

### Beech

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ence in a candid, unpretentious manner, poking fun at his life and the pitfalls of his job as he schooled them about the world of art design. When designing a set, no detail is too minuscule to consider, provided that it will actually make it into the shot, the Ohio native said.

"Insist on the little things," he advised. "... You're trying to hit this sweet spot in the camera - don't go too high, don't go too low, because they'll never see it on camera. You've got to aim for the strike zone."

Beech walked the audience through his process, explaining how he and his team transformed Virginia's House of Representatives into "Capitol Square" for "Lincoln." The team faced many obstacles in converting the structure, which Beech said looked "nothing like" 19th Century Washington, D.C. To make it look authentic, every sign of modern life had to be masked, from electronic voting boards to light switches. The crew did decide to leave one tiny element that wasn't present in the original White House: Virginia's state seal, which reads, "Sic semper tyrannis," a phrase meaning "Death to tyrants," which John



Curt Beech recreated 1960s Mississippi for "The Help."

Wilkes Booth is said to have uttered just after assassinating President Lincoln.

Beech told the group that crew members were strictly forbidden from photographing actor Daniel Day-Lewis dressed as Lincoln. The Oscar winning actor took on the role wholeheartedly, Beech reported.

"When he got into the office, he said, 'This all looks great, now please take down all pictures of Abraham Lincoln. I am now him, so we did,' he related. 'That was his process, and you can't argue with the results.' (Day-Lewis recently won his third Best Actor Oscar for his role in the film.)

Though he went on to earn a MFA at UCLA,

Beech said he got his start in the industry at Wake Forest, doing a work study program in the theater to help pay his bills. He met his wife, Mary Beech, the chief marketing officer for designer Kate Spade, on campus. The couple's two daughters, Tate, 9 and Eden, 7 were on hand for the talk, as were Beech's parents and two of his siblings. Though he has had the pleasure of working on several highly acclaimed projects, Beech told the audience last week that he's always in search of the next big thing.

"My favorite project is my next project, always," he said. "'Lincoln' is very special because of all the acclaim, and I think I did some very good work on 'The Help' ... but I'm

always looking for the next thing - that's the one I'm excited about."

Film Festival Executive Directors Connor McCarthy and Rebecca Moberly said they were thrilled to be able to launch this year's festival, which runs through April 5, by featuring a WFU alumnus. McCarthy, a junior communications major who is minoring in film study, said he heard Beech speak during a visit to the campus for an unrelated event last year, and was eager to bring him back for the festival.

"We thought he was amazing - the match could not be more perfect," declared the Orlando, Fla. native. "We just thought it would be borderline insane not to at least reach out and



Curt Beech shares a laugh with Festival Executive Directors Rebecca Moberly and Connor McCarthy.

see if he was available."

Many of the speakers also took time out of their schedules to visit classrooms and talk with students one on one, giving an added dimension to the festival, McCarthy said.

"I'm proud of the fact that we're getting some of these speakers to go to the classrooms and speak to the students outside of their speaking time," the 21 year-old said. "We wanted people who wanted to be here and wanted to give something back to young, aspiring filmmakers."

Moberly, a senior art history and Chinese double major, said organizers sought speakers who were young and/or well versed in working on low budget productions.

The Plymouth, Ind. native said

she was inspired by Beech's talk.

"He said it best when he said to really focus on the little things. There's so much beauty in the details and that's what I learned tonight," she commented. "I think that's so important to remember in every aspect of life."

Moberly added that this year's festival has lived up to its mission of "entertaining, inspiring and challenging" its audience.

"I think, compared to years in the past, this year we really embodied that mission statement," she remarked. "We have some fantastic entertainers and we want to challenge students to think outside the box with the festival this year."

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University, as well as an NBA standout. He played on various teams during his career, including the Washington Bullets,

Charlotte Hornets, Golden State Warriors and the Toronto Raptors, and retired from professional play ranking at No. 16 among all time assist leaders in the league.

