

# Alumni and residents bask in East Forsyth High spotlight

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It has been more than 20 years since the Eagles of East Forsyth won a NCHSAA 4-A varsity football title, but many alumni and residents around the city believe this will be the year the Eagles return to football glory.

After a dominating 31-6 win over cross-town rival West Forsyth in the quarterfinals last Friday, the Eagles (14-0) are just two wins away from reaching their goal of a state championship and one win away from matching the record of the 1992 East Forsyth squad that posted an unblemished 15-0 record and won the 4-A state title.

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The '92 team was also ranked 15th in the USA Today super 25 poll.

According to CarolinaPreps.com, a site that ranks the top football programs, the Eagles are ranked first in the entire state.

Throughout the entire season, members of the East Winston community have compared this year's team to the '92 team. Many believe this year's team is

more balanced on both sides of the ball.

"This year's team does it all," said Norman James, a long time resident of East Winston. "They can run it, throw it, and they're strong on defense."

"I've seen them play multiple times this year and I honestly believe they are better than the '92 team."

Although it's hard to compare two teams that played nearly 25 years apart, but that doesn't stop people at barbershops and other places from keeping the argument going.

Anthony Watson watched every game the Eagles played in '92 and a number of games this season. He said the '92 team was better because they



Thousands showed up to see the quarterfinal matchup between cross-town rivals East Forsyth and West Forsyth on Friday, Nov. 27. After dominating the entire contest, the Eagles are one step closer to rewriting the school's history books.

were more disciplined.

"This year's team gets a number of penalties at bad times during the game," he said. "I think that is what made the '92 team great. They were fundamentally sound and rarely picked up

penalties."

No matter which team people think is better, everyone agrees they are excited to see the team return to the top of the state football ranks.

"Having the top-ranked

program in the state is a major accomplishment, not just for the school but for community as well," said Watson. "Now the entire state is on notice that there is some real talent in this city."

# WSSU Choirs to present annual holiday concert

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The Winston-Salem State University Choirs — Burke Singers, Singing Divas, Schola Cantorum, and University Choir — under the direction of Maestra D'Walla Simmons-Burke, director of Choral and Vocal Studies, and Dr. Myron Brown, accompanist, will perform its annual holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 6, at the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium of Winston-Salem State University.

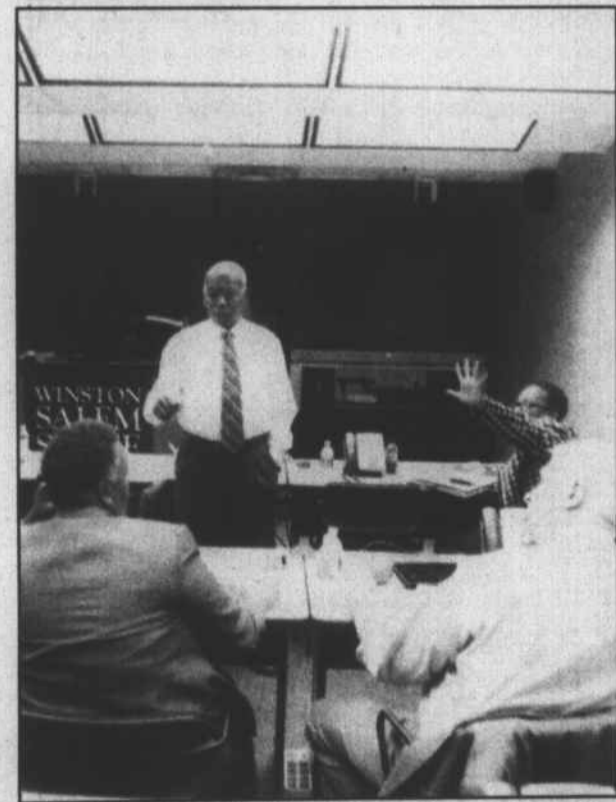
The concert will feature new holiday student compositions and arrangements as well as standard seasonal repertoire. Some of the featured composers are: Roland M. Carter, George F. Handel, Kevin Johnson, Hall Johnson, Isaac Cates,

Nathaniel Dett, Franz Biebl, and D'Walla Simmons-Burke.

This concert will also feature many student soloists such as Simone Price, soprano; Brija Colvin, alto; Chandler Easterling, baritone; Nia Lewis, alto; and Christian Stewart, to name a few.

The concert is free to the public. There will be a free-will offering to support the upcoming performance of the Winston-Salem State University Choir's performance at Carnegie Hall on May 8, 2016.

For more information, contact D'Walla Simmons-Burke or Sophia Kennedy at 336-750-2525 or 336-750-2520 or burkedw@wssu.edu.



WSSU photo  
Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Elwood Robinson meets with officials in the designated crisis center to discuss plans for handling a campus emergency.

# WSSU, local agencies team up to conduct full-scale campus emergency exercise

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Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) and the Forsyth County Department of Public Health (FCDPH) conducted a joint full-scale emergency exercise on Wednesday, Nov. 18.

This exercise allowed agencies to practice emergency response procedures in a simulated public health emergency, complete with Point of Dispensing (POD) staff and simulated patients. Nearly 200 volunteers participated in the drill.

The response included coordination among WSSU, FCDPH, Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Emergency Management, Winston-Salem Police, Winston-Salem Fire, Forsyth County Emergency Services, Novant Health/Forsyth County Medical Center and Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

Emergency drills such as this one on campus allow first responders and medical teams to assess their preparedness for future emergencies and to fine tune coordinated response procedures.

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