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Community dedicates North Hills Academy

By Patricia N. McMillan
Community Correspondent

What is it like to open a new school? With a sense of wonder, said Vincent Barker, principal of the newly constructed North Hills Traditional Academy, at 340 Alameda Dr. in the North Hills Community. Superintendent Donald Martin, the School Board of the Winston-Salem-Forsyth County Schools, parents, teachers, students and community residents dedicated the building on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 3 p.m. More than 200 people attended.

The North Hills Elementary School Chorus, under the direction of Shirley

Miller, provided special music. The North Forsyth High School Color Guard performed the presentation of colors. Kevin Ingram, home school coordinator, offered the invocation, which included everyone involved with the students of North Hills Traditional Academy, from the superintendent to the custodians and volunteers.

Donny C. Lambeth, chairman of the Winston-Salem-Forsyth County Board of Education, offered dedicatory remarks.

Lambeth congratulated Barker, assistant principal Sue Vernon and the dedicated staff of North Hills Traditional Academy for their conscientious efforts in preparing the school for its opening.

"They met every challenge and responded to every demand," Lambeth said. "They were willing to work together to raise funds to support the overall program."

"Our kids are worth it," he said. "We must continue to work together and look beyond color, because in our youth the future world is born today."

He reminded the audience that North Hills stands as a reminder of how successful a community can be when they work together to accomplish a goal. "Let's give thanks to God for enabling us to fulfill this vision," he said. "North Hills Traditional Academy."

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NAACP officials request, get meeting with Mayor Cavanagh

Pepper spray, affirmative action, minority contracting were topics of the discussion

By SHARON BROOKS HODGE
The Chronicle Editor

In his first week in office, Mayor Jack Cavanagh held a two-hour meeting with top officials from the state and county chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Both sides said the conversation went well. "I thought the meeting was very fruitful," said state Rep. Larry Womble, who was one of the four NAACP officials attending the meeting. "We laid several items on the table."



Rep. Larry Womble



Mayor Jack Cavanagh

Those items included:

- Delaying a vote by the Board of Aldermen on a resolution to support the use of pepper spray by Winston-Salem police
- Reviewing the Minority and Women Business Enterprise program, the Human Relations Commission and the Police Review Board
- Providing diversity and sensitivity training to all city employees.

"It was one of the most productive sessions I've had in weeks," Cavanagh told The Chronicle on Tuesday. "It was an amicable discussion on very substantive issues."

In fact, the mayor added, this meeting with

NAACP leadership may go a long way toward strengthening strained race relations in Winston-Salem.

"I had my dignity pulled out of my gut," Cavanagh said reflecting on the month between his election and inauguration. He quickly added that he blames only himself for the scrutiny and criticism that followed his well-publicized attendance of a meeting of a group linked to the Ku Klux Klan.

That's in the past, the mayor said. He is trying to move forward.

"Now I must prove that my walk will be the talk," Cavanagh said, explaining that he intends to put into action promises he made while campaigning.

Cavanagh on pepper spray

Cavanagh said he wants to represent "all of the people of Winston-Salem." Supporting a resolution proposed by former Alderman Robert Norlander, he said, would not be consistent with that goal. Before leaving the board, Norlander asked the aldermen to back the city Public Safety Department in its use of pepper spray. That resolution came after black groups, including the NAACP, asked that police stop using pepper spray until its health implications have been determined. That request was prompted by the death of a black man who was sprayed with the substance by city police. State medical examiners have not determined what role pepper spray played in that incident.

Consequently, a resolution supporting the use of pepper spray at this time is premature, Cavanagh said.

"What's the rush?" he asked, adding that he took that position even before the NAACP asked him to derail the Norlander resolution.

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Grand Opening



Mayor Jack Cavanagh, left, joined the owners of 5 Star Supermarket in the ribbon-cutting ceremonies last week.

City spends more with women than with minorities

By SHARON BROOKS HODGE
The Chronicle Editor

Firms owned by white women are reaping the most benefit from the city's Minority and Women Business Enterprise program, according to the annual report, which was presented to aldermen on Tuesday.

A citizen's advisory committee has made three recommendations for improving Winston-Salem's Minority and Women Business Enterprise program. None of the suggestions, however, specifically address the disparity between the amount of work awarded to Caucasian women and that awarded to African-American contractors in Winston-Salem.

