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Football is swinging into high gear for our area youths. B3



Gospelfest '93

Soulful gospel choir performs to quartet ensemble all week. B13



Vantage Open

Golfer Jim Dent was on the leader board early, but later faded. B1

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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle." — Frederick Douglass

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Amid Homecoming's Pageantry... A Football Game is Played

▲ Annual event is a tradition at HBCUs where reunions abound and old friendships are restored

By ED MEYERS
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Homecoming at Winston-Salem State University means a lot of different things to a lot of different people.

But for most, it's a week-long gala filling with wide-ranging activities for all ages to participate in, from a freshman day gospel-fest, the crowning of Miss WSSU, class reunions... and PARTY! PARTY!

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By the way, the Rams will play Norfolk State University at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Bowman Gray Stadium.

But first things first.

"Homecoming at WSSU is coming together of family and friends," said James Wright, a North Forsyth graduate and senior linebacker on the football team, who was obviously looking forward to this

week. "Everyone has a good time, and I feel Winston-Salem wouldn't be the same without WSSU homecoming... especially in the black community."

Wright's mother, Linda, is a 1964 WSSU graduate. Things can get a bit hectic at the Wright home, however, since his two sisters attended rival universities — one went to N.C. A&T and another to North Carolina Central.

The 101st homecoming will be a first of sorts for

first-year football coach Kermit Blount, a 1980 WSSU graduate.

While Blount did make it back for the 1991 event, he's always been busy with another school's football team as one of its coaches. This year he said he's looking forward to it.

"I'll get a chance to see a lot of former teammates and old classmates, to socialize and go over old experiences," he said.

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NEWS WEEK

NEWS AT A GLANCE

Downsizing Cripples Blacks

According to a recent article that appeared in the *Wall Street Journal*, blacks were the only racial group to suffer a net job loss during the 1990-91 economic downturn, at the companies reporting to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Meanwhile, Asians and Hispanics gained thousand of jobs during the same period.

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Police/Community Unite

The most telling example of how well the 920 Youth Career Club met one of its goals was watching a 12-year-old African-American girl from the Cleveland Avenue Homes and a white police officer whispering to each other like old friends.

Complete story A4

AKAs Prep for SAT

Carla Robinson, a senior at Carver High School, said she is prepared for the upcoming SAT test this fall. But Robinson's preparation didn't come through the school system. Instead, she felt more confident after attending workshops offered through an Alpha Kappa Alpha SAT prep program.

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Volunteers Lauded

Green-uniformed prisoners and well-dressed civilians filled a chapel on the grounds of the Forsyth County Correctional Center recently to celebrate those volunteers who make life a bit more bearable for the incarcerated.

Complete story A5

Edelman Visits City

Miriam Wright Edelman, president and founder of the Children's Defense Fund, will speak at the 25th anniversary of the Downtown Church Center and the 20th Anniversary of Crisis Control Ministry Inc. The service will be Sunday at 7 p.m. in Wait Chapel at Wake Forest University.

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MEAC Tourney Relocates

The much-traveled Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference basketball tournament is again on the move. MEAC officials will hold a press conference today to announce that the 1994 basketball tournament will move the city.

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THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

Oct. 11, 1939: NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund incorporated as separate organization. Thurgood Marshall was director.

Gospel-fest '93



Photo by David L. Dillard

The Christ Rescue Temple Choir will compete for first place tonight at Gospelfest '93 at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds sponsored by the Winston-Salem Chronicle. (Complete coverage page B13.)

AT&T's Blacks Cite Corp. Racism

By DAVID L. DILLARD
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A wave of controversy about the way some major corporations have treated black consumers has caused many black organizations to examine routine practices of corporate businesses.

Jesse Jackson Jr., field director of the National Rainbow Coalition, led a group of coalition supporters in an hour-long demonstration last week in front of the corporate headquarters of American Telephone & Telegraph in response to cartoon of an ape use to depict Africans.

"We're not standing for a racist illustration from AT&T, MCI, Sprint or anybody else," Jackson, son of the civil-rights leader, said Friday in an interview. "This is not necessarily indicative of

■ AT&T CEO meets with NAACP. Page A12

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Mayor's Re-election Bid Generates Big Money

▲ With no serious challenge in November, Wood raises nearly \$34,000

By MARK R. MOSS
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Mayor Martha S. Wood, having raised nearly \$34,000 to finance her reelection campaign, said this year's bid for the mayoral seat won't cost nearly as much as the first time she ran four years ago.

