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Renowned dancer shares AIDS plight at conference

Mel Tomlinson, NCSA grad, has lived with disease for several years

BY CORTNEY L. HILL THE CHRONICLE

The Women of Vision of New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist Church celebrated Black History Month with famous dancer and guest speaker Mel A. Tomlinson, who spoke last Friday on how the AIDS virus affected his life.

To begin the ceremony, Kevin Guy, Kashanna Brown and Brian Biggs, three students from the N.C. School of the Arts, began the ceremony by performing three African and spiritual dance numbers. Following their performance was the Otesha Creative Arts Ensemble, who performed an African dance that included troupe members play-

ing instruments to provide upbeat rhythmic tempos.

Tomlinson, born in Raleigh as one of six children, attended the N.C. School of the Arts at the age of 17. Since receipt of his bachelor of fine arts degree from NCSA, he has received numerous awards and made many appearances in docu-

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Tomlinson

Police veterans pegged to take on high profile roles

Promotion gives city two black assistant police chiefs

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Patricia D. Norris is now a major player in one of the most progressive police departments in the region. Winston-Salem Police Chief Linda Davis promoted Norris to assistant chief last week.

With Norris' promotion, both assistant chiefs in the department are African-American and Davis, the city's first female chief, and Norris make women the majority at the top of the department's hierarchy.

"I think we have gotten to a point where it doesn't matter what sex a person is as long as they can do the job," Norris said earlier this week.

Norris joined the department 24 years ago, when females on the force were few and far between. A city native, Norris said she joined the force to counter naysayers who said that she would never make it in the pressure-filled police world.

"Everyone told me that I could not do it...I had to prove to myself that I could," she said.

That kind of self-assurance was instilled in Norris by her grandparents, now deceased. She credits them with daring her to dream and praises them for their strictness and for her stern upbringing.



Norris



Saunders

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3-peat state of mind

Konnoak students give Rams royal send-off

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Even if the Winston-Salem State University Rams don't three-peat at this week's CIAA basketball tourney, they will still be winners in the eyes of students and staff at Konnoak Elementary School.

WSSU players have mentored a group of African-American male students at the school since last year as part of the system's Victory in Partnership Program (VIP), which strives to get parents and the community intricately involved in the education of youngsters.

The school said thank you to the players earlier this week with an informal send-off luncheon that included visits from various classes at the school and faculty members.

"We wanted to give them this to tell them good luck and to tell them how much we appreciate what they do," said Denise McCoy, the school's VIP program.

McCoy said the players have had a profound effect on the students they mentor. The students who are mentored have not had any suspensions or discipline problems since the mentoring began, McCoy said.

One of the high points of the students' experiences with the players came a couple weeks ago when the students were special guests of the team as they faced Fayetteville State University at the Joel Coliseum.

"(The students) got to go to the dressing (room) and see

what it is like for the players before the game starts...The whole thing was exciting for them," McCoy said.

Each student also received an autographed T-shirt signed by all the players on the team as a souvenir.

Assistant coach William McNeil said the Rick Duckett-led WSSU program is a firm believer in building strong community relations through mentoring and other programs. It is a philosophy that Duckett has pushed at many of the schools he has coached at over the years, McNeil said.

"We believe in giving back. You never get too big that you forget where you come from...It wasn't too long ago that these players were in these kids' situation," he said.

Being big was all many students talked about as they shook players' hands at the luncheon. Many had to struggle to extend their hands to meet the hands of the 6-foot-plus players. Others adjusted their necks so that they could peer up at the guys to say good luck.

Shooting guard Kamal Oliver said the best times he has had with the students are moments when he simply talks to them about their home life, grades and favorite things. Though he must balance practice, school work and a busy playing schedule, he said coming to the school each week is well worth his time.

