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New Boys & Girls Club to be built



Members of the Boys & Girls Club perform.

BY SANDRA ISLEY
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A groundbreaking ceremony for the future site of The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club was held Tuesday morning on Reynolds Park Road.

Speakers for the occasion included Mayor Allen Joines, whose remarks included: "It's time for a new one. It's truly needed."

Although a smaller version than the older one it will be replacing on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, the new facility will be more modern and efficient, which means less is more, according to Andy Brown, co-chairman of the Boys and Girls Club.

Benefits of the new building will include Internet accessibility, classroom space that allows separate and coed classes, and enhancement of its relationship with Wake Forest University and Winston-Salem State University, because of its new location.

"The children will be able to take advantage of the more modern amenities that this facility will bring," said

Tina Carson-Wilkens, co-chairperson of the Boys & Girls Club.

Thomas Hughes, whose firm was selected to design the building, was presented with a written contract during the ceremony after working up until this point without one. The new building will contain a computer lab, library, gymnasium, dining area and a student lounge.

Even though the MLK facility is being replaced after more than 50 years, many people who gathered for the ceremony remember the services it has provided to the community.

James Taylor was a member since the age of 6. After graduating from N.C. Central University, he is now the club's athletic director. "The Boys & Girls Club is a pillar of the community, and if I didn't go there, if others didn't go there, we'd probably be doing things that we shouldn't," said Taylor. "It gave us a chance to do something other than what we saw."

Also present was Wanda Oglesby. She is a mother of two, who's benefi-



James Grissom holds his award.

Photo by Todd Luck

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Campus marks World AIDS Day

BY SANDRA ISLEY
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"AIDS is not a judgment. It's a condition," said activist Vernon Gaines, who has been battling the disease for the last 10 years. "If a person had a stroke, you wouldn't back away from them."

Gaines, of Crisis Control Ministries, was a special guest speaker Nov. 30 at a ceremony at Winston-Salem State University to mark World AIDS Day, which has been held on Dec. 1 for the past decade.



Vernon Gaines

Gaines called for more warriors on the street, people to educate others in order to help battle the spread of the disease.

Even though there is no cure, Gaines wanted everyone to know that the disease

is preventable. Last week's ceremony focused largely on prevention. A new campus program was unveiled to help educate students about the prevention of HIV.

HCcEC (Healthy Choice creates Empowered Changes) is slated to start in January at WSSU. The reason why the program is targeting students is not because there is an epidemic on campus, officials said, but because there is an epidemic in the black community. A disproportionate number of blacks is being affected. There has recently been a spike in HIV rates among young black women.

"This is a world epidemic, not just a local epidemic, said Tamara Alexander, a registered nurse and HIV educator at WSSU. "Instead of being ignorant, it's good to be educated about the disease. And we want to provide education and information to our community, as well as to the world."

Alexander recently spent nine months in Atlanta at the Institute for HIV Prevention Leadership learning about the disease. It was the first time that an HBCU

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SPECIAL DELIVERY



Photo by Jason Pitt

Gov. Mike Easley hugs Winston-Salem resident Vennie Suber Wednesday after delivering her Meals-On-Wheels lunch. The governor was in town to help Senior Services, which runs Meals-On-Wheels, deliver its three-millionth meal. A full story about Easley's visit will be featured in the next issue of The Chronicle.

Locals honored for helping homeless

Forty-five people have received awards since they began in 1997

BY TODD LUCK
 THE CHRONICLE

Gov. Mike Easley recently announced the recipients of a statewide award to honor individuals and organizations that help the homeless. Recipients included James Grissom, resident manager of AIDS Care Service, and a local business, New Atlantic Contracting.

The N.C. Interagency Council for Coordinating Homeless Programs Awards for Excellence was started in 1997, and 45 recipients have been recognized with awards since then.

"The recipients of this year's awards are working to improve conditions for the homeless across the state, and I am proud to honor their efforts," Easley said. "I hope that we can build on their hard work and commitment to find ways to help these citizens gain the stability and skills they need to be successful."

New Atlantic Contracting won the Corporate Award for its contributions to Samaritan Ministries, which runs the Samaritan Inn, a 69-bed homeless shelter for men, and operates a seven-day-a-week soup kitchen.

"I can't think of a more worthy cause or charity," said Dave Walters, president of New Atlantic.

His company provided project management and labor for Samaritan's shelter renovation in 2001. This year, New Atlantic provided project management and professional expertise for the

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Dave Walters is president of New Atlantic.

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