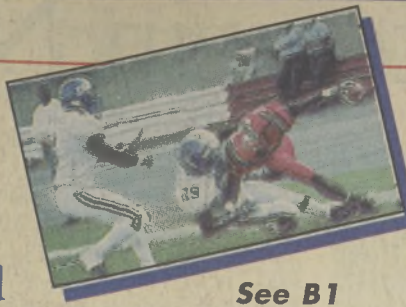


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Breast cancer crusade will rely on the faith community

Bacote is a survivor. 10 years ago, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Bacote had her surgery at the time when people didn't talk about cancer. "It wasn't until I retired and about it," she said. "It was that you kept to yourself; you about it." Things have changed over the last 20 years. Bacote is talking about breast cancer as an effort to get other African-American women to get the testing they need to save their lives. She started My Sistahs Keeper in Winston-Salem. The group is an interfaith breast cancer support group. Breast cancer survivors and spread the word about the dis-

ease and how to detect it. This Sunday the group is uniting with black churches in the city to observe Oct. 8 as a day of prayer and breast cancer awareness. My Sistahs Keeper will provide free mammograms for eligible women that day in the first Million Mamma's Crusade. This event will be held at the Ephesus Community and Educational Center, 1225 N. Cleveland Ave. There also will be a breast self-exam training class for teens and adults, and clinical breast exams will be performed by health care professionals. Bacote said any female who is developing breasts should attend the event. "Young girls need to come to the class," she said. "We need to catch them early."

One in eight African-American women will develop breast cancer, but many African-American women don't see breast cancer as a problem in the black community, Bacote said. That is why the Million Mamma's Crusade was organized. "Some women say it is God's will (for them to have breast cancer). There is lack of insurance for some women to get mammograms, or they think no one in my family had breast cancer so it is not my problem," she said. But statistics from the American Cancer Association indicate that 75 percent of the women who are diagnosed with breast cancer do not have the disease in their family history. "As you get older, the risk increases,"

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Local breast cancer survivors gather to show their support for the Million Mamma's Crusade.

Belle of the Ball

ton honored quarter-century vice

Who's Who of Winston-Salem celebrated her 25th anniversary at the Main Library last Friday. They gathered to pay tribute to a woman who has touched each of them, known throughout the city for her sweet smile, steady and strong resolve. Praise and attention were showered on Irene Hairston, who, in the minds of many, has become one of the most prominent figures in the community service. She is a person who has touched the hearts of many for libraries," said County Library Director Trinkle-Hamlin. "I consider her a jewel." Hairston retired this summer after serving on the Forsyth County Library board of trustees for a position she held for nearly a quarter-century. She was appointed to the board in 1976. Hairston was unanimously selected to serve on the board until her retirement. Colleagues and family members spoke much about her passion for libraries and her desire to make them "the university." Hairston attended a trustee meeting and went toe-to-toe with county officials to ensure that the county's libraries were



Irene Hairston is overcome with joy as friends and family members honor her. County Commissioner David Plyler, right, and Nat Irvin II, who served as emcee, share in the moment.

funded adequately. "She (transformed) our library from a good library to one of the best in the Southeast," said Ben Ruffin, chairman of the University of North Carolina system and a longtime friend of Hairston's. Under Hairston's leadership, the county's library system grew by eight locations and the Main Branch Library downtown underwent many facelifts. Sprinkle Hamlin, who is the first African American to serve as director of the county library, said Hairston also made sure that the library was diverse - "not only in terms of the people who work there, but also the materials there and the services offered." But Hairston's city involvement did not begin, and will not end, at the library. Hairston has

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Jim Jordan, a library staffer, leads Hairston in a dance to the song "Wind Beneath My Wings."

Grant hopes to aid two communities in closing decades-long quarrel

BY JOY SCOTT
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North Forsyth High School opened this year with what Principal Ron Jessup called "the best (opening) we've ever had." In addition to pencils and books, students came prepared with mediation skills to solve their problems. A \$5,000 ECHO Fund grant is helping the students in their battle to end a longtime feud, with Meeting Common Ground, a peer mediation program, implemented in the school. With the program, Jessup said, the students have found "they have more in common than dislikes." The ECHO Fund was established in 1999 to celebrate the Winston-Salem Foundation's 80th anniversary and increase social capital. In that year alone, the foundation awarded almost \$12 million in grants, including 93 discretionary grants totaling \$1.5 million. According to Donna Rader, vice president of grants and pro-

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College Foundation wants to be one-stop source for college financing info

BY PAUL COLLINS
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Representatives of the College Foundation of North Carolina are trying to spread the word about the services it provides. The College Foundation provides information about college financial planning to all North Carolinians free of charge. College Foundation provides only finance-related information about colleges and does not recommend specific colleges. Some other facts: • Launched on May 4, 2000, the Foundation's comprehensive Web site has received more than 2 million hits, while the call center, staffed with financial aid planning specialists, has received more than 24,000 calls from families needing information on paying for college. • The most requested information by users of the College Foundation's Web site: information on need and merit based scholarships and grants, financial aid searches, the College Vision Fund (a savings plan) and student loan programs. • College Foundation of North Carolina is a service of the state of North Carolina, provided by the N.C. State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) and College Foundation Inc. (CFI). NCSEAA is an agency of the state, established in 1965 to administer "grants, loans, work-study or other

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NAACP recruits voters at young voters

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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With the much-hyped November election just around the corner, the national NAACP is rolling out all the stops to ensure that the African-American vote is loud and exuberant. The civil rights organization's spiffy voter registration bus made its way onto the campus of Winston-Salem State University Monday afternoon for a two-hour campaign aimed at getting the youngest voters registered and geared up for November. The eye-catching bus - which is decorated with the organization's logo and messages like "Lift every voice" and "We ain't goin' back" - is on a 50-city tour, stopping at

college campuses, shopping centers, community centers, churches and in actual neighborhoods. The bus is one of two NAACP buses on the road currently. The "Get Your Vote On" bus is making its way across the land as well, mostly stopping on college campuses. The bus that stopped at WSSU was dedicated to Earl Shinhoster, a well-known NAACP official who died earlier this year in a car crash. The NAACP's stepped-up efforts this campaign season are in tribute to Shinhoster, who was a strong advocate of voter registration and education. "So far we have gotten a lot of people coming out and a lot of excitement," said Philesha Gough, a

spokesperson for the NAACP's Earl T. Shinhoster Voter Empowerment Campaign. Gough said the official kick-off for the bus tour was Sept. 12 in Atlanta; but unofficially, she said, the tour began Sept. 8 in Selma, Ala., where the empowerment campaign staged several voter activities to get locals pumped up about the local mayor's race. In that race, James Perkins Jr., an African American, made national headlines for defeating the longtime incumbent. Gough said she believes the efforts of the NAACP paid off big the day of the mayoral election. "I think we were a contributing factor in his victory."

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Linda Sutton, right, helps Winston-Salem State senior Cherevita McCaskill register for the upcoming election.



The voter registration bus is designed to get attention even as it travels from state to state.