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Friends & Family

At left, Carneilius Williams and children, Zarha (front) and (back row, left to right) Jalen, Carneisha and Marque. Below, members of the Genesis dance team perform.

Goler Memorial AME Zion sponsors day to bring community together

BY PAUL COLLINS
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The parking lot and grounds at Goler Memorial AME Zion Church were awash with activities Saturday at Community Outreach and Family Day. And that's exactly what Alexis Kennedy, 7, and Marlaya Ross, 6, did - whirl... hula-hoops around their waists. Both girls said they were having fun, and it showed. They had broad smiles.

In another area, Khiry Sutton, 9, was selling birdhouses made by Cub Scout Pack 803 of Goler Memorial.

Billy Wilson, Cub Scout master at Goler Memorial, said, "Basically what we did...we bought the materials. They made these birdhouses from scratch. We sanded them down. We painted them, put screws in them. All the proceeds will be put towards getting something for the Cub Scouts and the Boy Scouts."

Khiry added, "I really liked being involved in things and painting them and working with them. And I just had a great time doing all of this."

Fred Phifer of Goler Memorial Men's Ministry, which spon-



sored Community Outreach and Family Day, summarized some of the activities, organizations and agencies at the event: "We have Big Brothers Big Sisters program. We have Way of Life counseling. We have Today's Woman (Health & Wellness Center). We have Seven Homes, which is for foster children. We have the YMCA Literacy Initiative. We have the Forsyth County Public Library Bookmobile. We have the Gideon's International Bible group. They are giving out Bibles. We have the Winston-Salem police. They are here instructing our kids on the importance of crime prevention, sharing with them the things they do as policemen in the city to help them and provide safe places for them."

"The Winston-Salem Fire Department hopefully will be here soon. They are here to talk to our kids about fire safety. With the recent number of fires here in the city, we thought it was a good idea to have them in and talk to our children about the proper ways of handling themselves in the event of fire. We have several corporate sponsorships: Sara Lee, Pepsi-Cola, Burger King, Wendy's, MacDonald's, just to name a few. "Our members are going to participate in the services provided here...Blood pressure checking is done over there. That's through Baptist Hospital...We have literature on hypertension, cholesterol, stuff like that."

Information about dental care was also available.

Used clothing was for sale, as well as grab bags, and of course, food.

Phifer said, "This event is basically for the Boy Scouts and our elderly folk at the church. It's for people to come in and enjoy themselves from the community."

"We're going to play bingo. Lowe's, Wal-mart, Kmart all gave the gifts that we will use in our bingo games."

Nearby, Charles Scott, who used to manage a service station, was standing by an orange poster advertising "Goler Auto Check." He said, "I'm providing mostly (these services)... check air in your tires, check the headlights, the horn, the taillights; check oil,

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Minority students at Wake celebrate accomplishments

Special graduation event lauds collective spirit of tight-knit community

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Wake Forest University students still have more than a week to go before they receive their degrees during the school's traditional outdoor commencement. But some of them recently got a taste of how the big day may feel during a sendoff ceremony for the school's minority seniors.

The Second Annual Multicultural Graduation and Awards Ceremony took place on the campus last week, bringing together the school's small, but tight-knit minority community.

No degrees were handed out. No one wore caps and gowns. Instead, the event honored the individual contributions that some of the students have made during their stint at Wake and gave minority students a chance to come together to share and look back.

Hugs and laughs were abundant as individual students shared their



Seniors Charles Goodman and Akua Asare hug at last week's ceremony.

best memories with their classmates and watched a slide presentation featuring pictures dating back to their first days on campus. Tears fell

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Month dedicated to fighting teen pregnancy

BY PAUL COLLINS
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May is recognized as Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Month. In 1999, 780 females between the ages of 10 and 19 became pregnant in Forsyth County. The Family and Community Health Education Section of the Forsyth County Department of Public Health offers a variety of programs to inform and educate the community.

One of these programs is the Teen Initiative Project (T.I.P.), which offers educational sessions to any youth group in Forsyth County. During the month of May, T.I.P. will focus on encouraging teens in Forsyth County to think about how their lives and their families' lives would change if they were to become pregnant or father a pregnancy. The empathy belly allows both males and females the opportunity to experience how it feels to be in the last few weeks of pregnancy.

Since the empathy belly enlightens the teens only on the physical changes during pregnancy, the additional changes that a teen may experience in becoming pregnant or fathering a pregnancy will be discussed in the educational session.

T.I.P. also provides education sessions for parents on how to talk to their teens about sensitive issues such as pregnancy prevention, drugs, and puberty. If you are interested in more information or would like to set up an educational session, call Tanya Wilson, T.I.P. coordinator, at 727-8172 ext. 3854.

In an interview Friday, Wilson talked about some of the problems pregnant teens and fathers face, and gave some tips for teens and their parents.

"Teens love their privacy," Wilson said. She tries to make sure that teen girls understand that they may lose some of their privacy if they get

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Colorful Stories

Diverse students tell stories from the heart

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Brittany Robinson thumbed anxiously through a book at Barnes & Noble Booksellers this past weekend. After locating what she was frantically searching for, she announced, "I found it," to her mother and other relatives.

Brittany stared into the book and began to scan a page with her eyes. After a few minutes she looked up from the book with a big smile. She had just experienced what it's like to be a published author.

Brittany, a student at the highly acclaimed after-school program at the Best Choice Center, and more than 100 of her counterparts from the public school system got their first taste of fame with the release of "Many Voices, One World: A Multicultural Anthology." Spearheaded by the Forsyth County Library, the book features poems,



Brittany Robinson reads.

short stories, photographs and artwork by youngsters.

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Single, but not alone

Single parents group raises money with auction

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Ritchie McCollum and Tracy Norwood engaged in nervous chatter recently outside of a banquet hall at the Adam's Mark Hotel. Both men had signed up to strut their stuff in front of a roomful of unabashed ladies.

Donned in pressed suits and shiny dress shoes, McCollum and Norwood were just two of more than two dozen men and women who volunteered to be put on the auction block for a local organization that provides support - both financial and emotional - for single parents.

Raised by a single parent,

McCollum said the goals of Single Parents Searching for Solutions (SPSS) hit close to home. So he was willing to do anything that he could to help.

"There were a lot of disadvantages growing up without a father," said McCollum, a mortgage broker. "But my mother did a great job. The struggles she went through made me and brother and sisters what we are today."

Norwood, a graduating senior at Winston-Salem State University and a member Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, said he thought about the children when he was approached to be a bachelor at the auction.



Tami Wright addresses the crowd after the auction.

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