

# COMMUNITY

## In a Stellar Performance, Winston Man Wins Top Radio Gospel Award

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Tim Jackson gets up at 4:30 every Sunday morning and drives to Greensboro for his 6 a.m. gospel program on WQMG radio station. His steadfastness and innovative ideas for gospel radio has earned him nationwide recognition among his peers.

On Nov. 27, Jackson, along with AM gospel announcer George Majette, received the 9th Annual Stellar Gospel Music Award — the highest award in gospel music.

Jackson said he was thrilled not only to win the award, but also that the award committee decided to recognize gospel announcers this year as well as artists.

"I had some thoughts about it, but it was so remote, I didn't think I would win it," he said. "I'm real pleased this year because they recognized gospel announcers."

Jackson came to WQMG in

1987 after leaving WAAA in Winston-Salem because he wanted to do more creative things with gospel music.

"(WAAA) had a wealth of contemporary music, so I started playing it," he said. "They had an opportunity to lead (in this market) but didn't want that so I took it as a challenge and went to (WQMG)."

Bryant Scott, program director at WQMG, said the station's gospel listeners have increased because of Jackson and Majette.

"We're very proud. Tim has been a fixture at this station and the gospel community for a while," Scott said. "The award is physical evidence of Tim's importance at this station and the gospel community."

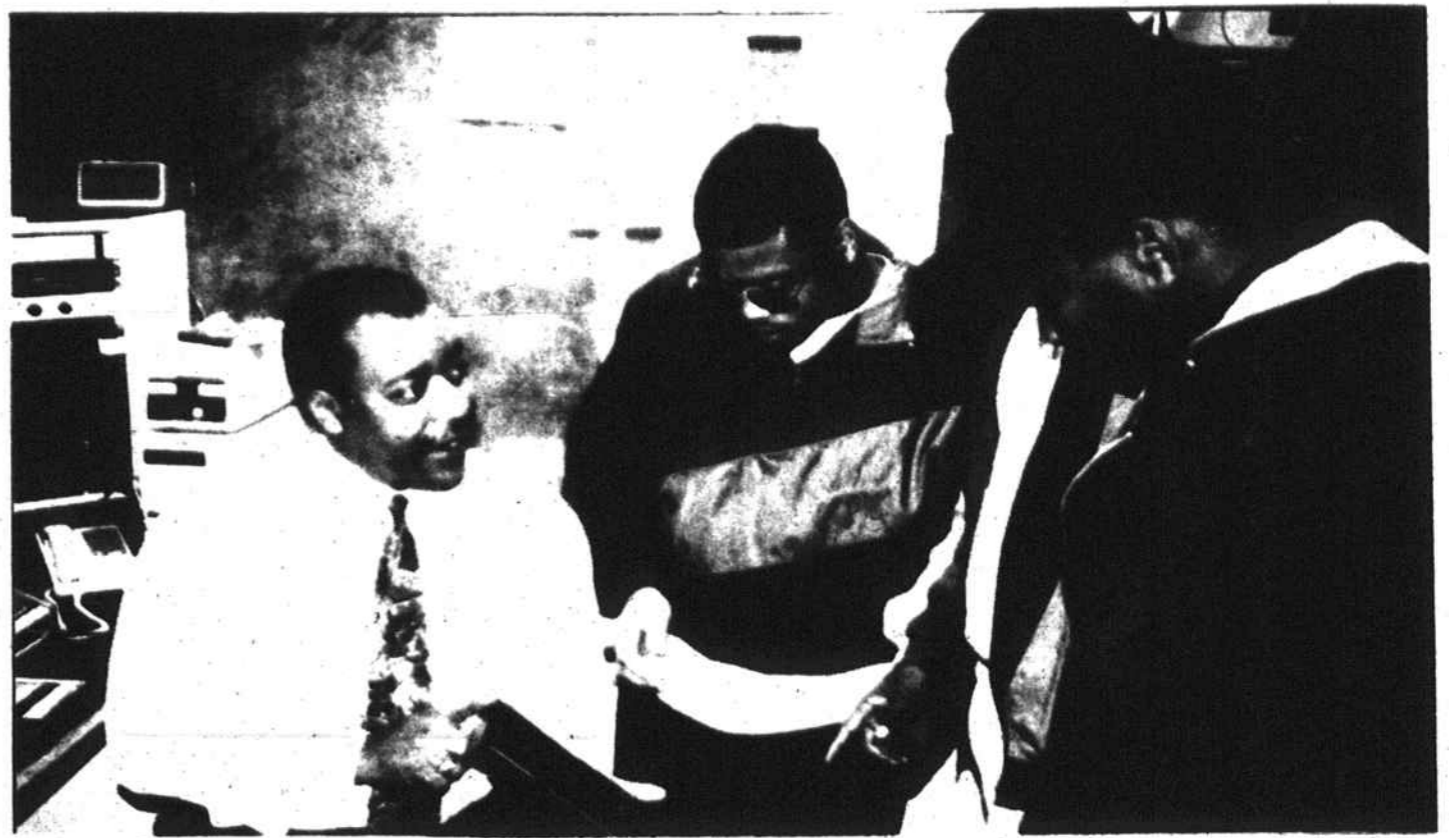
Jackson, who plans to co-host an episode of the Bobby Jones Gospel Hour on BET, said his program has become popular because he plays a variety of music and sets new standards for announcers.

