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Campus excited about Glover

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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These days, Danny Glover is more of an advocate and activist than he is an actor. His roles as a death penalty opponent and civil rights champion are just as well known as his roles in classic films such as "The Color Purple," "Places in the Heart" and the "Lethal Weapon" series.



Glover

Glover's on and off screen endeavors were cited by a committee made up of Winston-Salem State University students and administrators. The committee has picked Glover to be the speaker for the university's next commencement exercises. Glover is scheduled to speak at WSSU's 110th spring commencement May 11 at Joel Coliseum. More than 500 seniors are expected to receive degrees during the exercise.

News of Glover's appearance has already got many seniors excited.

"I feel honored to be able to hear him because he is such a wonderful individual, not only a great actor but also a great human rights activist," said senior Tameka Stafford. "A lot of people are really excited and surprised that we were able to get such a high profile speaker."

Glover has been in the news a lot over the past six months and not because of his roles in recent films such as "The Royal Tenenbaums." Late last year, Glover agreed to help lead TransAfrica, a Washington-based lobby group, when Randell Robinson, the founder of TransAfrica, decided to step down from the helm of the organization. Glover is the chairman of the organization's board.

Glover won praise from some and received criticism from others last November

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Chuck Davis, left, and a member of his African American Dance Ensemble add their voices to a dance and drum performance at Diggs Gallery.

Troupe settling in for series of events

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The infectious beats and awe-inspiring moves of the African American Dance Ensemble lured dozens of people to Winston-Salem State University's Diggs Gallery Monday night.

The Durham-based dance company is in the city this week as part of a residency project sponsored by the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Arts (SECCA). Diggs Gallery played host for a special kick-off event, which featured a reception, a talk by the world renowned choreographer Chuck Green and spirited performances by members of the ensemble.

The African American Dance Ensemble's motto is "peace, love and respect for everybody." The group promotes that

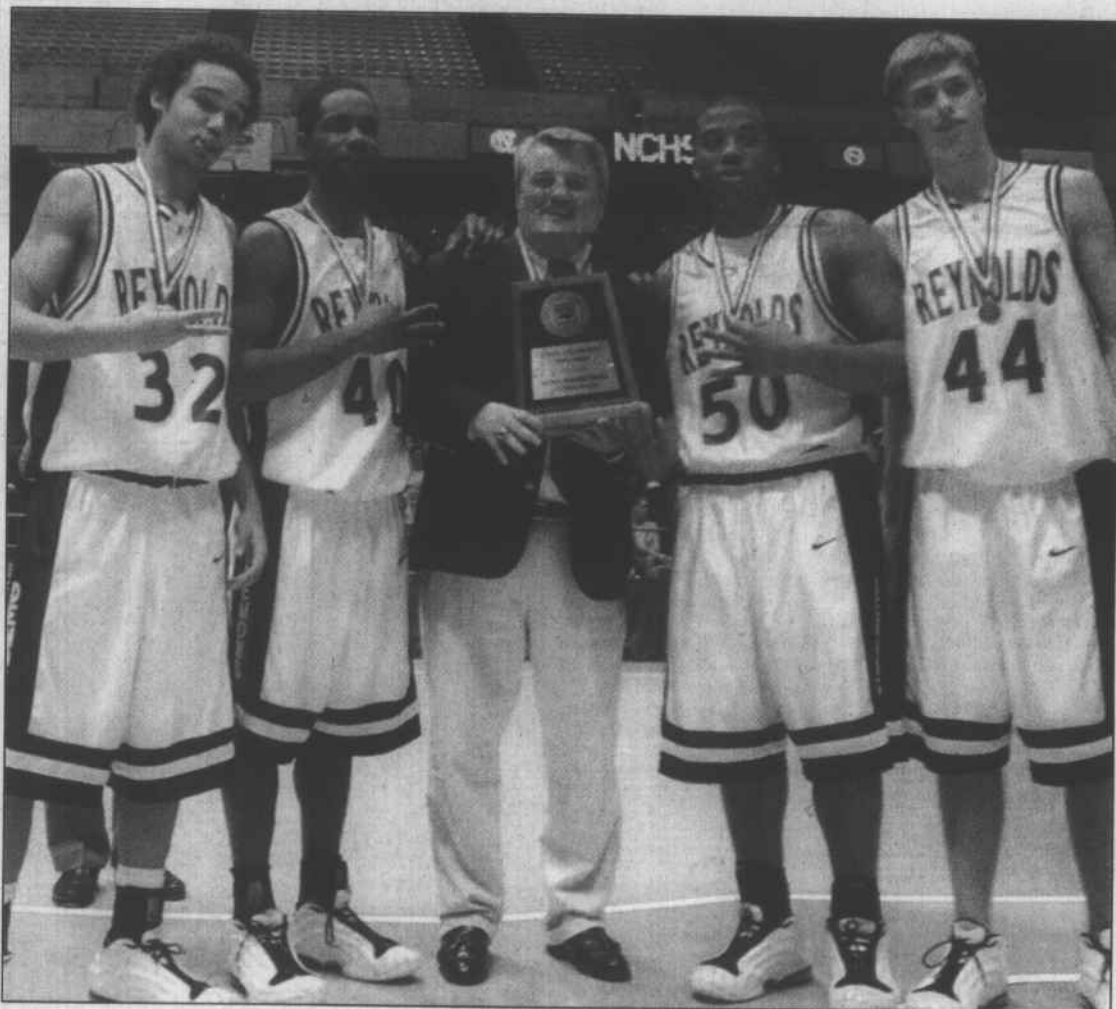
motto through the celebration of African culture via dance, music, lectures and arts demonstrations.

