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Keynote speaker is the stunning, articulate Jewell Jackson McCabe.

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Exclusive interview with Maya Angelou on *And Still I Rise*.

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Walser is demoted by juvenile services

▲ His former supervisor says state practices racist policies

By TRAVIS MITCHELL
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Juvenile services officials have demoted 63-year-old Horace Walser, former Forsyth County supervisor of court counselors, to the rank of court counselor.

"It is a slap in the face when you consider the length of time I've been in the system," said Walser, "especially since I've received satisfactory evaluations." Walser reported to the district 22 Lexington office on Sept. 1. He was hired as a court counselor in 1966 and has served as a supervisor in district 21 since 1969.

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— Rev. Horace Walser

Administrator of Juvenile Services Thomas A. Danek wrote: "Because of recent events in the 21st district, I believe that certain changes are required, including the nature and

Walser's attorney, David Tamer, said that neither he nor Walser have been given a specific reason for his reassignment. However, sources indicate that it is related to an investigation of his supervisor Jim Weakland.

Tamer is representing both Weakland and Walser.

Weakland was forced to either resign or retire on disability because of three heart attacks and chronic arthritis in his knees, but maintained that he always gave Walser excellent reviews and recommendations.

He said that the entire system practiced bias policies and contin-

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(L-R) Ja'net DuBols, Barbara Montgomery, Larry Leon Hamlin, and Rosalind Cash were all smiles at the opening night gala of *And Still I Rise* last Thursday night.

Gala opens *And Still I Rise*

Angelou's play held over

And Still I Rise, Maya Angelou's musical, which is making its world premiere in Winston-Salem, has been extended through Wednesday, Sept. 16. It was originally scheduled to end Sept. 13. The soulful production has played to sell-out crowds, attracted national media attention, and won enthusiastic reviews from audiences.

"Demand was so great, we couldn't accommodate everybody," said Larry Leon Hamlin, founder of the North Carolina Black Repertory Company. Remaining shows are Thursday, Friday, Saturday (Sept. 10-12) at 8 p.m., Sunday at 7 p.m., and Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday (Sept. 14-16) at 8 p.m.

The musical is being produced by the North Carolina Black Repertory Company (Black Rep) as a benefit for the 1993 National Black Theatre Festival, also produced by Black Rep.

At the opening night gala Thursday, Sept. 3, the

National Black Theatre Festival Gala Steering Committee presented a check for \$45,000 to the National Black Theatre Festival. The committee is made up of 25 corporate, civic, government leaders was formed several months ago to cultivate sponsors for the festival. Co-chairpersons were Beverly Johnston, Demerice Erwin, and the money will be used as seed money to help market the 1993 National Black Theatre Festival.

Larry Leon Hamlin, founder of both Black Rep and the festival, said he originally hoped to clear \$20,000 from the musical, but now expects to exceed that amount.

"The gala was marv-tastic," said Chandler Lee, president and CEO of Classic Cadillac GMC Inc. and treasurer for the gala committee.

Celebrities on hand for the opening night included recording stars Ashford and Simpson, television powerhouse Oprah Winfrey, and Stedman Graham.

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Skin color issue

TUSKEGEE, Ala — Above are Mayor Johnny Ford, left, who is seeking a sixth term, and his opponent Arvon Thigpin. Thigpin has accused Ford of making her light skin color an issue. She said last week, "I have the appearance of a Caucasian, but I am a very proud black woman."

Defendants must report

WINSTON-SALEM — On Sept. 16, the Rev. Lee Faye Mack, Patrick T. Hairston, and Rodney J. Sumler are scheduled to report to a federal correctional facility. Last week, federal judge William Osteen denied their requests for a stay of execution until their appeals are heard. After a lengthy FBI/IRS investigation dubbed "Operation Mushroom Cloud," Mack was convicted of perjury and ordered to serve a six month sentence; former alderman Hairston received three years and five months, and political consultant Sumler received five years and ten months.

Mack opens store

WINSTON-SALEM — The Rev. Lee Faye Mack plans to open a consignment store Saturday, Sept. 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Proceeds from the Back To Life Variety Shop, at 3003 Glenn Avenue (near 30th and Patterson streets) will benefit the Back To Life Center, which offers resources and support to women and families in crisis. The shop will be open year-round and run by Back to Life volunteers.

Black dollar week

WINSTON-SALEM — Blacks are urged to get Susan B. Anthony dollar coins and \$2 bills from banks Sept. 3-13 — and use them to make all their cash purchases.

News Briefs
Compiled from staff and AP reports

Speaks missing

Relatives of Billy Speaks, 23, are asking for the community's help in locating him. Speaks, who is mentally retarded, was last seen at his home on 1836 Center Street (in the Waughtown vicinity) where he lives with his guardian, Mary Battle. Anyone who has seen him is asked to contact Savannah Dodd at 723-9273 or Patricia Dodd at 631-9805. The Dodds say he "has a habit of getting in the car with people" and that he has no identification on him. Speaks has a twin brother who is also mentally retarded.



✓ SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

Minority students' CAT scores lower

By TRAVIS MITCHELL
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As America peers into the future and the cracks in our nation's timeworn foundation continue to widen, the 21st century projects a blurred image of crumbling cities and a hopeless citizenry. Many educational leaders in Winston-Salem are prophesying that if the gap between the academic achievement rates of white and black students doesn't close then that 'image' will become a focused

reality.

"Either we are going to take a stand for our children," says Walter Marshall, school board member-elect (district 1), "or we are going to have to write a whole generation off."

The following is a summary of the comparisons between the achievement rates between black and white third graders on the California Achievement Test (CAT) prepared by the research and testing division of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools:

Black students

• At the third grade, level black students in WS/FC schools performed at a higher percentile level than their state counterparts (black) for 1992

• As compared to WS/FC 1991 third grade results, 1992 black third graders were 2 percentile points lower on total scores and 2 points higher on the mathematics scores (54 to 56).

• For the state, 1992 black third graders remained the same on reading scores and on the total scores as com-

pared to the 1991 black third grade class and declined by one percentile (47 to 46) on the language scores. Comparing these same groups, the 1992 black third graders gained 2 percentile points on mathematics (52 to 54)

White students

• WS/FC white third-graders exceeded their counterparts (white) state-wide in all areas on the 1992 CAT.

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Long time WSSU faculty member dies

Dr. Haywood Wilson remembered

Dr. Haywood L. Wilson Jr., long-time vice chancellor for student affairs at Winston-Salem State University, died Saturday, September 5. His many dedicated years of service to the university made his name synonymous with WSSU.

Wilson, a 1963 WSSU graduate, had served as vice chancellor for student affairs since 1975. He is survived by his wife, Rosa Tribble Wilson, and his children, Haywood L. Wilson III and La Joi Wilson.

Nat Irvin, vice chancellor of development and university relations, called Wilson "a classical man: very much in the best tradition of the black community. He represented the very best that we can produce. He was a tremendous role model."

Wilson was born on September 18, 1941 in the inner city in Winston-Salem. Throughout his public school education, he was recognized for academic and athletic achievement. He graduated salutatorian of his high school graduating class;

went on to college and was recognized by Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society as well as Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities. He graduated magna cum laude from Winston-Salem State University with a degree in education.

Wilson was widely regarded as a scholar, a very dedicated administrator, and a loving, caring person.

"To try to express to those who didn't

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Dr. Haywood L. Wilson Jr.