"My program provides an opportunity for gospel artists to be heard, it provides a means for people who are in search of inspiration and it reaches out to get those people who ordinarily would not listen to gospel," Jackson said. "Gospel announcers need to speak correctly but continue to relate to their listeners."

Scott said Jackson blends together traditional and contemporary music and also exposes local talent.

Jackson is also branch manager of the public library in East Winston and believes access to information is important to the African-American community.

"Oftentimes as African Americans we get information but don't pass it on; we must pass it on to survive," he said. "I combine library services and media so that our children can compete in a multicultural society."



Tim Jackson (far left) proudly displays his Stellar Award for excellence in gospel radio to WSSU students.

## Result of Transit Authority Bus Accident Investigation Concluded

The Winston-Salem Transit Authority has concluded its investigation of the accident which occurred on Nov. 23, at 5 p.m. on Main Street between 3rd and 4th Streets. After exhaustive examination and tests of the bus, it has

been determined that the mechanical condition of the vehicle was not the cause of the accident.

Post-accident drug testing and physical examinations of the bus operator did not reveal evidence of

substance abuse or other physical impairment which could have contributed to the cause of the accident. According to Nedra Woodyatt, General Manager of the Transit Authority, "We cannot however, eliminate the likelihood that human error was

involved." Considering the operator's excellent record, and following appropriate retraining, he will be returned to his normal duties.

The Transit Authority considers the accident to be sincerely regret-

table for all parties involved. According to Woodyatt it was an extremely rare occurrence for this transit system, which has an accident record that is better than the national average for public transit.

"Our safety, training and accident prevention programs are excellent", said Woodyatt, "but we learn and improve constantly." "What we have learned from this accident will be incorporated into our training and retraining programs."

## First Annual Baby Contest To Be Held

The North Carolina Black Repertory Company holds its First Annual Prince and Princess Baby Contest on Saturday, Dec. 18, at 3 p.m. at The Arts Council Theatre. The deadline for contestants to turn in their monies and letters of support is by 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 17th. Everyone is invited to come out and witness the first crowning of the Baby Prince and Princess. You are sure to enjoy the wonderful program of activities scheduled. Thanks for your continued support of the North Carolina Black Repertory Company. Admission is free.

## Capital Campaign Kicks Off

Salem Academy and College launched its "Window to the Future" capital campaign Dec. 4 with more than 80 percent of its \$15 million goal already in hand.

About \$12.7 million in cash and pledges has been raised so far. Two anonymous donors have pledged a total of \$1.5 million, and 10 other individuals have made pledges ranging from \$100,000 to \$300,000.

Among the organizations who have made early commitments to the campaign are Wachovia Corp., which pledged \$500,000; Sara Lee Corp., which pledged \$250,000; the John W. and Anna Hanes Foundation of Winston-Salem, which pledged \$250,000; Southern National Bank, the Chatham Foundation of Elkin, the Broyhill Family Foundation of Lenoir, and the Dickson Foundation of Charlotte, each of which pledged \$100,000; the First Union Foundation, which pledged \$75,000; and Goody's Manufacturing Corp., which pledged \$50,000. Salem has submitted grant proposals to many other corporations and foundations, and alumnae, parents and friends of Salem will be approached for campaign gifts beginning in early 1994.



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