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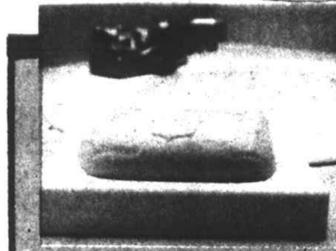
Thomas Speaks led the pack by leaps and bounds.

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### To The Streets

Larry Little expects thousands on May 25.

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### Foul-Mouthed

Duncan needs a dose of mom's remedy.

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## Glover files suit against Y, official

By ROBIN ADAMS  
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The former executive director of the Patterson Avenue YMCA filed a federal civil suit against the local YMCA Wednesday.

Richard Glover, now the executive director of the Hunton YMCA in Norfolk, Va., said his attorney has filed a suit on his behalf "just to set the record straight. There have been a lot of misconceptions back and forth. I'd like to lay that to rest right now."

The 14-page suit is filed against the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County YMCA and Brian Cormier, as an individual and as executive director of the Y.

Glover would not disclose details or conditions of the suit. All of that, said Glover, has been left up to his attorney, T. Pella Stokes, of Greensboro.

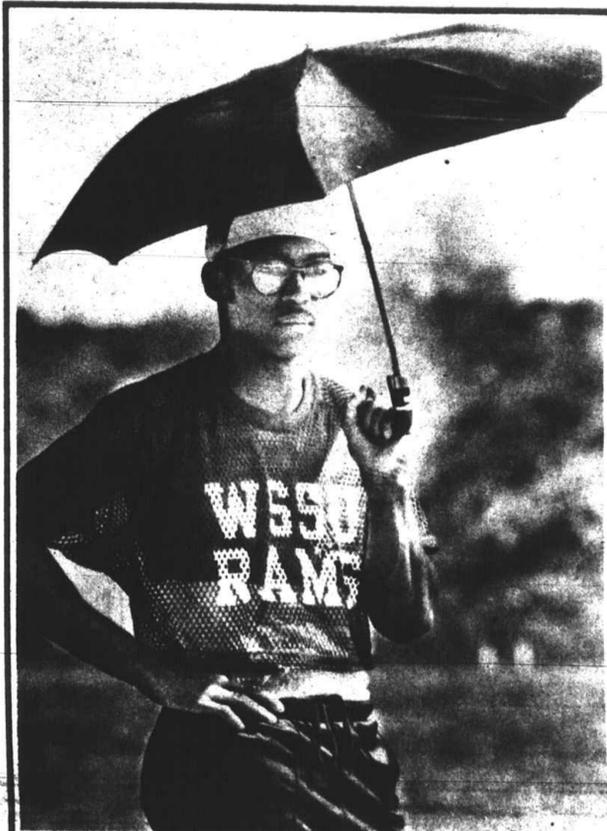
When asked if getting his job back was one of the conditions of the suit and whether he would accept the job if it were offered, Glover refused to comment.

Glover resigned as executive director of the predominantly black YMCA in December. But several members of the Patterson Avenue Board of Management said his resignation was forced.

At that time, Glover would make no comment on the conditions of his resignation.

"That's why I didn't make any statements," said Glover by telephone Wednesday morning. "I was planning this suit."

Glover left the Patterson Y in late January to take his new job in Norfolk.



### How Hot Was It?

A WSSU track enthusiast keeps cool in recent 90-degree heat (photo by James Parker).

## Enabling bill vote delayed; possible changes discussed

One proposed change involves 10-percent cap

By ROBIN ADAMS  
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A decision on the fate Winston-Salem's "enabling" legislation will have to wait at least one more week.

State House Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy requested that a vote on the bill, which would allow the city's Board of Aldermen to set quotas for minority and female participation on publicly financed construction projects, be delayed until Wednesday, May 22. During the delay, Local Government Committee II will try to come up with an amendment to the bill that will insure its passage out of committee.

"Several members of the committee have asked us to consider some kind of cap," said Kennedy. "The committee has a right to amend the bill in any way we choose."

One such amendment drafted by the city's attorney places a 10 percent cap on the dollar amount of any contract that can be earmarked for minorities.

"The minimum minority and/or women's business enterprise participation requirement ... for any subcontractors on any given construction project may not exceed 10 percent of the dollar volume of the cost of the construction project," reads the amendment.

Alderman Virginia Newell said she sup-

ports the amendment because it gives the city a starting point.

"I think we ought to salvage some of this legislation," said Newell. "We worked hard on it. We had zero and now we have 10 percent. It's just that simple. This is what federal contracts require."

The committee may decide to go with a 10 percent cap, or it may adopt something totally different, said Kennedy.

"It may not necessarily be 10 percent,"

"I think we ought to salvage some of this legislation. We had zero and now we have 10 percent."

-- Virginia Newell

said Kennedy. "I could be higher than 10 percent. The (white) contractors are fearful that the percentage could go to most any amount if there is no cap. But the reality of the situation is that we don't have that many blacks and women who qualify to do the work if we go higher."

Newell, who testified last Wednesday before the committee in support of the bill, said the desire for the cap is based on ignorance and fear.

