

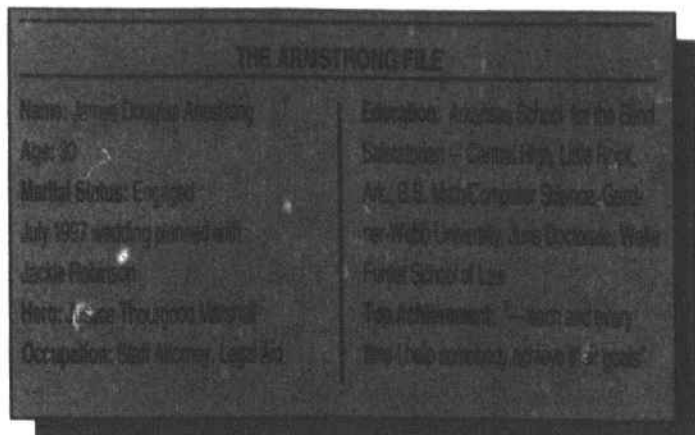
James Douglas Armstrong, Esq. Thanksgiving for a Great Lawyer

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Special to the Chronicle

James Douglas Armstrong will not "see" the seasonally garnished Thanksgiving table when he goes home this week to McGehee, Ark. Arm-

Profile

strong, staff attorney for the local Legal Aid Society, and his wife-to-be, Sara Lee Direct executive Jackie Robinson are poised to travel. They are going to the Mississippi Delta region



for Thanksgiving, where he will visit the one whom he unhesitatingly considers the gift for which he is most thankful. "I am thankful to God for giving me a most wonderful Mother!" said the dapper and youthful advocate for the poor and disenfranchised.

Blind all his life — with a condition known as gross object perception — Doug says that his mother, Dorothy Jean Fleming, decided not to treat him as a special child among her five. Her

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Douglas Armstrong (right) and Jackie Robinson

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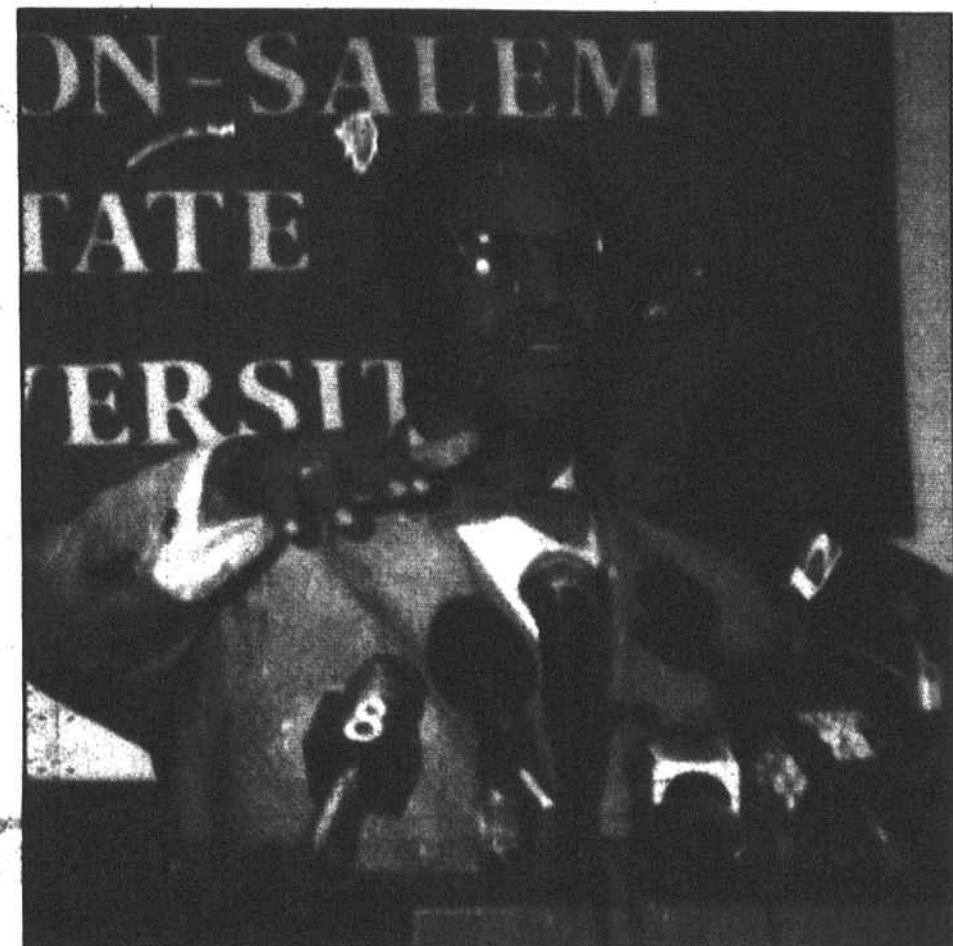
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Minister Louis Farrakhan recently spoke at a press conference at WSSU, his alma mater.

Farrakhan: Coming home ... is humbling

By MAURICE CROCKER
Community News Reporter

Islam leader, the Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan received a long-awaited welcome from the students and faculty of Winston-Salem State University, where he attended in the early 1950s.

More than 1,300 students filled the Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium, where Farrakhan delivered his message, while others convened in satellite rooms set up throughout campus. Everyone who attended, whether a supporter or a critic, came with anticipation to hear the powerful speaker.

