

Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. holds a poetry contest

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Congratulations to Dave Williams and Brittany Robinson, winners of Theta Mu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority's poem contest.

Brittany Robinson, the first-place winner, is a student at West Forsyth High School, where she is a member of the orchestra. She also plays the cello in the Winston-Salem Youth Philharmonic Repertory Orchestra. Brittany is an active member of Girl Scout Troop 44. She is a member of Calvary Baptist Church.



Robinson, first-place winner

Dave Williams, second-place winner, is a junior at Glenn High School. He is an active musician, and is currently composing his own songwriting project. He plays in a trio that has the ability to go far in life.



Williams, second-place winner

Dave's hobby is poetry. He says that he uses poetry as a medium for expression, creativity, and as a savior for his spare time.

The poem contest is an annual educational contest sponsored by Theta Mu Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Inc. as part of their Founders Day

celebration. The sorority's goal is to provide students in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System an opportunity to use and develop their creative writing skills.

First- and second-place winners of the poem contest each received a monetary award for their outstanding poems.

Theta Mu Sigma Chapter wishes to thank all of the 60 students who participated in the poem contest, the counselors at each high school who passed the entry forms on to their students, and soror Evelyn W. Sanders, who coordinated the poem contest.

During January and February, the sorority is sponsoring an essay contest on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Africa. Students interested in participating in this contest should contact their guidance counselor for specific guidelines.

Skyland seniors updated on tax laws

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A representative from H&R Block Tax Service, Franklin Brown, gave an informative and thorough presentation to the Skyland Senior Club at its monthly meeting about tax law changes.

With the aid of video and a booklet he passed out, club members were able to see and understand some of the new laws. He said there have been many tax law changes in the last two years.

The good news is we have

more ways to keep more of our money. The bad news is that tax relief is more confusing than ever. The goal is to maximize tax law changes to pay less taxes.

The legislation passed in May is the third largest tax cut in history. These cuts are temporary and will begin to disappear in 2005. Brown told the group that married couples will see relief with the expansion of the tax bracket, but the penalty will creep back in after 2004.

Brown closed with these conclusions:

- Understand and know how to maximize tax law changes.
 - Make tax planning a year-round activity.
 - Solid financial planning brings greater peace of mind.
- The Skyland Senior Citizens Club meets on the first and third Thursdays of the month at Rupert Bell Center. The club invites seniors to come and grow, travel and play. Elizabeth Speight is the club president, Dorinda Phillips is the adviser, and Betty I. Bennett is the reporter.

Pianist Ruskin Cooper to perform

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Salem College School of Music will present faculty artist Ruskin Cooper in concert Feb. 14 at 8 p.m. in Shirley Recital Hall of the Salem Fine Arts Center. This event is free and open to the public.

Rappahannock Music Study Club. He also has served as an adjudicator for the N.C. Federation of Music Clubs and Wake Forest University.

A native of Savannah, Ga., Cooper received musical training at the Oberlin Conservatory, the University of South Florida, and the Hochschule für Musik in Frankfurt am Main, Germany. He holds a doctor of musical arts degree from the University of

North Carolina at Greensboro. Cooper's interpretations, particularly of American music, have been enthusiastically received in Germany, Italy and Poland, as well as in the United States. He has recorded a CD of American piano music in Shirley Recital Hall at Salem College and a program of sonatas for the Südwestfunk in Baden-Baden, Germany.

Cooper was a 1981 prize winner in the Florida West Coast Chopin Competition, and went on to receive a Fulbright Grant for further studies in Germany later that same year.



Cooper

Chi Chi chapter awards local scholarship

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Chi Chi chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority Inc. was proud to award its local scholarship to Tina Brumfield. In November 2003, she received a \$300 scholarship award.

Brumfield is a senior nursing student at Winston Salem State University. Her major is nursing and this will be her second degree. She works part time for two home health agencies.

She is a member of Greater Cleveland Avenue Christian Church and Chi Chi Beta Chapter, the nursing student chapter at WSSU.

She said: "I truly appreciate being the Beta member chosen by the Chi Chi chapter of Chi Eta Phi Sorority Inc. to receive this scholarship. Thank you all very much."

Chi Eta Phi Sorority Inc. is an organization of registered professional nurses and nursing students (male and female), representing many cultures and diverse ethnic backgrounds, grouped into five geographic regions. It was organized Oct. 16, 1932, at Freedman's Hospital in Washington, D.C., with the twofold purpose of elevating the plane of nursing and increasing interest in the field

of nursing.

