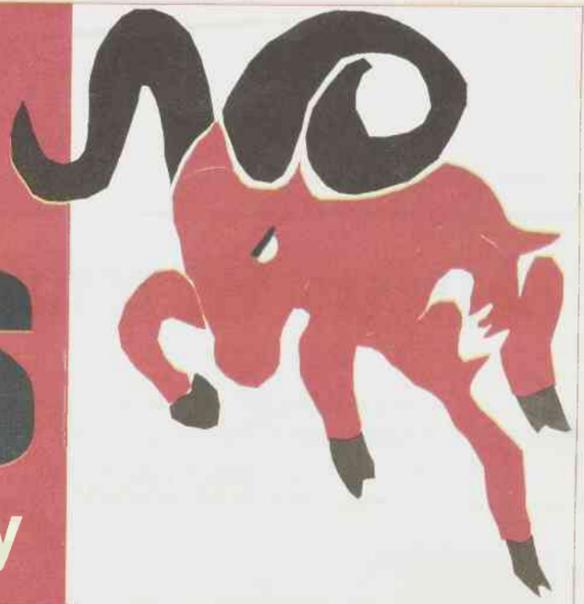


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—Terry McMillan

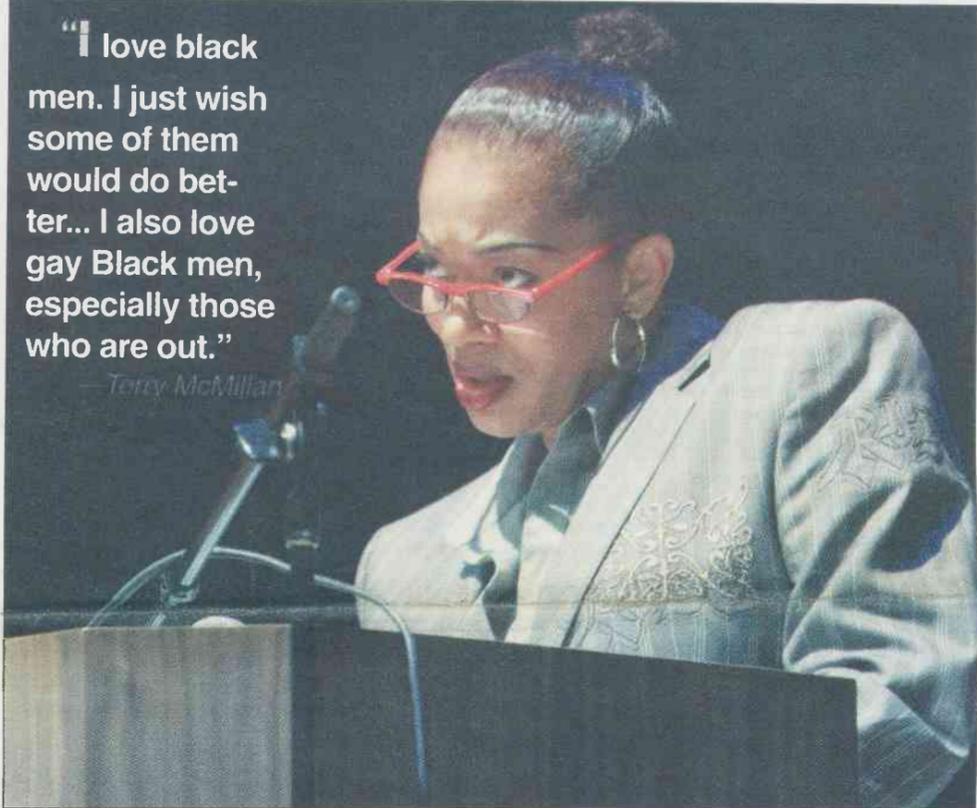


Photo by Garrett Garms

Author Terry McMillan speaking to a capacity crowd in Dillard Auditorium.

McMillan keeps it short, straight, to the point

STAFF REPORT

Terry McMillan hosted a Women's History Month discussion at Winston-Salem State on March 19 in the Dillard Auditorium.

For the better part of an hour, the international best-selling author presented the crowd of approximately 400 with a frank discussion about her life, her work and men.

McMillan was first introduced to literature while shelving books at the library.

Since then, her novels have captivated critics and readers alike with their irreverent, often-humorous take on the issues facing contemporary African-American women.

Her first novel "Mama" won the Doubleday New Voices in Fiction Award in 1986 and an American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation a year later.

McMillan's second novel, "Disappearing Acts," sold more than two million copies and HBO later acquired the rights to make it into a movie.

She achieved much acclaim for her 1992 novel, "Waiting to Exhale," which spent more than 38 weeks on The New York Times bestseller list and found great success on the big screen, eventually winning seven Grammy Awards and an MTV Movie Award, among others. In 1995, McMillan wrote the stream-of-consciousness fantasy, "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" and co-wrote the screenplay for the film which was released to sold-out audiences in 1999.

Her forthcoming novel, "Getting to Happy," will reunite readers with Savannah, Robin, Bernadine, and Gloria, the four women, now 15 years older, from "Waiting to Exhale."

Congratulations!

Winston-Salem State has been designated for the second consecutive year as a member of the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. The Corporation for National Community Service acknowledged WSSU for its exemplary service to disadvantaged youth. The Community Service Honor Roll recognizes colleges and universities nationwide that support innovative and effective community service and service-learning programs.



Save the date

WSSU, NC A&T, NC Central schedule homecoming Oct. 31

By LaTasha Miles
SPORTS EDITOR

Both the calendar and I-40 will be crowded this Halloween.

North Carolina Central and North Carolina A&T along with Winston-Salem State are celebrating their homecomings on Oct. 31.

The three schools, all within an 80-mile radius, and the sharing of this date may cause a conflict to those looking forward to attending more than one of these events.

NC A&T's and NCCU's homecoming games kick off at 1:30 p.m. WSSU's game begins at 2 p.m.

When the 2009 football schedules were released by each school earlier this year, NCCU and WSSU originally

had Oct. 31 as the date for their homecoming.

NC A&T's homecoming was scheduled for Oct. 10, but in a Feb. 17 press release, Athletic Director Wheeler Brown announced the change.

"I'm excited about this schedule," Brown said.

"With the announcement of our new coach, after signing some outstanding talent this month and now that we know our schedule, we can't wait to get going.

"We're looking for 2009 to be the start of something big for Aggies football."

Brian Holloway, assistant athletic director of media relations at NC A&T explained the

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BRIEFLY STATED

BlogHer is the No. 1 community of blogs by women. The blogging site reaches more than 14 million women each month via conferences, a Web hub and a publishing network of more than 2,700 blog affiliates. BlogHer's mission is to create opportunities for women who blog to pursue exposure, education, community and economic empowerment. Its web address is www.blogher.com
Source: Online News Association

According to the Miami Herald, Florida International University has implemented a pilot valet parking program for students who are running late to class. The new service costs \$5 for the first two hours and \$12 for the day. Columbia University in New York and the University of Southern California have signed up for the valet parking as well.
Source: miamiherald.com

Grammy award-winning singer Patti Austin will perform at 8 tonight in K.R. Williams Auditorium. Austin will be accompanied by the WSSU Burke Singers. Tickets are \$50 in advance and \$55 the day of the show. Student tickets are \$20 with college I.D. All proceeds will benefit the WSSU scholarship fund.
Source: WSSU Press Release

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