"I look forward to this. Anytime you can give back to the

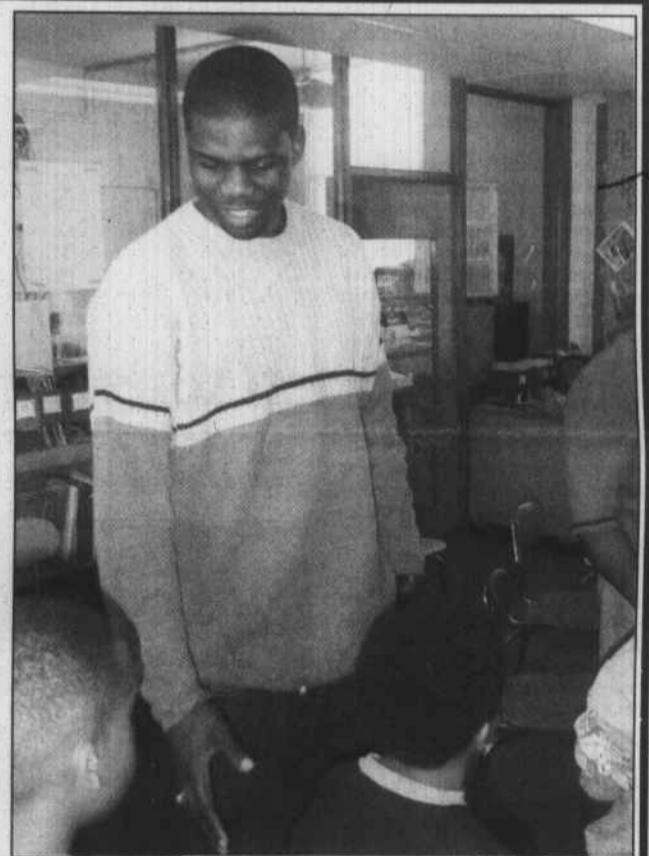


Photo by Kevin Walker

Rams center Corey Thompson shakes hands with students.

community, I think you should. When I was growing up, I had mentors come and talk to me, so now it's reversed in a way," he said.

Center Corey Thompson was impressed by the send-off luncheon. It was something he said he did not expect.

"I think it's real nice to do this for us, because they did not have to," he said, just before greeting the young man he mentors. McCoy read a letter to the players by a student thanking Thompson and the other players for inviting him and his classmates to the game.

McCoy and other school staffers said they have complete confidence in the Rams as they begin their CIAA championship quest tonight. McNeil said he also likes the team's chances. He said the players and coaches are a bit concerned about their competitors, but he said the competitors should also be concerned about the Rams.

"They better start thinking about Winston-Salem," McNeil said with smile. "We have 14 young men eager to play basketball...." "They better be ready."

Control often behind domestic abuse



Photo by Paul Collins

Scott Logan, a case manager for Family Services, was one of the speakers at the workshop.

BY PAUL COLLINS THE CHRONICLE

Domestic violence/abuse comes in various forms - sexual, physical, psychological/emotional. Tonya Guy, a social worker for Family Services, said Feb. 24 at a parenting workshop called "Love Doesn't Hurt," sponsored by the Winston-Salem Urban League.

Emotional/psychological abuse can be name calling, intimidation, threats, refusing to provide money, anything that makes you feel less of a person, Guy said.

"Abuse is about trying to gain power over someone else," she said.

"When a lady comes to the shelter, we ask her to take out a protective order. Often the lady is still in love with this person, and she doesn't want to see him in jail," Guy said.

What are some of the signs of

abuse?

Often the abuser will minimize, deny and blame. "If you would have cooked my dinner, I wouldn't have hit you in the teeth," Guy said, as an example.

Often, the abuser feels he is the master of the house and that the woman should take care of the home and children.

The abuser may use isolation - controlling what she does, who she sees and talks to, what she reads, where she goes, limiting her outside involvement, using jealousy to justify actions.

The abuser may use children as pawns - making her feel guilty about the children, using the children to give messages, using visitation as a way to harass her, threatening to take the children away.

The abuser may use intimidation - making her afraid by using

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City's social capital abundant in some areas, deficient in others

City one of 40 surveyed as part of Harvard study

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

A nationwide survey to gauge the level at which Americans are connected to the communities in which they live reveals that Winston-Salem residents have big hearts when it comes to donating to charities, but are stingy when it comes to interacting with others socially.

Winston-Salem was one of 40 communities surveyed. The survey was conducted by Harvard University and sponsored locally by The Winston-Salem Foundation, which created a special fund, Everyone Can Help Out (ECHO), to help build so-called "social capital" in the city.

Telephone interviews were conducted by an international firm with randomly selected residents in the city, according to Brenda Penney, director of marketing and communications for the WSF.

The city fared best in the areas of giving/volunteering and

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