The many programs of the organization include disease prevention, health promotion education programs, recruitment and retention of nursing students and scholarships. The group's annual Futurama project is held to fund such programs as scholarship awards.

Chi Eta Phi Sorority Inc. strives for excellence in the nursing field and continues to uphold its motto, "service for humanity."

The local chapter basileus is Carrier Robinson, and Beta sponsors are Elleton McCullough and Gloria Millner.

Center to present Black History in the Making

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William C. Sims Sr. Recreation Center, 1201 Alder Street, will present Black History in the Making on Feb. 15 from 3 to 5 p.m.

The Winston Lake Yettes, Jazzy Jumper and Boss Drummers will perform their best

steps, jumps and drum beats. There will be open mike with some of Greensboro's finest poets and spoken-word artists.

See real-life paintings of poetry in its rarest form from a living artist.

The RAW Players of Greensboro will perform a

skit. Meet "Catman," the No. 1 fan of the Carolina Panthers. Witness the honoring of several of Winston-Salem's finest community leaders.

There will be vendors and free refreshments.

For more information or directions, contact Ben Piggott at 727-2837.

Gaye

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sary special.

Nona Gaye is probably best known for her acclaimed performance opposite Will Smith as Muhammad Ali's second wife in Michael Mann's "Ali." It was her film debut. She followed "Ali"

with the second and third installments of "The Matrix" trilogy: "The Matrix: Reloaded" and "The Matrix: Revolutions."

Gaye is currently in production on the Paul Higgin directed "Crash" for Bull's Eye Entertainment where she stars opposite Brendan Fraser, Matt Dillon, Ryan Phillippe,

Don Cheadle, Thandie Newton and Sandra Bullock. In November, Gaye can be seen in the Warner Bros. animated project "The Polar Express" opposite Tom Hanks.

The highly anticipated film, based on the inspiring children's book by Chris Van Allsburg, is directed by Robert Zemeckis.

Mfume

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ing, movie and publishing industries.

"Sometimes some of the people outside of the NAACP who vote to select the initial list of nominees for the Image Awards do not necessarily see things the way we do with respect to image," said Mfume. "It's important from this point on that Image Award nominees be totally selected by the NAACP in order to ensure that they reflect the standards for which the award was created."

More than 1,100 entries were submitted for the 35th Image Awards. From that number, the Committee of 300 nominated five finalists in each of 35 categories. It is only after that process that NAACP members vote in a secret ballot to choose the final winners who are announced during the taping of the annual Image

Awards program on March 6. The special program will air on FOX television at 8 p.m. on March 11.

The NAACP strives to honor individuals who are committed to being the best in their field and are committed to advancing the par-

icipation of people of color. The NAACP board of directors in its policy-setting role could accept Mfume's recommendation and vote to change the nomination process during its next meeting on Feb. 21.

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9th Annual African American Cultural Day

Saturday, February 28th 11:00am - 5:00pm

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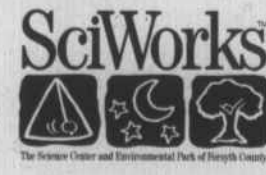
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Salem College Continuing Studies Students In Their Own Words...



Name: Patricia Valier • Hometown: Winston-Salem
Major: Psychology • Graduation Date: May 2004
My fear of going back to school after many years was quickly put to rest with Salem's small class sizes and personal attention from the professors. I don't think this would have been possible in a larger academic setting. I also found a lot of flexibility at Salem College - which as a mom of five children and a business owner, was something I really needed!



Name: Kevin Watson • Hometown: Winston-Salem
Major: English • Minor: Creative Writing
Graduation Date: May 2004
I entered college 25 years after graduating from high school. I was a bit anxious at first, being employed full time, a husband and father of three. With the support of the faculty, staff, and fellow students, the transition from "ancient high school graduate" to "present day college student" was a breeze!

Information Sessions:
February 19 - 6 p.m. and February 20 - 10 a.m.

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Beyoncé

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No. 1 on the Billboard Top 200 Albums chart. The album produced the singles "Crazy in Love," "Baby Boy," and "Me, Myself and I." In 2001, Beyoncé, Kelly Rowland and Michelle Williams of Destiny's Child allowed themselves a break from the singing group to pursue solo careers. Destiny's Child made its debut in 1997 and by 2003, the group sold more than 40 million albums worldwide and singles worldwide and earned several Grammys among other music awards. In 2001, Beyoncé was the first African-American female artist and second woman ever to win the annual ASCAP Pop Songwriter of the Year Award. She starred in the movies "The Fighting Temptations" and "Austin Powers in Goldmember" and in the MTV drama "Carmen: A Hip Hopera."