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End of Long Road for Eure

WFU professor/leader retiring after nearly 40 years

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Dr. Herman Eure shattered the glass ceiling at Wake Forest University 39 years ago.

The then-27 year old made school history in 1974 when he became the school's first full-time African American male faculty member. (The late Dr. Dolly McPherson, an African American female, joined the WFU faculty around the same time.) Now, the biology professor's storied career is coming to a close. Eure is retiring, leaving behind a legacy of championing diversity, inclusion and equality at Wake Forest.



Dr. Herman Eure

at Wake Forest.

"It's been a great run; I've enjoyed it," he said. "I've had great colleagues, extraordinary students, and I hope that I'm leaving Wake Forest, in terms of my faculty position, better than it was when I came, and I think I am. I think I have."

Eure, a native of Corapeake and the seventh of 10 children, earned his doctorate at WFU with the help of a grant from the Ford Foundation. He was one of just a few black students.

"My parents had taught us that we could do whatever we wanted, so I just deflected that material. That was their problem, not mine," he said of the discrimination he encountered. "...What I thought about me was more important than what they thought about me, so I would never let that racial thing hit me and stick."

Despite the challenges he faced, Eure pressed on, with the words of his father ringing in his ears: "The only way for a black man to get ahead is to go to college."

Eure completed his degree and was hired almost immediately by the university. Provost Emeritus Ed Wilson said the school wanted very much for Eure to become a part of the Wake Forest family.

"It was a period when nationally, we were experiencing the various activities of the Civil Rights Movement," said Wilson, a member of the Class of 1943. "...Wake Forest, I think, recognized that things were changing and we wanted to change with them."

Eure said he accepted the post, partially because he too wanted to help affect change at the university.

"I came with this naïve notion that I was going to be this savior for black kids because I had been involved in campus demonstrations and the Civil Rights

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HAWS readies for changes

Feds may implement time limits for public housing residents

BY LAYLA GARMS
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High Point native Tiffany Jackson has seen her share of struggles.



Woods

The Sunrise Towers resident lost her mother and her fiancé in the span of a month, and in 2009, she was diagnosed with a rare blood condition that kept her hospitalized for the better part of a year, forcing her to give up her job as an assistant teacher in a nearby daycare. But things are looking up, Jackson said. She's back in school, completing the requirements to obtain her GED, and plans to follow it up by getting re-certified as a daycare teacher so she can get back to doing what she loves: working with children.

"Basically, I'm just trying to keep hope and try to get back stable. I'm trying to graduate - I'm trying to get

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Tiffany Jackson (left) with Sunrise Tower Manager Beverly Carter-Leavy.

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John Davenport (right), tells Bruce Wright and his two sons, Jordan (left) and Lavar, about the work he does at his engineering firm.

The Things to Come

Science-minded students treated to special career fair

BY TODD LUCK
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Students at Atkins Academic and Technology High School were shown the opportunities that await those who master the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) curriculum that the school specializes in.

A career fair last Thursday evening brought employers, colleges and organizations to the school to show students the paths they can take with a STEM background.

"For our students that come tonight, their focus is to say 'What's beyond high

school?'" said Atkins' Kevin Hamilton, who organized the fair along with Terry Howerton and Monika Vasili. The event was open to students system-wide.

Adam Helmus displayed a truck horn and seat components from Volvo North America's Greensboro location, where the engineering, sales and marketing departments for the company's heavy truck manufacturing division are based.

"A lot of trucks go for 100,000 miles a year, 150,000 miles a year," said Helmus.

"It takes a lot of science to keep them that reliable."

A half dozen Caterpillar employees were on hand from the company's new Winston-Salem site, where components of mining trucks are assembled, tested and painted. Shawn Meck, Caterpillar's machining factory manager, said that so far, the company has not had any problems finding local skilled employees; he added that Caterpillar wants to make sure that continues in the future.

"We want to start at the lowest level or the youngest level possible to begin stemming the interest, letting people know there is opportunity in manufacturing, in engineering," he said.

School Board Member John Davenport was on hand, wearing his pro-

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Fresh Approach

Photo by Todd Luck

Latch Key CEO Michael Burton (left) and Bishop John Huntley (right) of Alpha and Omega Church of Faith show City Council Member Derwin Montgomery the new East Winston Community Garden. Ground was broken on the garden last week. Read more on page A2.



Professor's story proof that all is possible

BY LAYLA GARMS
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Dr. Nkrumah Lewis, a Winston-Salem State University professor and author of "Becoming a Butterfly: From Prison to Ph.D.," shared lessons from the School of Hard Knocks and the wisdom of an unconventionally broad spectrum of life experiences last week.

He gave the keynote address during the May 9 Winston Lake Family YMCA 16th Annual Black Achievers in Business and Industry Awards Gala at the Sundance Plaza Hotel. The event is the culmination of the

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Dr. Nkrumah Lewis addresses a spellbound crowd.

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