The Fruit Of Islam (F.O.I.), which is the security branch of the Nation of Islam, opened the doors and began admitting people to the event at 5:30 p.m. By 6 p.m. the auditorium was packed, with standing room only.

Veronica Alexander, president of the Student Government Association (SGA), told

those in attendance that the students worked long and hard to bring Minister Farrakhan back to his alma mater.

Earlier this year, the graduating class of 1996 requested that Farrakhan be chosen as their commencement speaker. But students were told by Chancellor Alvin J. Schexnider that because of the university's calendar schedule, Farrakhan would not be allowed to speak at commencement.

However, Schexnider promised students that Farrakhan would be invited to speak during the next school year.

Alexander thanked Schexnider for keeping his promise to the students.

Before students heard from Farrakhan, another nationally known minister — but of the Christian faith — was given a chance to speak.

"As a Christian minister, I affirm that God Almighty walks and speaks through Minister Louis Farrakhan," said the Rev. Benjamin Chavis, former executive director of the NAACP.

Chavis said he feels that one of the most

liberating things that came out of the Million Man March was the working together of black Christians and Black Muslims.

After a much-anticipated wait, the crowd rose to their feet and applauded as Farrakhan took the stage.

"I'm usually not at a loss of words," Farrakhan said. "But coming home to a place that provided me with the roots and foundation is a humbling experience."

During his message, Farrakhan reminisced about his college years at what was then known as Winston-Salem Teacher's College.

After graduating high school at the age of 16, Farrakhan, then known as Louis Eugene Walcott, entered the college on an athletic scholarship for track and field.

Although track was his ticket to an education, Farrakhan said, he felt his purpose was to be a musician.

"I would climb through a window and

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Boys and Girls Club hosts early Thanksgiving dinner for community

By MAURICE CROCKER
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Today families will gather around the table and enjoy a grand Thanksgiving feast, while sharing the many reasons they have to be thankful. Last week more than 350 residents, along with their children, participated in an early Thanksgiving dinner, while enjoying community fellowship.

The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club recently held their annual Thanksgiving Dinner at Trinity Moravian Church, 220 E. Sprague St.

"We consider ourselves to be a family, and this is what families do," said Edyce Elworth, director of marketing development for the Salvation Army.

Elworth said the dinner allows everyone an opportunity to stop and think about all the things they have to be thankful for.

Major Wayne McHargue agrees that the dinner offers a time for people to reflect on the

good things in their lives.

"I think the dinner is a celebration of the season," McHargue said. "Although we may not have achieved all the things we would have liked to, I think we all still have a lot to be thankful for."

According to Elworth, the Boys and Girls Club has always held a Thanksgiving Dinner, but this year's dinner was historic.

"This is the first year we have ever held the Boys Club and Girls Club dinner together; in the past, they were always separate," she said.

Unsure why the dinners were held separate in the past, Elworth said she thinks the joint dinner was a huge success and would like to see it continue.

She said ordinarily, each club would have had approximately 100 guests, but the joint dinner fed a capacity crowd.

"I think one of the reasons there were so many people is because some parents have both boys and girls in each club," Elworth said.

One of the Salvation Army's major goals is

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Boys Club Director Chris Manning helps serve Thanksgiving dinner to children who attend the Boys/Girls Club and their parents.

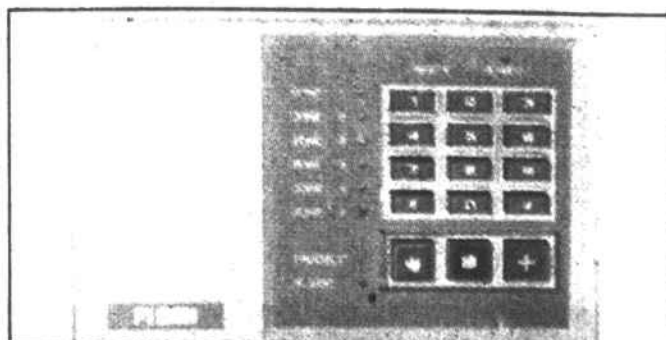
Security may become costly if false alarm ordinance is approved

By MAURICE CROCKER
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Soon residents in Winston-Salem may have to pay hundreds, maybe even thousands of dollars to the city, because of false alarms that occur with their home security systems.

A proposed ordinance concerning false alarms is waiting to be heard by the Board of Alderman's Public Safety Committee.

The proposed ordinance is designed to reduce the number of false alarms that occur and are reported to the Winston-Salem Police



The abundance of false alarms initiated by electronic home alarm systems is a source of irritation for police and a waste of valuable man hours.

Department.

Under the ordinance, residents and business owners who have alarm systems are limited to the number of false alarms that may occur in their homes or business without drawing a fine.

This ordinance is patterned and designed almost identical to the one being used in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg area.

"Our false alarm calls are down 26 percent since we began enforcing it May 1 of this year," said Officer Gary Whitt, police office

alarm systems coordinator for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

According to Whitt, in 1995 there were 48,651 false alarms from May to August, compared to the same time period this year, in which 36,247 false alarms were reported.

Whitt said the 12,403 reduction in false alarms is a result of the city's new ordinance.

Whitt also said the ordinance has given officers a lot more time to spend in the com-

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