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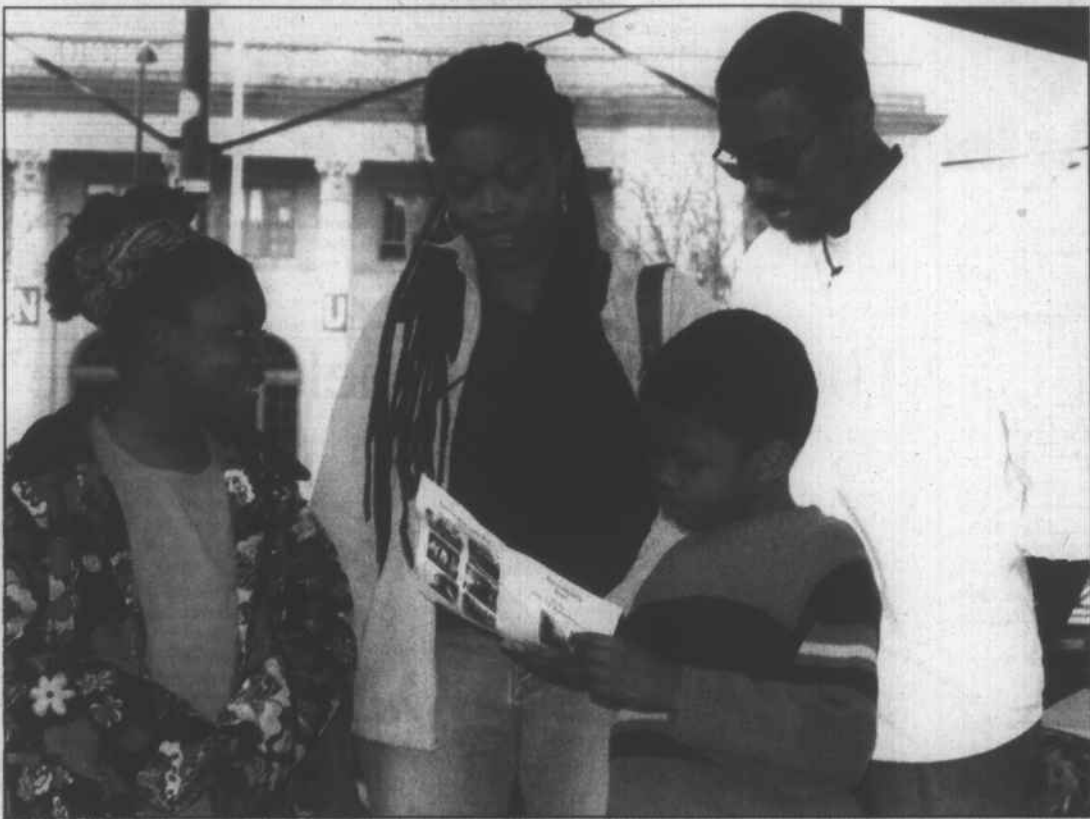
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## A FAMILY AFFAIR

Photo by Kevin Walker  
 The Glenn clan - Ayaana, from left, Lavastian, Eric and Noah - were among the hundreds of people Sunday who paid their respects to Civil Rights icon Rosa Parks. A tribute ceremony was held at the Transportation Center downtown to remember Parks, who passed away recently. The service attracted many families like the Glenns as well as several high school and college students. To read more about the event, see page B16 of this week's edition.



## Building named for beloved professor

Wilveria Bass Atkinson taught at WSSU for 30 years

BY TODD LUCK  
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Winston-Salem State University last week dedicated its new science building on Cromartie Street to longtime professor Dr. Wilveria Bass Atkinson.



Dr. Wilveria Bass Atkinson

Atkinson, 74, was affectionately called "Doc" by her students. She is now retired after a 30-year career as a faculty member at WSSU that began in 1970. The building that now bears her name is a \$12 million, 51,378-square-foot facility that will house the science department.

Chancellor Harold Martin opened the program by speaking of Atkinson's accomplishments, such as her founding of Project Strengthen, a biomedical research and training unit at the school. Atkinson, a native of Dudley, N.C., founded Project Strengthen, shortly after she came to WSSU and ran it for 28 years.

Martin called the new building a physical representation of her dedication to students. Many speakers went on to list her other accomplishments and how she improved the university. The speakers included Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke and State Rep. Larry Womble.

Atkinson "gave them hope they can be who they want to be, do what they want to do," said Burke.

Atkinson was instrumental in getting the university major grants to fund half a dozen science programs. She lobbied for the university to get an office in Piedmont Triad Research Park, which it now has. She led the initiative that resulted in WSSU becoming the first campus in the University of North

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## Belles advised to kick butts

Bennett one of the HBCUs taking part in smoking prevention effort

BY SANDRA ISLEY  
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Quit smoking now! That was the plea at an American Legacy Foundation forum held at Greensboro's Bennett College Tuesday morning.

Why? Because, according to the American Cancer Society, cigarette smokers die younger than non-smokers. State Rep. Al



Adams

Adams opened the discussion with a familiar phrase, "If you live, two things you must do: die and pay taxes." Then she continued her speech, explaining how you don't have control over certain things, but you do have control over how you choose to live your life in the time given to you. Adams' tobacco use began at age 17.

Through statistics and a personal telling of her own experience with tobacco use, Adams, who quit smoking years ago, implored others to give up the deadly habit, citing that tobacco use among women is responsible for 45,000 deaths annually.

Accompanying Adams on

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## Vets fight for recognition

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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Photo by Kevin Walker

Alvin Cannady talks about being a Buffalo Soldier.

Fred Hahn and a countless number of men and women like him were hailed as heroes Friday as the nation observed Veterans Day. But Hahn's 11-year-old grandson doesn't need a special holiday to exalt his grandpa. Hahn - a towering 81-year-old who spent some of the best years of his life serving on PT boats in the South Pacific during World War II - is a hero every day in his grandson's eyes.

Friday, during a special Veterans Day luncheon at The Shepherd's Center of Greater Winston-Salem, Hahn showed off an essay his grandson wrote about him (Hahn's grandson's class was asked to write about the person they admire the most). He also brought along a replica of a PT boat - PT boats were known for their incredible speed and firepower - that he and his grandson made. Hahn often uses the boat when he visits grade-school children to talk about his military service.

"Nobody has the slightest idea about World War II... but the kids love to hear about (it). They soak it up," he said.

Those who have served this country relish Veterans Day for the opportunity it

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## Library works to meet demands of future

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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One would have to search far and wide to find a Friends of the Library organization at a historically black school that has been as active and successful as the one at Winston-Salem State University.

The group's efforts have helped keep the school's O'Kelly Library afloat over the past two decades, as the Internet and other high-tech sources have challenged libraries' status as centers of knowledge.

Saturday, hundreds of people attended a swank fund-raising soiree on the school's campus to mark the 20th anniversary of the WSSU Friends of Library,

a group made up of students, staff, faculty members, alumni and people from the community who love books and are dedicated to the mission of the library.

"I assure you, we would not be where we are without your significant support," Harold Martin, the school's chancellor, told members of the group.

The mission of "Friends" has largely remained unchanged since it started in 1985. The group works to raise money so that O'Kelly can purchase books, supplies and equipment - things the library can't squeeze out of its annual appropriation from the state.

The group has sold books,



Rodney



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Someone admires the print that will be sold to benefit the library.

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