Wood's first bid for the city's highest elected office cost over \$200,000.

Last week, the *Chronicle* took a look at the amount

of monies collected and talked to some of the black candidates about their fund-raising activities in an effort to take a peek at how campaigns are fueled.

Although African Americans are not the dominate group in any of the wards discussed below, who's behind the white candidates and how they go about raising money will in some way affect all of the city's residents.

Wood said fund-raising is not easy.

"You have to get out there and work for it," she said. Wood said she tries to spend about three hours a day calling people and asking for contributions.

The \$34,000 figure comes from records filed with the Forsyth County Board of Elections and is dated from Jan. 1 to Sept. 6. Wood said that figure is up considerably since she won the primary last month.

But she said it is nowhere near the amount raised

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Jailhouse Barber Spends Her Weekends Grooming Inmates

By DAVID L. DILLARD
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When Mary Kyles began cutting hair, she didn't know she'd be doing it under the watchful eye of prison guards and that her clients would be jail inmates. But she doesn't mind.

"I wasn't afraid at all. I've always been brave for some reason," said Kyles, as she waited in a small room at the Forsyth County Detention Center for the prison guards to bring two inmates to her at a time. There are at least three guards present while perfects their coif.

Kyles was called to cut the hair of an inmate about to make a court appearance nearly five years ago. From that moment, she has continued her service.

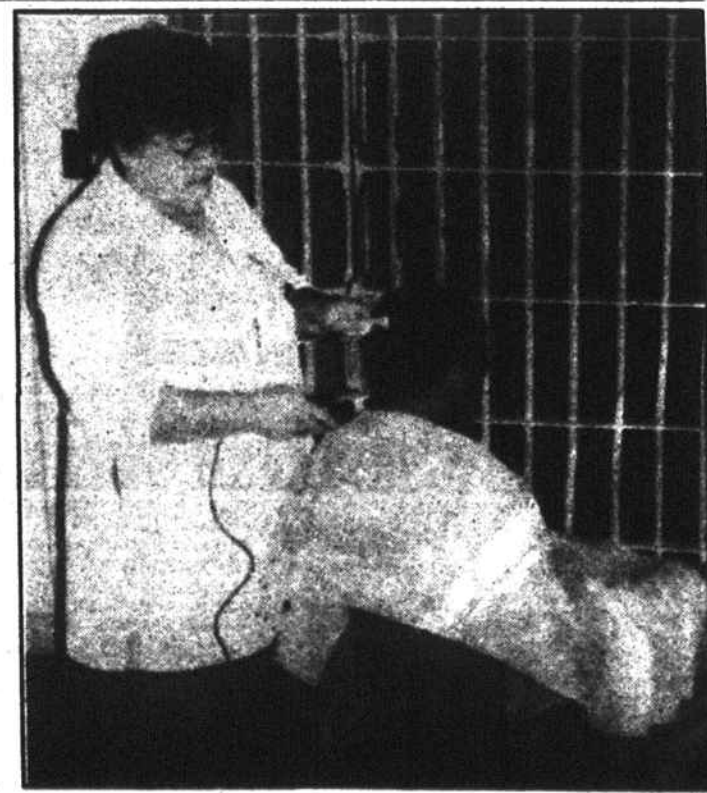
Kyles, a licensed barber stylist and instructor for

nearly 13 years, opened a school — Triad Barber School at 4224 N. Liberty St. — in February. She dedicated most of her early years to raising her four sons, after which she embarked upon her childhood dream.

"I felt it was time to do something for myself," she said. "I always liked (cutting hair) and working with the young boys."

At first, Kyles cut hair for the inmates every weekend, now she has cut back to twice on month on Sundays. She also plans to turn over her barber school to her son Paul Gambill Jr. once he earns his instructor's license, so she can devote more time to the inmates.

"Hopefully, I have helped a lot of guys who could have gone down the wrong path," said Kyles, who has taught students who once were incarcerated. "I enjoy working with young people and seeing them do well."



Mary Kyles gives discount haircut to inmates.