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ill aims to make students more respectful

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onth after some black legislators in South Carkened a proposal by that state's governor to ing, one of the two women vying for North a's second highest post has introduced a similar

e Sen. Beverly Perdue, who convincingly won mocratic nomination for lieutenant governor introduced a bill last week in the General bly that would give local school boards authoto require students to use courtesy titles like nd "ma'am" when addressing teachers, princid other school officials.

lementation and development of the policy

Funds would also be attached to the bill to help sys-

"Even something as benign and noncontroversial as this does carry racial baggage."

- Carlton Eversley

tems implement programs that teach students respect. If a student persistently ignores the courtesy title rule,

would be left up to individual school boards, according to the bill.

his or her parents may be required to attend such programs with their children, according to the bill.

"By teaching and requiring respectful forms of address in our schools, our local school districts can strengthen the relationship between parents and teachers," said Perdue in a statement. "We want to reinforce in our public schools what is already being taught in

Perdue's bill is similar to ones that have already passed in states like Kentucky and Alabama. It also mirrors a much debated proposal by Gov. Jim Hodges of South Carolina.

The proposal has struggled to find support, even among those in Hodges' own Democratic Party. Many

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Sen. Bev Perdue, center, campaigns in Winston-Salem earlier this year .

10 years and counting

rvice Corps participants receive instruction earlier this week. The Service Corps program conts of physical training, education and training.

orps helps turn lives around



hall Simms clears a site near downtown

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Ten years and countless success stories later, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Service Corps is still changing lives and brightening the tomorrows of the many young people who enter its ranks.

The highly structured education and training program started in 1990 with lofty goals. Service-Corps was designed to provide viable employment skills to men and women between 18 and 23, especially those who would not have anyplace else to

That goal, and many others, has been realized over the past decade, according to the program's coordinator. Reginald McCaskill says Service Corps has continually thrown a lifeline to young people who have had scrapes with the law or who are trying to break free from cycles of welfare. 'This has been the last resort for some people,"

McCaskill said. "It's either here or jail." McCaskill estimates that about 80 percent of those who enter the Service Corps do so at the rec-

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Officials kick off National Law Enforcement Week

THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem police officer Vincent Stephens didn't think he did anything spectacular when he stopped to help a family who had been in a car accident. The car was overturned and it was pouring down rain.

"Any Winston-Salem police officer would have done the same thing," he said.

Stephens wasn't in the city of Winston-Salem when he risked his life to save the family of three; he wasn't even in North

Stephens and another officer were attending a conference at S.C. State University in Orange-

Stephens said it feels great to be recognized for what he did, but, he added, "When you see a car flipped over, it's your duty to do something.

When Stephens returned to Winston-Salem, he didn't tell



Photo by Kevin Walker

Assistant Police Chief Mike McCoy, from right, shares a laugh with Capt. Tim Samuels and Capt. Terry Jones at a Hanes Mall ceremony.

anyone of his heroic actions.

said. "I felt like talking about it would have been bragging."

out and he was awarded the

medal of valor at Monday's cer-"I was doing my job," he emony to kick off National Law Enforcement Week.

Members of the Forsyth But his supervisor did find County Sheriff's Department See Officers on All

Inmates warn young people

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Don Ormsby merely isn't talking the talk when he speaks to young people about the dangers of drugs and a life of crime.

The path he took in life led him to a prison life sentence 25 years ago for second-degree murder. Ormsby was just 22 years old.

He's still serving his sentence at a Winston-Salem detention camp; 13 chances at parole have come and gone with no success.

Ormsby is in a work release program that allows him to do



Inmate Don Ormsby talks to kids at the Winston Lake YMCA.

electrical work in the daytime while spending his nights and weekends behind bars. Over the years he has also been an enthusiastic volunteer in the Think Smart program, urging youngsters at local schools and community centers to avoid the

mistakes he has made. "Think about what you are doing," Ormsby told about two dozen young people at the Winston Lake YMCA last week.

Ormsby told the students, who are participants in the Urban League's Project SELF program,

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traduates say goodbye to books, look toward real world



lle Jones, JoAnn W. Frazier, LaKisha King.

right: Melissa Smith, Sheila Cunningham, Doris J. Vaughns,

Forsyth Tech grads excited about future plans

BY PAUL COLLINS THE CHRONICLE

About 425 students received degrees, diplomas and certificates during Forsyth Technical Community College's spring commencement last Thursday night at Wait Chapel, on the campus of Wake Forest University. Family members and friends

snapped photographs and watched with pride during the service. Derrick Davis, president and

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Preparation is key to success, speaker tells WSSU grads

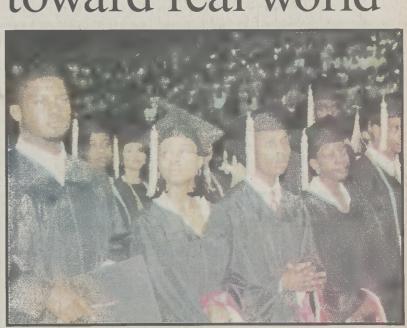
BY CHERIS HODGES THE CHRONICLE

Commencement day at Winston-Salem State University saw 540 eager young adults make the transition from the college world to the real world.

More than two-thirds of the degrees earned were in technical fields like math and the sciences. This is a trend at WSSU and across

The job market is looking for

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Winston-Salem State University graduates prepare to walk across a stage at Joel Coliseum to receive their degrees.

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