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## FROM A&T TO ANGELS

School remembers students killed in car wreck



Members of the A&T Choir perform.

BY SANDRA ISLEY  
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**GREENSBORO** — "She loved to smile." "She made you laugh. She was just a clown all around." "They were beautiful." These were the remarks made by friends and fellow classmates of the three A&T students who perished in a car wreck early last week. A picture of the threesome, Lynai Thorne, Tiffany Kittrell, and Carla Marshall, with halos adorning their heads, and a message written above that read, "We Remember Aggie Angels," began the memorial services held Sunday afternoon on the school's campus. Their lives flashed before the crowd of mourners on a movie screen as pictures of their childhood, elementary and high school years floated by, only to return several times to the picture of the

Photo courtesy of A&T Register

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## Former inmates ask for chances

Coalition looking to build relationships with community

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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It was called the Restoration Cafe, but it wasn't serving burgers Friday, fries either.

The Faith Seeds Community Re-Entry Coalition themed its morning-long community discussion around a diner concept. The agendas were designed to look like menus, and discussion leaders



Glover

wore aprons and jotted down notes on paper tablecloths as if they were taking orders.

Despite the lighthearted atmosphere, the topics were serious. Faith Seeds started about two years ago to support "the restoration" of ex-offenders back into the society. Members of the coalition include officials from churches, social service and housing agencies — entities that can provide much needed transitional help for a person coming out of prison.

Friday's event, which drew more than four dozen people to Goler Community Development Corporation Building, was designed to spread Faith Seeds' mission to the broader community. Guests included community leaders like NAACP President Stephen Hairston and State Rep. Earline Parmon; Assistant Police Chief Louis Saunders was there too. They and other attendees rotated from table to table where various topics related to re-entry were discussed. Unknown to most of the guests was that many of those they sat beside at the tables were ex-offenders.

Sharon Glover, co-chair of the Faith Seeds Coalition and its Executive Council, said public disdain and prejudice are among

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## A WINNING SMILE

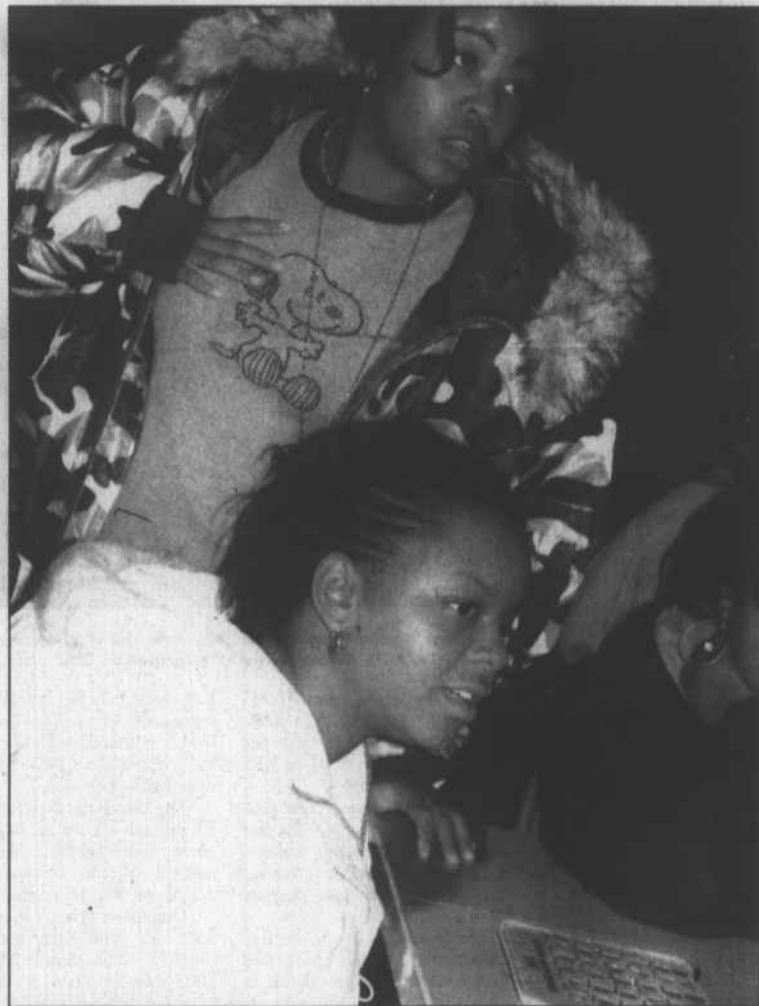


Photo by Kevin Walker

Monique Funderburk smiles as a woman checks her bingo card last week at the Sims Recreation Center. Funderburk was a winner. Her prize was a Thanksgiving turkey. Lots of other people got turkeys over the weekend as well. See page B14.

## City names Taylor new head of sanitation

BY TODD LUCK  
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Johnnie Taylor is the new director of the Winston-Salem Sanitation Department, city officials announced last week. Taylor, currently the city traffic maintenance supervisor, will succeed Becky McBride, who was director for 21 years.

Taylor, 36, has been an employee of the city for 13 years and started his current job supervising traffic maintenance in 2003. He will take on his new position as head of sanitation on Dec. 1. He said he applied for the position when it became available in

order to take the next step in his career of public service.

"I like challenge, and working with citizens and elected officials. I enjoy public administration, period," Taylor said.

In his current position, Taylor is part of the arm of the Transportation Department responsible for road maintenance, road markings, street signs, signal lights, and detours, among other things. He supervises around 20 people.

In his new position, he will supervise more than 200 workers who will be responsible for the operation of seven



Stuart

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Nat Belin has drawn local and international celebrities. Above are Mayor Allen Joines and the late Roy Charles.

## MAN WITH THE GOLDEN HANDS

Nat Belin gaining lots of attention for artwork

BY TODD LUCK  
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Nat Belin has loved art for as long as he can remember, but growing up in the fields of South Carolina, he never thought he would hear people say he's a great artist.

But now people do just that, enthusiastically and on a regular basis. Walking into his living room it's not hard to see why. The walls are completely covered with amazing caricatures he's done of celebrities of every sort, from Tupac to Condoleezza Rice. Their heads are large and their features exaggerated, but somehow each drawing is instantly recognizable.

Belin, 54, loves drawing caricatures. He's either drawing them, thinking about them, or reading about how he can draw them better.

"Art is always in my head," he said.

Belin's exaggerated portraits have graced the cover of Triad Style, the pages of the Salem Star, and Fantasia Barrino's fan page (www.fantasiabarrinofan.com/caricature). He's often asked to do large caricatures for retiring city employees. He has donated his time and work as an artist to the AIDS Care Service of Winston-Salem.

Belin was featured as one of Roy's Folks on Fox 8 News several years ago when Roy Ackland did a story on his booth at Cooks Flea Market, where he drew shoppers who came by. On Friday he attended an all-day Roy's Folks Craft Fair featuring various artists Ackland has featured in his segment.

Belin usually begins a caricature by looking at a photo of his subject. He then "messes around" with a number two pencil, freely sketching the subject. He goes over the lines he likes with an ink pen, erases the rest, and then "sharpens up" his colored pencils. Though the blended colors in his caricatures often look like paint, they're really all done with colored pencils.

The process typically can take a couple minutes for an easy

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Nat Belin

Photo by Todd Luck



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Thirty-six-year-old Johnnie Taylor will become the head of the city's sanitation wing on Dec. 1. He replaces long-time director Becky McBride.



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