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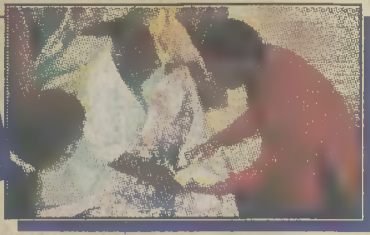
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- Bill Tatum
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Rams will play in S.C. despite boycott

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

In any other season the Winston-Salem State University Rams landing a season opener with a regional powerhouse like S.C. State University would be considered a major coup.

But in a year when the nation's oldest and most influential civil rights organization has declared war on a state that has flown the Confederate flag atop its Statehouse for 38 years, the

Rams/Bulldogs match-up, scheduled for Sept. 2 in Orangeburg, S.C., is drawing some critics.

"It's important that we all stay on the same page," Winston-Salem NAACP Chapter President Bill Tatum said. "The flag has not been removed from an area of public view. We still have a boycott in place."

The Confederate flag's much anticipated descent from atop South Carolina's Statehouse and

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"This was not a political decision... Athletics and politics we try to keep separate."

-Lee Hampton, Vice
Chancellor,
Winston-Salem
State University

M.E. meeting focus on reaching out to community

The African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church is holding its quadrennial meeting in Greensboro. Members of the church plan to do more in the church's future.

According to the Rev. Dr. Darryl Starnes, the Bureau of Evangelism of the AME Church, the church plans to reach out to the community.

"It was in my heart (to reach out to the community)," Starnes said. "We have meetings in a city and nobody in the area is touched. We felt strongly pressed that spending 10 days in the city of Greensboro that those people have a strong witness of Christ."

Trinity AME Zion Church and the Rev. Dr. Michael Frencher are playing host to the hundreds of delegates who

will attend this year's conference. The annual conference will begin July 26, but members of the church are in town locally to embrace the community.

Events are planned by the AME Zion Church to embrace the Triad. About 25 members will minister to various ministries at The Potter's House Community Center, the Guilford Correctional Center, the Family Shelter and the Weaver House Shelter.

The conference is primarily a business meeting for four years the AME Zion Church Center to administrate the work of the Church," Starnes said. But this year is added.

In addition to the work that we do at the Sheraton Hotel, we wanted to do some business outside of the Sheraton Hotel."

The church plans to do that "Kingdom come" by having a block party and tent service, July 29.

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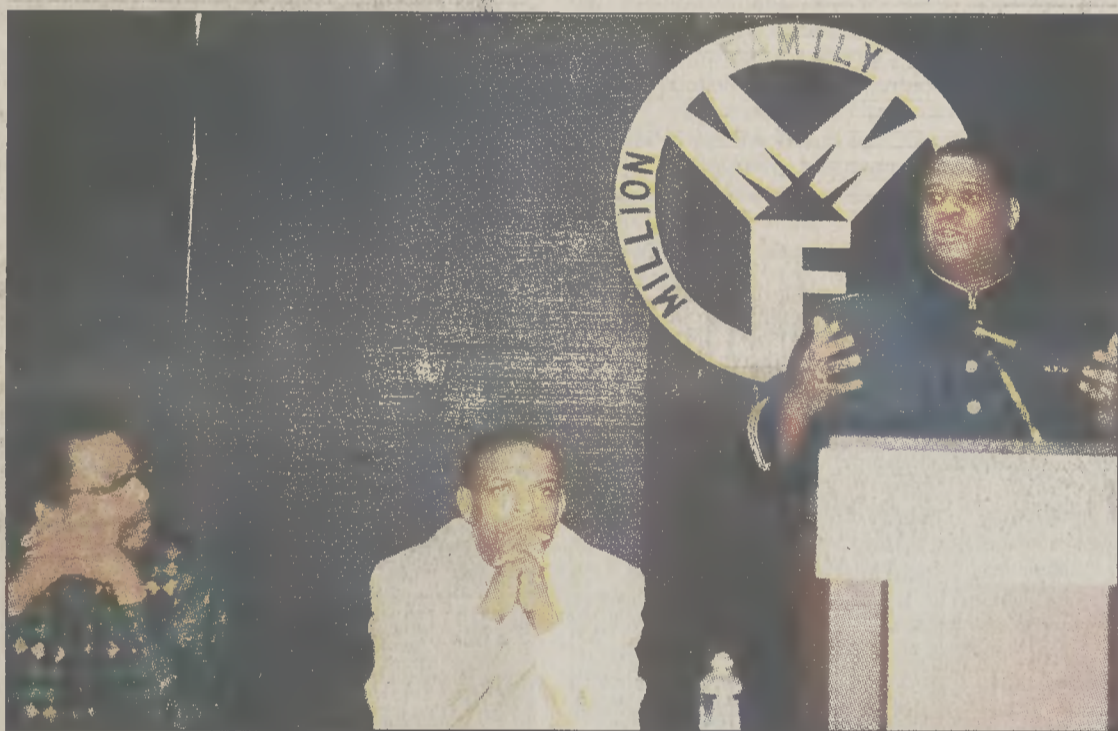


