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FASHION STATEMENT WITH A PURPOSE

Student's Middle Eastern duds get lots of attention

BY TODD LUCK
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Demetrius Jones, a political science major at Winston-Salem State University, traded in his suit and tie last week for garments often worn in Middle Eastern countries. Jones said he made the change in order to test the level of local cultural sensitivity.



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Each day for a week, he wore a kandoorah (an ankle-length garment similar to a robe), a head-dress, often called a ghutra, and sandals. The ensemble is commonly worn in Dubai, one of the seven emirates that make-up the United Arab Emirates. Jones has been there twice in recent months.

An African American Christian, Jones said he felt very welcomed in Dubai, a wealthy, predominately Muslim emirate that has become a global business hub. He first visited for an international youth leadership conference in December. Since Dubai is so accommodating to Westerners and other cultures, Jones wanted to see if the same would be true in reverse. He decided to adopt



Photo by Todd Luck

See Jones on A11 *Demetrius Jones stands on the campus of Winston-Salem State University.*



Photo by Kevin Walker

Rev. Charles F. Wilson speaks on behalf on cancer survivor Gary Tuttle, left.

Need for local health reforms emphasized

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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As debate over the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act – commonly known as “ObamaCare” – rages, Gary Tuttle just wants the health care and medications that he needs to stay alive.

The 59-year-old local man's story riveted a crowd of hundreds on hand last Thursday at a Winston-Salem State University-sponsored town hall forum on health equity.

Tuttle had worked hard his whole life, providing food, clothing, shelter and health insurance for himself and his family. That all changed in 1999 when he was diagnosed with a disability that made working impossible. He lost his health coverage as a result, and the measly disability checks he began receiving a whopping 23 months after he stopped working could not make ends meet.

Tuttle was turned away from local public agencies for one reason or another and eventually began relying on the free community clinic based at Green Street Methodist Church for all of his health care needs. It was at the clinic that he received another devastating blow; doctors told him he had throat cancer. Though Tuttle has no means to pay for his medication, local agencies did collaborate in order for him to receive 66 rounds of radiation – enough to send his cancer into remission.

“When I was healthy with a job, I had insurance, and when I became sick and needed coverage, I had none,” said Rev. Charles F. Wilson, who read a statement from his friend because Tuttle's battle



Dr. Flack



Dr. Valentine

Oyelowo Christian first, actor second



Photo by Kevin Walker

David Oyelowo awaits the presentation of his award.

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The very first critics that British actor David Oyelowo (Oh-yellow-oh) had to win over were his own parents, Nigerian immigrants who were none too pleased that their son was not going to be the lawyer that they'd envisioned.

They warmed to his chosen profession after David made history in 2001 when he won the title role in “Henry VI,” becoming the first black actor in the history of the esteemed Royal Shakespeare Company to play an English king.

“My dad first came to the UK in the 60s and 70s, when racism was still very rife,” Oyelowo explained. “I think for him the idea of any black man getting to play the king of England, was never gonna happen, especially his own son.”

Oyelowo popped into town last Friday night to accept a Spark Award at the RiverRun International Film Festival. A new honor for the annual festival, the Spark

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WS/FCS has new student poet laureate



Photo by Todd Luck

(From left) WS/FCS poet laureate Jeremy Sexton with runners-up Hunter McIntosh and Sarah Hoyle.

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Students waxed poetic on topics like war, abuse, gangs, alcoholism and bullying last Thursday during the school system's Fourth Annual Poet Laureate competition.

Held at the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Education Building on Bethania Station Road, 21 students from local high schools competed to become the school system's poet laureate. Each high school had an option of sending up to two students to the competition, which was sponsored by the Forsyth Education Partnership.

Each of the young poets stood before a microphone and recited an original piece. A judging panel made up of retired college

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LOOK HOW FAR WE'VE COME



Official White House Photo by Pete Souza

President Barack Obama sits on the very bus on which Rosa Parks took her history-making stance on Dec. 1, 1955 in Montgomery, Ala. The bus is now in the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Mich. The president stopped by the museum on April 19 following an event.



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