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Miracle woman inspires able-bodied



Tawana Williams speaks as her husband, Toby, looks on. Photo by Kevin Walker

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Tawana Williams has no arms and one of her legs is slightly shorter than the other, making it doubly difficult for her to balance her barely four-and-a-half foot frame while walking.

But Williams doesn't consider herself handicapped. It is the people who consider themselves normal — those with two arms and two perfectly proportioned legs — but who make excuses instead of living that Williams says are the real handicapped people of the

world. "Stop complaining. You are blessed just as you are," Williams said. "No more excuses. A lot of time we take life and our limbs for granted and we complain all the time

of inspiration to a wealth-building seminar that was held on the campus of Dudley Cosmetology University. Since giving her life to God in 1996, the Wilson native has become a popular speaker on the national circuit, showing thousands how a can-do attitude is stronger than any barrier.

Williams, 39, was born without arms. Her mother — fearing that without the right training her daughter would become dependent on others for all of her life — wrote to President John F. Kennedy when

*"I used to say, 'Why me?'
Now I say, 'Why not me?'"*
— Tawana Williams

about little issues. Do for yourself. Stop being slothful and lazy and complaining. You got everything you need."

Williams came to Kernersville Friday to add a touch

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Satellite voting OK'd for sites

Election officials had to scale back plans for four sites

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
THE CHRONICLE

Forsyth County residents will have a chance to vote early at two satellite voting sites this election season. State and local elections officials gave the green light to sites at Winston-Salem State University's Anderson Center and Reynolda Manor Library. Both satellite sites will open for absentee voting Tuesday and will remain open through Nov. 2.

The Forsyth County Board of Elections had wanted to open four satellite sites but did not receive enough funding from the state board to open sites in Clemmons and Kernersville. Yet the chairwoman of the Forsyth County Board of Elections said the two sites chosen

still cover key areas of the county.

"The board is trying to represent as much of the county as possible in different areas of the county," Joan Cardwell said. "We take our responsibility very seriously as protectors of all of the citizens, and that was what the board was trying to do (by providing voting) sites throughout the county."

Local Democrats are supporting the two satellite voting sites. Berni Gaither, chairwoman of the Forsyth County Democratic Party, said the sites will serve well the county's eastern and western reaches.

"We think absolutely any-

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Two look to oust popular politician

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

It is already a fact that Forsyth County's next state House delegation will include new faces. For various reasons, several veteran lawmakers here have decided to say goodbye to Raleigh.



Womble

State Rep. Larry Womble believes that his experience in Raleigh has never been as relevant as it is this election year. Womble, who represents the 71st District, says he will continue to fight for the people of Forsyth County

on such fronts as economic development, education and the environment.

"It is important for us to have some continuation. It is important for us to have some stability," he said.

Mac Weatherman, a bold Republican, and Lynn Haggerty, an optimistic Libertarian, stand in between Womble, a Democrat, and his fifth term in the House.

Weatherman has come out swinging since he convincingly won the Republican primary last month. He has lobbied for support at places such as the Winston-Salem State Homecoming Parade and at a meeting of the Winston-Salem Black Chamber of Commerce, places where white Republicans traditionally have not ventured. Weatherman says he has been well received.

"I am reaching out to the community because I want the community to be one," he said.



Weatherman

Weatherman and Womble were on hand for a racial relations forum last month sponsored by the city's Human Relations Commission. At the forum, which was covered by The Chronicle, Womble, who is known for not holding his tongue, said it was a racist act when two white Democratic candidates for sheriff endorsed the white Republican nominee after the primary. Womble said that if the Democratic nominee, John Polite, had been white (Polite is black),

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Photos by Kevin Walker

Rams football player Victor White, a senior, talks to prospective WSSU student Paulicia Harkin, far left, and her mother, Drema. Mother and daughter traveled from Fayetteville for the university's Fall Open House.

Tooting Their Own Horns

WSSU enjoying record growth and expansion and still pushing for more

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Three years ago, Winston-Salem State University was the furthest thing from Rolanda Patrick's mind as she was preparing to finish high school in Elmsford, N.Y. Her guidance counselor, who happened to be a WSSU alumnus, changed that.

"At that time, I really had not heard much about this institution," Patrick recalled. "My guidance counselor sat me down and said, 'Rolanda, I am going to pay your application fee. I just want you to apply.'"

Patrick took his advice, eventually following up her application with a visit to the campus.

"I did not visit any other college. I



Tuba players Wille Nichols (from right), Reggie Scott, Albert Morgan and Corey Hill play at an open house pep rally.

fell in love with this campus the first time I stepped foot on it," she said. Today, Patrick is a popular senior

who was crowned Miss WSSU two weeks ago. One of her duties is selling

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Women have sweet plan for Trade Street space

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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The heart of the city's burgeoning arts district may seem like an odd place for a Southern-inspired, full-service restaurant, but the two women busily working to make the eatery a reality say it will be a perfect fit.

"The crux of the arts is to feed the soul. We will feed the soul in a different way," said Vivian Joiner,

who, along with friend Stephanie Tyson, is set to aid the city in its grandiose plans to revitalize downtown with Sweet Potatoes, a "Southernesque" eatery that may be open for business on Trade Street by the middle of December.

Longtime food service employees who have worked at restaurants from Florida to the Midwest, Tyson and Joiner say opening their own restaurant has

been a 15-year-old dream, a dream that is becoming a reality partly through low-interest loans from the city (\$100,000) and the Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership (\$50,000).

"We just seized the opportunity," Tyson explained. "Vivian and I just went out and asked (about loan opportunities) because all people could say is no."

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Photo by Kevin Walker

Vivian Joiner and Stephanie Tyson stand outside of the Trade Street building that will soon house their restaurant.



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