Newell also said she thinks having a cap Please see page A10

## Collins: 'I'm not cocky but I know who I am'

By ROBIN ADAMS  
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Marva Nettles Collins is more than a little confident. At a time when the nation is questioning the academic standards of its public schools, Collins seems to have uncovered the magic formula.

In 1975, Collins left her Chicago public school classroom to start what has become world-known as Chicago's Westside Preparatory School. The 200-student school teaches students, from kindergarten to eighth grade, many of whom have been labeled "problem children," to read the likes of Shakespeare and Chaucer and to develop self-confidence.

One of the school's most recent successes

has been Kevin Ross, a former college basketball player at Creighton University who could only read at the second-grade level.

Ross graduated from Westside Preparatory

"There is no such thing as magic or a miracle. It's common sense, dedication and hard work."

-- Marva Collins

School a year later, reading at a 12th-grade level.

The Chronicle recently talked by telephone with Collins from her Chicago school. She will deliver the graduation address at

Winston-Salem State's commencement exercises on May 19 at 3 p.m. in Memorial Coliseum.

Collins, whose comments at times border on arrogance, has been referred to as a miracle worker, a modern-day Annie Sullivan. But Collins said she takes those characterizations in stride.

"I do not have time to respond to that," said Collins, when asked if indeed she can work miracles. "It's just the work that we do here, not me (that's called a miracle). We expose underprivileged, inner-city children to the same things as Yale graduates' children."

"There is no such thing as magic or a

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Collins will deliver WSSU's commencement address.

## Chamber plans incubator for local small businesses

By DAVID R. RANKIN  
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Charlie Webb calls the concept an incubator. But instead of helping premature babies to survive, Webb's incubator would provide life support systems for small and minority businesses.

Webb, executive vice president of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, discussed plans for developing a business and technology center which would help area small businesses begin and remain in business during a meeting of the Minority Business Council on April 24 at the Chamber of Commerce building.

The business and technology center would allow businesses to rent office space in a renovated building and could provide a variety of shared office services, including a receptionist, a conference room, copying facilities, accounts payable and receivable

packages, part-time labor, technical assistance, word processing and a common switchboard, he said.

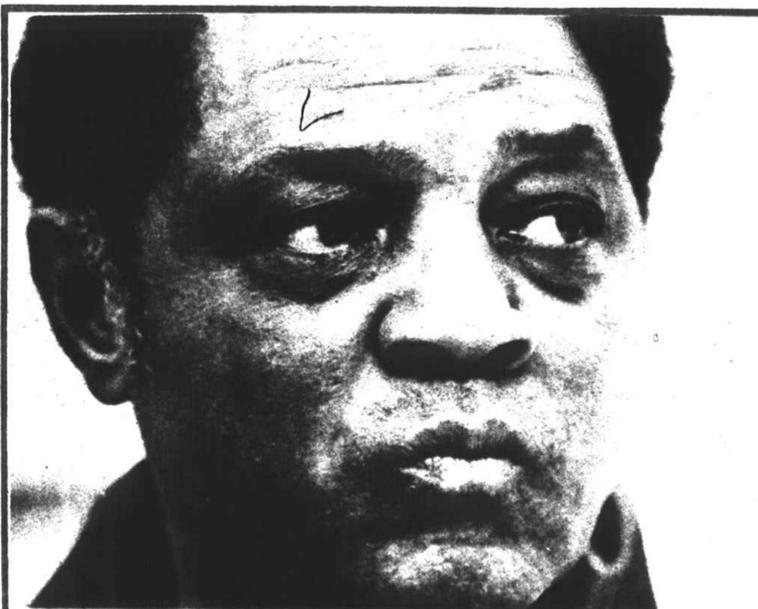
Control Data Corp., a company based in Minneapolis, Minn., is researching the possibility of an incubator in Winston-Salem. The company has helped to form more than 30 similar projects nationwide.

In an incubator setting, said Webb, new businesses would start, grow and then move into their own buildings after they have outgrown the space and services the incubator could provide.

"That's the concept," he said. "It will create spin-off."

"We want to make Winston-Salem the incubator center of North Carolina."

One small incubator already exists in the western part of the Please see page A11



### Say Hey!

An encounter with baseball legend Willie Mays can even render journalists speechless. Story on Page B1 (photo by James Parker).

## Committee heads include two blacks

By DAVID R. RANKIN  
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Two blacks have been appointed to the executive committee of a citizens group that will promote the passage of a \$20 million coliseum bond referendum, Mayor Wayne A. Corpening said Tuesday.

Patrick Hairston, president of the local chapter of the NAACP, and Theldora Scippio, president of the local chapter of the National Council of Negro Women, are the only blacks on a six-member committee charged with devising strategies to convince voters to support the coliseum bonds during the June 25 referendum.

Both Hairston and Scippio say they are for building a new coliseum, and both also say they are concerned about housing and jobs in Winston-Salem.

Scippio said she believes her appointment to the executive committee was based on her sales experience. She is a sales representative for Dorsey Laboratories, a pharmaceutical company based in Switzerland.

"It will be basically like selling the idea to the people," Scippio said of educating the community Please see page A5