The eight-member committee suggested that the city do more to identify and recruit firms run by Hispanic men and women; develop a questionnaire

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Condemned man selects lethal injection over gas

By ESTES THOMPSON
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RALEIGH (AP) — Both sides in a legal fight over Timothy Lanier Allen's execution awaited a federal judge's ruling while prison officials prepared this week to carry out the death sentence.

Allen, 42, of Washington, D.C., is scheduled to die at 2 a.m. Friday by lethal injection for the 1985 murder of state Highway Patrol Trooper Raymond Worley. Allen selected lethal injection over death by gas.

Allen will be the first black person executed in North Carolina since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976 by the U.S. Supreme Court. Eight people, including one woman, already have been put to death in the state since 1976.

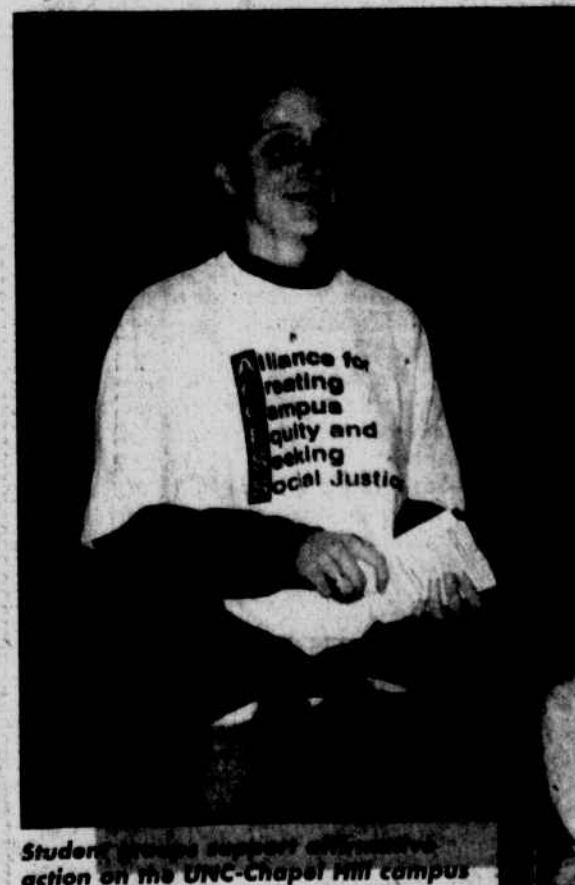
Lawyers representing Allen and the state are battling over the meaning of a new federal law designed to accelerate death penalty cases in the courts. Allen has been on death row for 12 years while his attorneys filed appeals twice through the state courts and to the U.S. Supreme Court.

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White students join blacks in protesting affirmative action

By SHARON BROOKS HODGE
The Chronicle Editor

CHAPEL HILL — Wherever James Connery goes, protest follows. The first last week to North Carolina was no different.



Student groups support affirmative action on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus

Connery was scheduled to speak at 8:15 p.m. in Great Hall, a huge room in the student union with a seating capacity of 500. A half an hour before the event began, a line of students meandered from the Great Hall threshold, through the lobby and outside onto a concrete patio. Those were the students who didn't make arrangements for tickets in advance.

They would be allowed in if there were seats remaining after those with tickets entered. In addition to the full-capacity audience inside Great Hall, another 200 students watched Connery's address on a television monitor in another room.

Connery is an educator, not a stranger to a university campus. But that's not what draws the crowds. And the people who came to hear what Connery had to say were not the only

ones drawn to the student union. Scores of students and faculty were T-shirts, carried signs or sang chants denouncing Connery's message. End affirmative action.

Connery served on the University of California Board of Regents. Last year he drew national attention when he led the campaign to dismantle affirmative action by removing racial preferences in the university's admissions and hiring policies. That move has made him a hero in the eyes of conservatives, like the coalition of student groups that sponsored Connery's recent appearance.

Connery's attack on affirmative action has not, however, earned him much favor among other black people.

"Mr. Connery is completely oblivious to the struggle of black people," said one demonstrator. "In the last 30

years, the playing field has been made more level, but there are still inequities. Affirmative action speaks to the needs and wants of black Americans."

According to this man, Connery "has very little sensitivity or actual reality to the inadequacies of our government in dealing with race."

"I was told I should never go on college campuses," Connery told the assembly of students and faculty. "That's because they tend to be liberal and politically correct."

Connery accepted the possibility that some people would be hostile to his message. But, he said, "I believe deeply in the democratic process because it allows us to engage in vigorous debate."

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