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## Wedded Bliss



The crowd cheers as Dr. Sir Walter Mack Jr. takes the hand of his new wife, Kim Romaine Bush, after their wedding ceremony on Saturday at St. Peters Church and World Outreach Center. See more images from the lavish affair on pages B1 and B2.

## Entering the Digital Age

Former technology novices take home computers

BY TODD LUCK  
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Graduates of a program that helps those with little computer skills get more tech-savvy will get a lot more practice with the refurbished computers that many of them took home last week.

Connect Your Community (CYC) provides a series of skills classes for local people who don't own computers. The program is offered through a partnership between WinstonNet, a local nonprofit dedicated to bridging the digital divide, and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. It's funded by a federal Broadband Stimulus Program grant that also funds CYC's seven-member staff, which includes five instructors. CYC's goal is to train and get 1,750 adults online by May 2012, when the grant ends.

Courses - which are offered at places such as schools, Goodwill centers and libraries - cover the basics and even things such as searching the Internet and using the online video chat program Skype. Those who complete the program are offered the opportunity to buy desktop or laptop computers at greatly discounted prices. CYC also helps graduates find an affordable Internet provider.

CYC Program Supervisor Cathy Davidson said bridging the digital divide is becoming increasingly urgent. "If you are not connected to the Internet in five years you're going to be disconnected from society in many ways," said Davidson. About 350 people have graduated from CYC and nearly 100 of them picked up their computers at the WS/FCS Education Building on Bethania Station Road last Friday.



Photo by Todd Luck

Louise Patrick-Austin takes home her desk-digital divide, top computer.



Photo by Daryl Shaw

Keith Grandberry presents a vase to Maya Angelou in appreciation of her support.

## Urban League salutes Angelou

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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The Winston-Salem Urban League wrapped up an unprecedented week of events on May 20 with an elegant celebration honoring renowned poet and author Dr. Maya Angelou and others at Forsyth Medical Center's Conference Center.

The "I am the Urban League Equal Opportunity Day Celebration," which was sponsored by the Medical Center, served as the culmination of the organization's first-ever Equal Opportunity Week, which included the ribbon cutting ceremony for Quality of Life Institute, the Urban League's satellite office, on May 18 and its Eighth Annual WSUL Golf Tournament on May 19.

"It is important to me that we make a difference," said Urban League CEO and

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Photo by Layla Farmer

WFU employees pose for a photo after completing work at Group Homes.

## Deacs roll up their sleeves

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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In lieu of a trip to the bowling alley or a trek to a remote locale, the staff of Wake Forest University's Athletics Department used its annual team-building exercise to support of the United Way's Day of Service.

"We did a strategic plan about a year ago and this was an idea that came out of a subcommittee," explained Mike Odom, assistant athletic director for

Marketing and Special Projects. "We thought it would be a great opportunity to give back to the community and still accomplish the goal of getting closer as a staff."

Four United Way partner agencies benefitted from the altruistic spirit of the Demon Deacons, who volunteered from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on May 18 before adjourning to Gene Hooks Field, the school's baseball park, to take part in a departmental cookout and games. Experiment in Self Reliance, Group Homes

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## A NEW VOICE

Theater company puts focus on Latino community

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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Photo by Layla Farmer

Bryant Hernandez is hoping to change the face of theater in Winston-Salem.

Two decades ago, city resident Bryant Hernandez says theater saved his life. Now, he hopes to pay the good deed forward to those in the local community, through Theatre on Common Ground (TOCG), a fledgling professional theater company that seeks to foster understanding and respect across social and ethnic lines through the art of drama.

"Theatre on Common Ground pretty much started because there was nothing (like it) for the Latino community," Hernandez explained. "I didn't want to create something that was just for the Latino community, that's why Theatre on Common Ground is a very multicultural professional theater company."

Hernandez, a San Diego native and 2010 graduate of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, says his love affair with theater began in high school when Teatro Meta, a theater outreach program for Hispanic youth, drew his attention towards the stage and

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Photo by Shelby Pantaja

"Confessions" cast members (top from left) Ruth de la Garza, Olivia Elias (bottom) Jordan Frazier and Rocia Terry.

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