



Carver High School, led by senior running back Tauric Rice, will face Burlington Williams Friday.

## Yellowjackets sting Oxford Webb, advance to State 3-A semifinals

Mount Tabor pounds Gastonia Ashbrook to earn date with Richmond County

By THERESA DAVIS FOR THE CHRONICLE

It's been more than three decades since Carver's football team has advanced past the first three rounds of the State 3-A playoffs. But last Friday night the Yellowjackets rolled past

Oxford Webb, 26-10, to earn a berth in the semifinal round. Carver will play host to Burlington Williams on Friday (Dec. 4) at 7:30 p.m.

Mount Tabor also advanced to the semifinals. The Spartans took an incredible 48-8 victory over Gastonia Ashbrook on the road last Friday night. The Spartans advanced to this week's 4-A semifinals against Richmond County.

The last time the Yellowjackets reached this point was in 1962 when

the team, coached by David Lash, captured the State 3-A championship in the segregated "Negro" state association of high school sports.

Carver lost its status as a senior high school following the 1969 season and didn't regain that honor until 1984. Since then the team has fielded more than a half dozen playoff teams. None, however, have gotten to this point.

The key for the Yellowjackets has been its diversity. Carver has four play-

ers who have accounted for more than 1,000 yards of offense and 20 touchdowns this season.

That quartet, quarterback Courtney Weaks, and running backs Tauric Rice, Tyre Kirby and LaShun Peoples, all played well against Oxford Webb. Weaks completed eight of 13 passes for 185 yards and two touchdowns. He also had several key runs. Rice rushed for 67 yards on 10 carries and added another 63 yards and a touchdown on

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## Students boycott



Amon Muhammad, a graduate of N.C. A&T, talks to a group of 150 about the importance of black businesses during a community meeting Tuesday. Muhammad, youth minister for the Nation of Islam, is part of a group helping to organize a boycott of Greensboro's Four Seasons Mall.

## A&T students vow not to shop at Greensboro mall

By DAMON FORD THE CHRONICLE

GREENSBORO — With one voice students from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University declared a boycott against non-black merchants.

The proclamation came Tuesday night during a meeting at Dudley High School. It comes on the heels of recent cries of harassment stemming from actions by security guards at Four Seasons Town Centre against A&T students.

The students say African Americans, specifically black males, have been unfairly harassed by mall security since the implementation of the mall's courtesy code in 1996. They also contend pamphlets containing the rules, which discourage shopping in groups, were only given to A&T students.

"Incidents at Four Seasons are just one example of how black people are treated, so why should we

give them money," said Jamaal Kendrick, an A&T student.

Four Seasons' policy discourages loitering, congregating in groups, wearing obscene clothing, yelling and playing radios, practices which can get a shopper reprimanded, kicked out of the mall or arrested.

While Four Seasons has 12 rules in its policy, Hanes Mall in Winston-Salem only has six rules it asks patrons to follow, says general manager Dennis Cerny.

Proper attire including shirt and shoes, no soliciting, no pets except for cases where a person is in need of one because of a handicap, no loitering or loud and disruptive behavior, no alcoholic beverages or the carrying of firearms and the following of non-smoking regulations make up the policy at Hanes. The policy is posted on every entrance of the mall.

"We invite our customers to shop," he said.

"However we are aware that they sometimes will meet relatives and friends here and may socialize while shopping. That's fine and they are certainly welcome to do that."

Cerny also said there have been very little incidents of trouble in his four years at the mall.

Ron Mack, executive vice-president of the Koury Corporation, which owns Four Seasons was unavailable for comment, but a statement faxed to the media from the company offices last Tuesday rebuts claims by A&T students.

According to the letter, mall officials sent 25,000 copies of the courtesy code to area high schools and middle schools as well as five of the six colleges in Greensboro including; A&T, UNC-Greensboro, Guilford College, Greensboro College and Guilford Technical Community College.

Bennett College did not receive the hand-out. The students also declined a meeting with Koury

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## Settlement a long way off

Black farmers say they're reviewing latest offer in suit

By DAMON FORD THE CHRONICLE

While a series of meetings last month held by black farmers and attorneys provided optimism that a lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Agriculture would be settled before a February court date in Washington, D.C., legal representatives for the farmers say a settlement is a long way off.

Several news agencies reported that black farmers across the nation are considering a \$125 million settlement in their discrimination suit against the USDA, which would give each plaintiff about \$50,000. Al Pires, lead attorney for the agriculturalists says there's still a long way to go.

"None of that information is right," Pires said of the reports. "We're still a ways away from a settlement. It's so complicated because it's so big."

According to Pires it will be at least another three weeks before anything will be worked out.

"We're still in negotiations," Pires said. "Where they got that story from I don't know."

Stephon Bowens, executive director of the N.C. Landloss Prevention Project was one of several people on hand in Durham for the meetings and confirmed that no proposed settlement was reached.

"We think things are moving," he said. "It's our hope that a settlement can be reached."

During the meeting, attorneys discussed settlement offers by the Department of Agriculture with local black farmers including lead plaintiff Tim Pigford of Bladen County. Pigford, co-founder of the National Black Farmers and Agriculturalist Association, filed the suit in Feb. 1997.

Though Pigford declined to comment on the meetings, he did speak to Archie Hart, special assistant to commissioner of the N.C. Department of Agriculture about the meeting's developments.

"The lawyers gave the farmers some scenarios," Hart said. "They discussed how close they were to the settlement. All I know is that by the end of December there will be a settlement."

U.S. District Court Judge Paul Friedman pushed the farmers settlement efforts by declaring their case a class action suit in October, which was applauded by the farmers and many black politicians including members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

"A large number of farmers will get relief earlier, rather than just one by one," said U.S. Rep. Eva Clayton, D-N.C. at the time. "This is good news."

This development allows thousands of loan discrimination complaints by farmers to be handled together instead of on an individual basis.

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## New CDC hopes to bring life to Liberty Street

By T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

A newly-created community development corporation is hoping to bring fresh ideas and tons of public and private dollars to the Liberty Street area.

In early January, members of the Pangaea Development Corporation Board of Trustees will begin brainstorming ideas to help revitalize economically-ailing Liberty Street.

Pangaea will replace the East Winston Development Task Force, an organization established by the board of aldermen in 1988 to "facilitate and coordinate" develop-

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Stretching nearly 4 miles, the Liberty Street Corridor lags behind other areas in development.

Photo by T. Kevin Walker

## Health center OK'd for East Winston

By T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Advocates for revitalization on Liberty Street got a big boost last week when North Carolina Baptist Hospital officials selected a site for a new health center in the area.

The health center— expected to be completed in late 2000 — will replace Reynolds Health Center, which the hospital began operating earlier this year.

The announcement comes at a time when "revitalization" has become a buzz word in communities around the city but especially in East Winston.

Those involved in the project say the new 50,000-square-foot facility will not only better serve patients but also help the downtrodden Liberty Street area.

"I think that it's wonderful," said Derwick Paige, who heads redevelopment efforts in East Winston for the city.

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