"Muggsy took the

opportunity to show our campus community that anything can be accomplished through hard work and dedication," Watts says. "I believe our students and community can easily take his message

and relate it to their life experiences - school, work, personal life and more. After all, he is living proof that amazing things can be accomplished when you don't give up."

### Anderson

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largest organization for scientific and professional psychology, with 134,000 members including researchers, educators, clinicians and students. Anderson is the second longest serving CEO in the 121-year history of the organization.

Anderson is well-known for his research and writing on health and behavior, and on racial and ethnic health disparities. In addition to his important contributions to scientific literature, Johnston noted, Anderson has proven to be a strong and effective advocate at the national level for the importance of the behavioral and social sciences

in understanding health and disease.

Anderson is a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the American Psychological Association, the Association for Psychological Science, the Society of Behavioral Medicine and the Academy of Behavioral

Medicine Research. He is past-president of the Society of Behavioral Medicine.

He is a Greensboro native and the son of the late Drs. Charles and Lois Anderson, former co-pastors of United Institutional Baptist Church. He is also a member of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc.

### Homeless

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decrease in overall homelessness between January 2011 and January 2013 in Forsyth County.

Though that's good news, said Samaritan Ministries Assistant Director Willis Miller, there's still a great demand for services. The night shelter Samaritan runs for men has seen some decrease in occupants, Miller said, but the agency's soup kitchen, which serves the homeless and also many working poor local residents, has seen a lunchtime increase.

"We're feeding more people than ever," said Miller. "On any given day, we may feed between 450-500. We're seeing new faces; I mean people we have never seen before in the kitchen: families, more people in wheelchairs. It's been a diverse population of blacks, Hispanics and whites."

Samaritan is at the end of a capital campaign that was launched to build a new facility at the corner of Northwest Boulevard and Ivy Avenue. The larger building will help to better accommodate the larger soup kitchen crowds, said Miller, who doesn't expect the news of the dip in homelessness to have an adverse effect on the agency's final capital campaign fundraising efforts.

Peggy Galloway, the executive director of the Bethesda Center, said she hopes the good news about the county's shrinking homeless population does not lead the public into

believing homeless is over or that agencies like Bethesda need any less support.

She said Bethesda, which runs a day and night shelter for men and women, has seen many of its funding sources cut, so community support is needed now more than ever.

"We made a dent (in lowering homelessness)," she said. "There's still going to be people who are in and out of homelessness, so we still need to focus on that 42 percent and any new entries we see because of the economy. I hope that people continue to be very generous and that people continue to have an open heart."

Bethesda has aided in the county's homeless reduction efforts. Its case managers help homeless men and women find gainful employment and permanent housing. All Bethesda clients who were placed in housing last year are still housed, Galloway said.

"At Bethesda Center, our board is excited and we are excited, because we're one of many agencies in the community trying to reduce or eliminate homelessness," said Galloway. "With these numbers that were announced, that means we're doing something right."

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County is not alone in its push to end homelessness. Towns and cities across the nation are using housing programs to end homelessness as we know it. In 2006, the local Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness was

launched. The plan is overseen by the city and the county, staffed by the United Way and has many partner agencies, including the N.C. Housing Foundation, Experiment in Self Reliance, Forsyth County Department of Social Services and Housing Authority of Winston-Salem.

Andrea Kurtz, who is the United Way's senior director of housing strategies, is charged with implementing the plan, said that previously, the philosophy was that service providers had to fix whatever problems led to a person's homelessness before getting them into housing. The Ten Year Plan, she said, changed that.

"The housing first philosophy really turns that on its head," said Kurtz. "It says, 'no, if someone loses their housing the first thing we need to do is get them in housing and then whatever challenges they have in their life, we will hook them up to services to serve them so they don't lose their housing to it in the future.' What research shows is that when you give those interventions to someone who is housed, they are much cheaper and much more effective."