Davis, a native of Raleigh, founded the the AADE in New York City in 1968. He relocated the company to Durham in 1980 at the invitation of the American Dance Festival. Davis has long had a creative connection to Africa, which remains strong through the many trips he makes to the continent to study dance and music.

According to Mark Linga, SECCA's associate curator of education, people from all backgrounds can learn from each other through the beauty of African dance. AADE's residency is being promoted as a cross-cultural celebration.

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Simply the Best



Coach Howard West of Reynolds High School celebrates with Whit Holcomb-Faye, Andre Reid, Omarr Byrom and Chris Olson. The Deacons captured their third consecutive state 4-A basketball championship in Chapel Hill Saturday.

Poor kids victims, author says

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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One of the nation's foremost social justice advocates says a new form of apartheid is becoming more apparent in the United States, a litany of barriers that create a stark dividing line between the haves and the have-nots in areas such as health care, housing and especially education.



Kozol

Jonathan Kozol, a best-selling author whose books examining the lives and hopes of poor, inner-city school children are often quoted - told a crowd of hundreds Tuesday night, including dozens of local public school teachers, at Wake Forest University that the new apartheid is "shameful" and "cruel."

"It is the shame of the nation," said Kozol, whose work has won praise from people such as the late Gwendolyn Brooks and Marian Wright Edelman.

Kozol spent close to two hours railing against the current state of education in the United States, especially in large metropolitan areas such as New York City. A Harvard graduate and Rhodes Scholar, Kozol, who is white, was spurred to a career in teaching in the late 1960s by the ongoing fight for civil rights in the South.

Soon after the much publicized heinous 1966 murders of freedom fighters James Cheney, Mickey Schwerner and Michael Goodman in Mississippi (the story behind the murders was the subject of the film "Mississippi Burning"), Kozol went to an African-American church in his native Boston and asked the pastor what he could do to help. The pastor pursued him to teach a church-based reading pro-

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Church hopes prayers spur peace in Middle East



A Palestinian woman gestures as Israeli soldiers search the refugee camp for Palestinian gunmen in the West Bank town of Tulkarem.

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
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A special prayer crusade for world peace took place at Goler Memorial AME Zion Church on Patterson Avenue on Wednesday, March 13. Pastor Seth Lartey and members of his congregation came together to call upon Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat to cease all violence during the Easter season.

The call for peace comes after 17 months of violence in the Middle East that most recently brought a slew of suicide bombings in Israel that have taken the lives of hundreds of innocent civilians, including many children, over the construction of Jewish settlements in Palestinian territories. U.S. envoy Anthony Zinni recently made attempts to persuade both regions in conflict to reach a cease-fire in the year-long battle.



Lartey

Lartey contacted the offices of other major world leaders, including President George Bush, Secretary of State Colin Powell and United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan, with faxes requesting a call to peace at this time during the year. Christians are in the Easter season.

"The goal is to reach worldwide, Christians all over the world, to not just sit back and allow what's happening to continue, because silence can sometimes mean consent, and we don't want to be called a part of the problem," Lartey said. Members of Goler Memorial along

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