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University helps to foster union between UNC and South Africa

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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The University of North Carolina system entered into an agreement last week with the five-institution system in Western Cape, South Africa, that will allow students to study abroad and faculty to work collectively on pressing educational issues.



Martin

The UNC system already has similar agreements with university systems in countries such as Israel, Sweden and Mexico. Individual schools in the UNC system also have agreements with various systems and schools throughout the world. But the new agreement is UNC's first system-to-system partnership with an African coun-

try and the first time a university system in South Africa has ever partnered with another university system.

"We are delighted and honored. As far as we know it is the first agreement of its kind with South Africa and a state, so this is really breaking new territory," said Steve Flynn, director of the UNC exchange program.

Under the new agreement, students in the UNC system will have the option of studying abroad at any of the five institutions in the Western Cape system, and South African students can choose to come to North Carolina to study at any of the 16 UNC campuses.

The agreement also allows for faculty in both systems to travel aboard and collaborate on research projects and other educational endeavors.

The agreement comes two months after Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Harold Martin led a delegation of UNC officials to Western Cape to

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Subject of book says he is one of many successes

Best seller follows Jennings from inner-city to Brown

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Cedric Jennings, a young black man whose story of rising from the inner city to the Ivy League became the subject of a Pulitzer prize-winning series of articles and a national best seller, told Wake Forest University students last week that other black men are doing the same things that he did every day. But, he said, their accomplishments are not spotlighted by mass media that instead, choose to portray young blacks as troublemakers and predators.

"I challenge each and every one of you not to consider my story as an anomaly," Jennings said.

Jennings spoke to a packed

house at Wake last Thursday. Many of the students in attendance recently read "A Hope Unseen: An American Odyssey from the Inner City to the Ivy League" as part of a class assignment. The book is by Wall Street Journal writer Ron Suskind and

tells the story of Jennings, who grew up in Anacostia, a southeast Washington, D.C., community that has a

dubious reputation for crime and violence. The book came after a series of articles on Jennings' life as an honor student at problem-ridden Ballou High School appeared in the Wall Street Journal. The articles captured the attention of the nation, garnering



Jennings

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Reaching Out and Giving Back

Recreation Center gives people chance to win holiday turkey

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The accessory of choice at Sims Recreation Center Friday was a 12-pound frozen turkey.

About 130 people came to Sims for a turkey giveaway that has become a pre-Thanksgiving tradition at the center, which is located in the heart of the Happy Hill community.

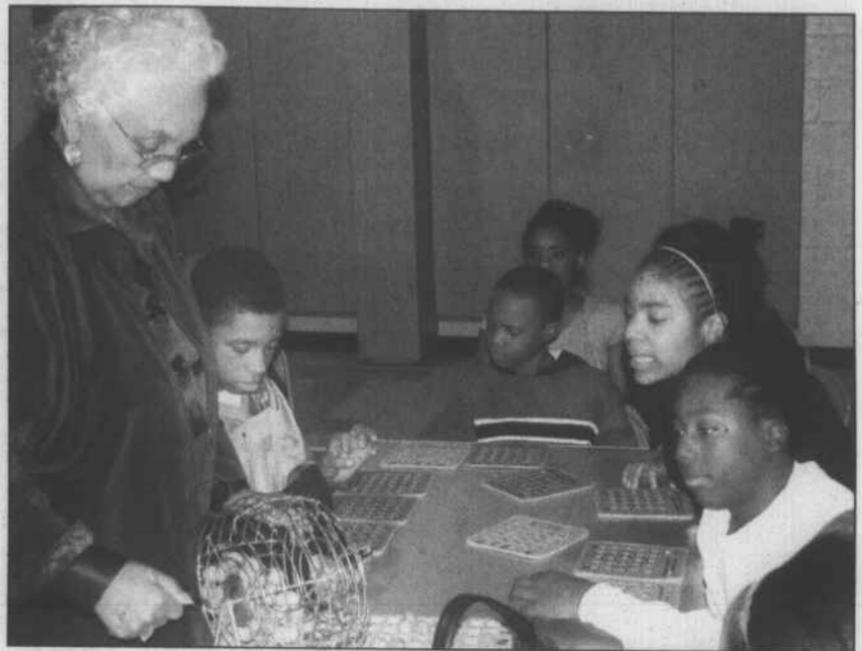
"This is the eighth year that we have done this," said Ben Piggott, supervisor at Sims Recreation Center. "We have people asking every year about this event."

People who live in and around Happy Hill got the chance to win turkeys by playing bingo or winning a variety of free-throw basketball competitions. In all, more than 40 turkeys were given away, birds that were so large that many of the children who won had to have assistance lugging home their prizes.

This year, like in previous years, the Winston-Salem chapter of Links Inc. donated many of the turkeys. Complete strangers also gave Piggott turkeys and money to buy turkeys.

"A lot of people heard about this project and wanted to contribute. We love to do this for the community. This year, especially, because of all the job cuts, we have a lot of families that are in need," Piggott said.