Under the local Ten Year Plan, 530 units of mostly permanent housing have been used to get people off the streets and out of shelters. Once placed in housing units, few have returned to a state of homelessness. Kurtz said the recidivism rate is below five percent.

While the number of chronically homeless has gone up and down since the Ten Year Plan was started, Kurtz believes the latest glowing reports are turning points and that the goal of eliminating chronic homelessness is achievable.

"What we're celebrating is a pretty marked decrease, which is a sign

## IN MEMORIAM

### WINFORD

Ronald L. Winford, 80, of Anderson, Indiana, entered eternal rest on March 8, 2013 at Community Hospital. He was born in Winston-Salem, N. C., and attended Forsyth County Schools graduating from Atkins High School. He professed in Christ at an early age.

After completing school, he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force and retired after 21 years of service. He also retired from GM of Indiana after 21 years of service.

He was a faithful member of Friendship M.B.C. where he was on the Usher and Trustee Boards.

Ron enjoyed serving in various community organizations, including

the VFW Honor Guard, Peerless Lodge #32, The Free Masons Order, the Shriners and the Order of Eastern Star.

Ron is survived by his loving and devoted wife,

Ruby L. Winford, three beautiful children, Latreva (Larry) Winford Brooks, Bloomington, Il., Debra Winford, Oakland, Ca., and Grace (Leander) Wilson,

Anderson, In., and Doris Cockerham Winford (mother of Ron's three daughters). He also leaves precious grandchildren: Denard (Jaylin), Jarred, Darius, and Jordan Wilson, Marquaysha Brooks, a great-granddaughter, Natalia, and a host of other friends whom he loved.



### NOTICE OF A CITIZEN PROJECT UPDATE MEETING FOR THE SALEM CREEK CONNECTOR FROM RAMS DRIVE (FORMERLY STADIUM DRIVE) TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DRIVE IN WINSTON-SALEM

TIP Project No. U-2925

Forsyth County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold a meeting to update the public about the Salem Creek Connector project in Winston-Salem on April 9 at the Anderson Conference Center at Winston-Salem State University, located at 601 S. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. The meeting will inform the public of the project schedule and provide general project information. NCDOT representatives will be available in an informal, open house setting between the hours of 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. to answer questions and receive comments.

NCDOT is constructing a four-lane, median-divided 1-mile highway on a new location between Rams Drive (formerly Stadium Drive) and Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. U.S. 52, Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Rams Drive, Salem Avenue and City Yard Drive will be widened. Vargrave Street will be relocated from just north of Mock Street to Diggs Avenue. A connection to Salem Avenue will also be provided on the western end of the project.

The project will include the reconstruction and realignment of the Diggs Boulevard/U.S. 52-311/N.C. 8 interchange to a Diverging Diamond Interchange, as well as removal of the ramps at the Rams Drive/U.S. 52-311/N.C. 8 interchange. A Diverging Diamond Interchange allows two directions of traffic to temporarily cross to the opposite side of the road. This movement provides easier access on and off the freeway, as well as move higher volumes of traffic through an intersection without increasing the number of lanes in the interchange.

The purpose of the project is to improve access to U.S. 52 for the area surrounding Winston-Salem State University, Salem Academy and College, and Wake Forest Innovation Quarter (formerly the Piedmont Triad Research Park). It also will improve east-west traffic flow in the area.

For more information, contact Wright Archer, Resident Engineer, NCDOT- Division 9 at 1151 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, Winston-Salem, 27105; by phone: (336) 747-7950 or by email: [warcher@ncdot.gov](mailto:warcher@ncdot.gov). Additional comments may be submitted until April 30, 2013.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in this meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Kimberly Hinton from the NCDOT Human Environment Section at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598; by phone at (919) 707-6072; by fax at (919) 212-5785; or by email at [khinton@ncdot.gov](mailto:khinton@ncdot.gov) as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish and do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494. Interpretive services will be available at the meeting.