Photo by Paul Collins
Kenneth Fox Muhammad, mayor of East Spencer, speaks at a "Town Hall meeting" about the Million Family March. Also shown are the co-conveners of the meeting, Larry Lean Hamlin, left, and Minister Mikal Muhammad, center. The meeting was at the Anderson Center at WSSU.

Calling all citizens

Million Family March plans get jumpstart at town hall meeting

BY PAUL COLLINS
THE CHRONICLE

Several dozen people attended a "Town Hall meeting" last Thursday night to discuss the Million Family March, which is planned for Oct. 16 in Washington, D.C., and to discuss an agenda for the march. Applications were distributed to those attending to find out if they plan to attend the Million Family March or if they would like to serve on a committee.

Co-convenor Minister Mikal Muhammad, a Winston-Salem representative for Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan,

said, "The national agenda has been placed and put together by the Nation of Islam, the NAACP, the National Urban League, the Black Caucus, the Hispanic Caucus and other great, brilliant minds among our community. As we start this new millennium, the institution of Almighty God is the family. We've already had the Million Man March...which was a great success, followed by the Million Woman March and next followed by the Million Youth March. Now it all is being summarized with the Million Family March.

"We have a lot of issues that

we will be addressing nationally and locally. The purpose for us putting together this national and local agenda is to make sure we can dictate whatever our needs are, and that we may be found, let me repeat, we may found working at individuals and families becoming responsible for our destinations..."

"We want to make sure that we tailor a local agenda for our local needs. This is taking place all over America - town-hall meetings like this, agendas being put together."

The other co-convenor of the "Town Hall meeting," Larry

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Local universities on mission to promote diversity

BY CHERIS HODGES
THE CHRONICLE

This summer Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem State University and Salem College will participate in an initiative that will change the face of education.

The three schools are involved in a four-week summer program, which began last week, to promote a philosophy of education that embraces diversity and builds community.

Jeryl Prescott, associate dean of the college at WFU and one of the organizers of the program, said each activity is designed to "encourage analytical thinking about our approaches to learning and teaching as we confront our own biases and consider the realities of an increasingly pluralistic community."



Prescott

Others leading the summer program include Paige Wilbanks, assistant director of student development at Wake Forest; Joyce Williams-Green, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at WSSU; and Ann McElaney-Johnson, associate dean of college at Salem College.

According to Prescott, the idea for the summer program was born after two years of planning.

"I think on our campus, there has been a sincere desire to reach out to the Winston-Salem community, not only the educational institutions but the volunteer, the nonprofit and a lot of different institutions in various ways," she said.

Prescott said a group of WFU faculty got together and asked the question, "How can education be improved for all students in the community?"

"What we noticed and what is a stark representation of segregation is that we have the predominantly white Wake Forest, we have the predominantly black Winston-Salem State University and we have the all-women Salem College. Of course we have some wonderful things within each institution that the other institutions can gain from being exposed to," she said.

One goal of this program is to make Winston-

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Parents want to use newly earned titles to help raise awareness

Williams poster for sickle cell

old Jasmine has a happy, vibrant life despite the disease that afflicts people in this coun-

her angelic face and one would never believe that she was born with a disease that could lead to blood vessel

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The Williams clan: Eddie, little Jasmine and Lori.

Photo by Kevin Walker

Crocker chosen Big Brother of the Year

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Carol Samuels was at the end of her rope.

Trying to balance work and the responsibility of raising two growing boys by herself, Samuels began to actively search for people who could serve as role models for sons. Her search led her to Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Forsyth County.

Samuels added the boys'

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Maurice Crocker, from right, talks to "little brother" Lorenzo; his mother, Carol Samuels; and "little brother" Philip.

Photo by Kevin Walker