

WSSU Foundation names four new appointees

After a seven-day search, Winston-Salem State University's Board of Trustees has named four new members to the Winston-Salem State University Foundation Board. The board also named Robert E. Greene as its president during the Oct. 7 meeting. The board had not met since the previous meeting in June.



Victor Johnson, F. Hudnall Christopher, L.M. 'Bud' Baker and Robert E. Greene were named to the board. Robert E. Greene was named president. The board also named Robert E. Greene as its president during the Oct. 7 meeting. The board had not met since the previous meeting in June.

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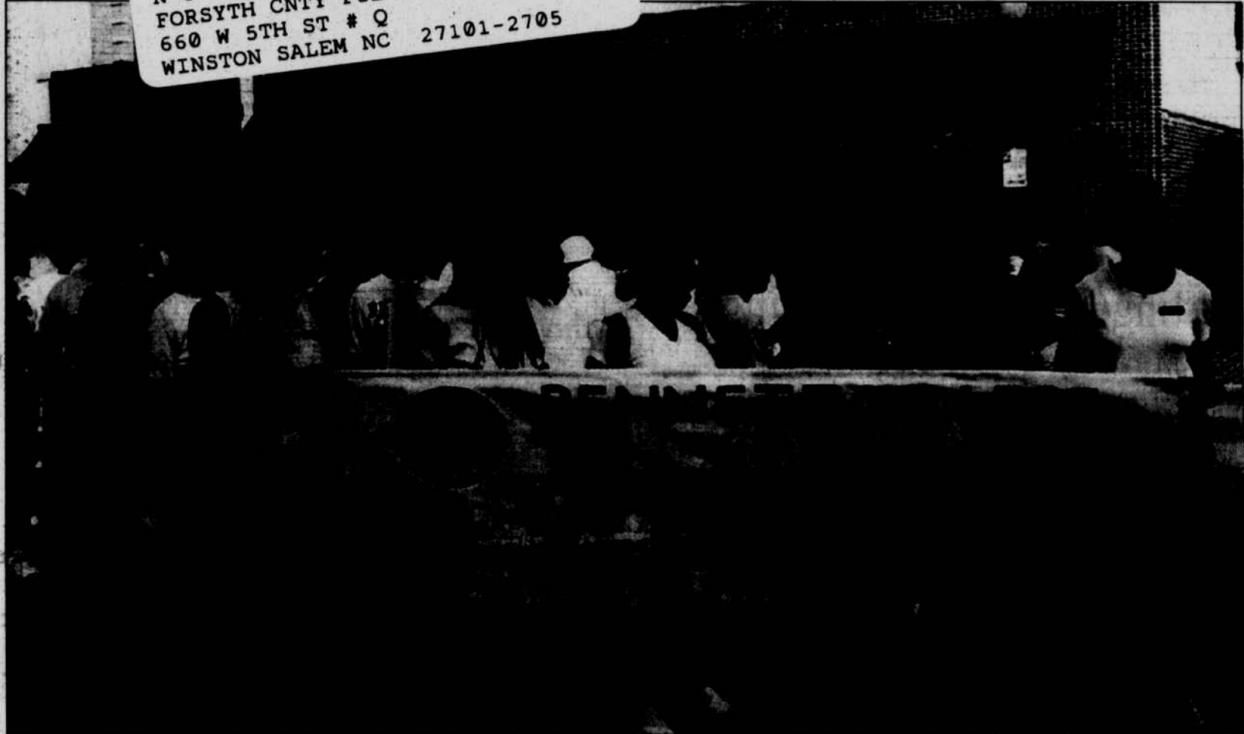
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Greensboro City Council person Yvonne Johnson (second from right) marches with Bennett student, alumni and supporters Oct. 10.

NAACP objects to definition of 'N' word

BALTIMORE — NAACP President & CEO Kweisi Mfume criticized Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary's definition of a "nigger" as a "black person" or a "member of a dark-skinned race" and has announced the NAACP plans to join a national letter-writing campaign to pressure Merriam-Webster to either drop or change the definition.

"The NAACP finds it objectionable that Merriam-Webster would use black people as a definition for a racist term," Mfume said. "A 'nigger' is not a black person or a member of a dark-skinned race as defined by Merriam-Webster. It is not a definition of a person's race, but a derogatory word," Mfume added. "There clearly needs to be a correction immediately."

