

Eagles dance the night away

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"Celebrating 60 years of Alumni Excellence" was just what the Winston-Salem North Carolina Central University's alumni and friends did April 14.

The Winston-Salem Eagles sponsored its ninth annual presentation of the school's internationally acclaimed Jazz Band and Vocal Ensemble at the Embassy Suites' Grand Pavillion. The musicians enthralled their 300-plus audience with a wide variety of jazz tunes under the direction of Dr. Ira Wiggins. Before the end of the evening, the Eagles and their guests were dancing and swaying to the tunes so profes-



Co-chair Phyllis Martin

sionally performed by the groups.

Jazz Night is sponsored as a fundraiser for scholarships. An added plus is a great evening of entertainment and camaraderie while showcasing talented young Eagles and the university. Special guests from the university were present and local president, Andrea Bush, welcomed and introduced guests during the intermission. Other local officers and members were introduced and door prizes were given.

The Eagles thanked their many friends for sustained support as they strive to serve the Twin Cities in "Truth and Service."



Members of the NCCU Vocal Ensemble perform.

Earth Day

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"There are things that we need to do to help and I want them to understand that they can do it."

The bags were supplied by the Food Lion located at 980 South Main St. in Kernersville. The school sent a group of students to deliver the bags on Friday, to be distributed to Food Lion customers on Saturday.

Thirteen year-old Jasmine Baldwin was among those who traveled to the store that afternoon.

"I think it's something to let everybody know that you should care about the earth and participate in things to make the earth a better place for everyone," Baldwin stated. "It makes me happy because I'm letting people know that everyone should participate in things like this."

Store Manager Frank Griffin said Food Lion was happy to lend its support.

"It's a great opportunity for me, as a store manager, to interact with my local community, and it's also a great opportunity for the children to be able to display their product and get involved with the community also," he commented.

The students impressed Griffin with their knowl-

edge about Earth Day and obvious dedication to the project.

"I talked to kids while I was actually hanging up their bags and was quizzing them on things like 'What is Earth Day, what does it mean to you?' They were telling me it's about saving the earth and the atmosphere, the ozone layer," he related. "I was really pleased to see that we're actually going over stuff like that in school with the children."

The project had indeed struck a chord with the students. Some sacrificed their lunchtimes to work on the bags, while others volunteered to come in after school hours.

Eighth grader Alejandra Garcia decorated five bags for the project. Like many of the other students, Garcia said she enjoyed the artistic aspect of the project, and

felt good about the message her school is sending to the community.

"I feel it's a nice thing," she said. "The earth should be something that people keep clean and people should care about."

The grocery bag project is part of an ongoing effort Ramsey is making to establish a feeling of responsibility and awareness in students about the environment and the impact that humans have on it.

Aaron Reid, 13, is a 7th grader at Hill this year. He said he has already begun working to save the environment at home, by picking up trash and doing other chores.

"I care about the earth and I want to be a good person, help people out about Earth Day," he commented. "Without the earth, we can have nothing, we wouldn't be alive."

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