Winston-Salem Fire Chief John Gist has also been a long-time friend to the turkey giveaway program. For the past several years he has helped administer the free-throw competition, even challenging the kids to a friendly competition. Happy Hill has special memories for Gist. He attended Columbia Heights High School, which was located a hop, skip and jump from the community, and spent many of



Photos by Kevin Walker

Children hope that their numbers are called as the bingo caller prepares to make her next selection. Right: Ben Piggott poses with some of the 40 turkeys that were handed out.

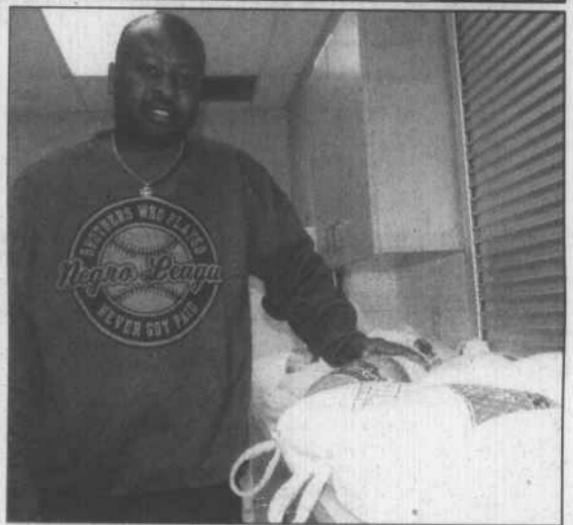
his afternoons playing sports with friends who lived in Happy Hill.

"It is just good for me to come out and see the kids have some fun," Gist said. "If I can inspire these kids by being here, that is good too."

Gist was available for the adults to answer questions about fire safety during the holiday season.

Those who did not have game tried their hand at the bingo tables, where players did everything from crossing their fingers to saying audible prayers in hopes that their magic number would be called.

Janice Crews' finger crossing paid off. She had tried winning a Thanksgiving turkey many times



at the Sims Center in years past but always left empty-handed. That changed Friday when the bingo caller picked Crews' last number. Crews threw up her hands, turned to her friends and screamed "bingo."

"I have been here so many times before, so it is good to leave with a turkey," Crews said. "This is something worthwhile for them to do because a turkey is something that everyone can use, especially at this time of year."

Church's outreach effort feeds 400 families



Photo by Kevin Walker

Members of Mt. Olive Baptist Church work on an assembly line to bagging of food for families in need.

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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About 500 people began lining up outside of Mount Olive Baptist Church Saturday morning. Some came with young children grasped tightly to their sides; others came in wheelchairs or with walking canes.

Crowds gathered outside the church the Saturday before

Thanksgiving has become a tradition. At noon for nearly the past decade, the church has handed bags full of food to those who need them most. Each year the church's food giveaway has multiplied as cries from the community have grown louder.

About 400 bags were given away Saturday, bags packed so tightly with things such as a turkey, rice, fresh rolls and beans that some of the bags tore apart as people tried to cart them away.

"It makes us feel good to see that we are reaching out," the Rev. Charles Gray, pastor of the church, said. "I am tired of people saying that the church never gives back to the

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Charles Gray

Program creates opportunity for many



Photo by Paul Collins

Charles Wright rings his bell outside J.C. Penney department store at Hanes Mall. He is seeking donations for The Salvation Army's Christmas assistance program.

BY PAUL COLLINS
THE CHRONICLE

Charles Wright said that being a bell ringer for The Salvation Army's Christmas drive is his only paid work during the year. It's a job that lasts about five weeks, about 31 hours a week.

Wright, 45, of 1221 W. Fourth Street, is drawing Social Security because of a disability he has. He has sleep apnea, a condition in which one stops breathing repeatedly during sleep, making sleep very fragmented and of poor quality. The

sleep problem would cause him to fall asleep at work. He previously was a waiter at a barbecue restaurant and a waiter and dining room supervisor at a cafeteria.

Wright and his wife, Nancy Louise Wright, have three grown children. Mrs. Wright is a deli manager at a convenience store/deli-catessen. Last year, Mrs. Wright was a bell ringer for the Salvation Army too.

Major Dan Proctor, area commander for The

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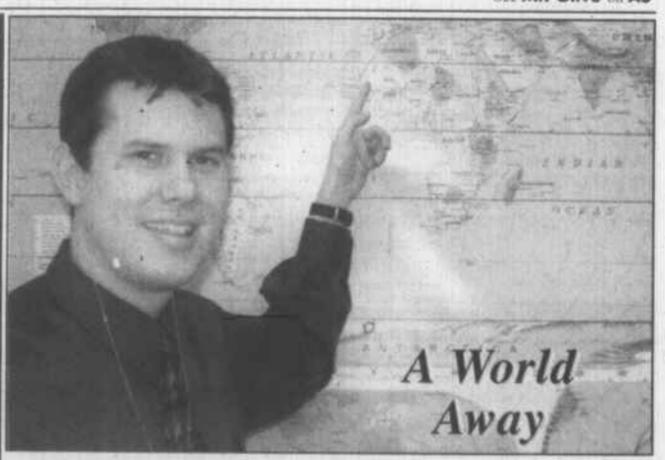


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Rob Warfield, coordinator for magnet schools for the city-county system, points to Mauritania, the African country he will visit next month. Warfield plans to take money and supplies donated by local students. To read more, see page A2.