President Mfume warned the publishers of Merriam-Webster that if the dictionary is not changed more forceful action will be taken.

"We will soon be asking colleges, universities and public school systems to cease purchasing the dictionary if changes are not forthcoming," Mfume said. "It is unacceptable that one of the most offensive and hurtful words in the English language would be used to define African Americans."

For more information about this issue contact us at our web site at www.naacp.org.

HAWS did submit drug grant on time

By BRIDGET EVARTS
The Chronicle Staff Writer

H A W S board commissioner Ellen Hazard provided The Chronicle with a letter addressed to the authority's executive director, Marie Roseboro. In the letter, Sandra L. James, North Carolina's Department of Housing and Urban Development's acting director, stated that the grant was received several hours before the Aug. 8 deadline.

Jessie Kome, public affairs officer for the local HUD office, said that the federal department has not yet released information on which authorities will receive the grant for next year.

Belles still ring for freedom

▲ Bennett College march commemorates 60 years of civil rights activism

By BRIDGET EVARTS
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Bennett women no longer have to fight for their place at the lunch counters of Greensboro, but many students are still fighting for their place in society.

About 300 students from the private

Methodist college and their supporters marched down Elm Street Oct. 10 to commemorate 60 years of Bennett activism. The marchers made their way from the school's Pfeiffer Chapel to downtown sites of past civil rights battles.

The march's route revisited Bennett's involvement in the civil rights movement. Among the marchers' stops were Woolworth, site of the February 1960 Sit-Ins, and the formerly segregated downtown movie theaters.

Though it was four North Carolina A&T State University students who began the Woolworth Sit-Ins, the marchers attested to the fact Bennett women were there at their side.

But Bennett's involvement in civil rights struggles predates the mass movement for integration. In 1937, Belles led the successful National Theatre protest against a resolution issued by North and South Carolina theater owners to edit out scenes in films in which blacks appeared as equals of whites. After several months of low attendance, theater owners abandoned the practice.

Protests resumed in the early 1960s as students protested segregated theaters, lunch counters and cafeterias. Part of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) actions of the early 1960s, other protests occurred simultaneously.

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Black-owned grocery unique to area, state

By BRIDGET EVARTS
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It's not often that a trip to the grocery store can include one in the historical process.

But visitors to 5-Star Grocery in early November will get to see the first full-service grocery store owned and operated by African Americans open in Winston-Salem. 5-Star may even be unique to the state and surrounding areas.

The store is located on the corner of Woughtown Road and Reynolds Park Road in King Plaza. With 27,700 square feet

available, 5-Star will be the anchor store of the newly renovated shopping center.

There are five people behind 5-Star. Two years ago, Noble McGregor, Ben Penn, LaVerne DeJournette, Chris Wallace and Harry Hankins, all managers of different Food Lions, were on their way to a management meeting when they began discussing the idea of their own grocery store.

"We felt we could get together and service the community better together," said Penn. The five worked on a business plan and presented it to several organiza-



Noble McGregor, Ben Penn, LaVerne DeJournette, Chris Wallace and Harry Hankins are the five stars of 5-Star.

tions and banks. Wachovia and the city's Minority/Women Business Enterprise program both backed the partners with start-up loans.

Backing the five wasn't much of a gamble: between them is over 80 years of grocery store

Project Homestead wins case in limo dispute

From Staff Reports

A 10-month dispute between Greensboro's Project Homestead and a business associate ended with a favorable ruling for the nonprofit housing provider in Guilford County Superior Court Friday. Dale Bledsoe, owner of All Stretched Out Limousines, was ordered to pay \$1,000 to Project Homestead for breach of contract.

The dispute involved the termination of a verbal agreement entered in April 1996 between Bledsoe and the nonprofit's president, the Rev. Michael King. Project Homestead purchased

two limousines for Bledsoe to rent in his former business, East Coast Limousine; 60 percent of the profits went to the nonprofit organization.

The deal soured, and Project Homestead ended the contract in December. Bledsoe entered claims against the nonprofit, which in turn filed a suit against him.

Judge H.W. Zimmerman dismissed all of Bledsoe's claims for lack of evidence. The amount awarded to Project Homestead was determined by what Bledsoe indicated he owed the organiza-

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