulder Reconstruction and Pavement Markings	Two sections of primary and six sections of secondary roads.	English
7.6721210 etc.	Mecklenburg	10	Milling, Widening, Resurfacing, Shoulder Reconstruction and Pavement Markings	Five sections of primary and nineteen sections of secondary roads.	English
7.6811213 etc.	Stanly	10	Widening, Milling, Resurfacing and Shoulder Reconstruction	Three sections of primary and five sections of secondary roads.	English
7.6911214 etc.	Union	10	Widening, Milling, Resurfacing and Pavement Markings	Eleven sections of primary and twenty-three sections of secondary roads.	English
5.7221099 etc.	Avery/Allegany/Ash	11	Asphalt surface treatment	One section of primary and sixty sections of secondary roads.	English
5.7421100 etc.	Surry/Wilkes/Hardin	11	Asphalt surface treatment	Fifty-five sections of secondary roads.	English
7.8221286	Tredell	12	Resurfacing	Eighteen sections of secondary roads.	English
7.0021008	Transylvania/Henderson/Bald	14	Resurfacing, Shoulder Reconstruction and Pavement Markings	Two sections of primary and forty-one sections of secondary roads.	English

*** MONDAY, February 14, 2000 6 PM - MIDNIGHT ***
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LETTING DATE: Tuesday, February 15, 2000

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NCDOT Office of Civil Rights & Business Development 1-800-522-4453

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