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Community Gauge

It is almost July and soon we will observe the one-year anniversary of the tragic events of Sept. 11. But time has not done much to heal Americans in the nearly 10 months since the terrorists attacks. Adding to the nation's concerns is talk that more attacks could be coming and continuing news reports about terror suspects in the country, such as the one about Abdullah al-Muhajir, who was accused of plotting to explode a so-called "dirty bomb" in a major U.S. city. We asked local folks if they feel safe from the threat of additional attacks by terrorists.

Dannie Rogers

"I've got Jesus on my side. I don't worry about those things. Jesus has always kept me, so I don't worry about safety. The police and the security and all of this is fine, but the number one priority -



Jesus - is in control. He says he'll protect and never leave us or forsake us, so why are you going to worry? The world is about to come to an end anyway, so why are we going to worry? There's going to be numerous wars, the Bible says there's going to be numerous wars in (various) places, so why should I worry, because Jesus is on my side."

Johnny Moody

"Truthfully, no we're not safe anywhere in America, but you take a chance wherever you want to live. In every town, every city, it's a different situation, different people with different problems. It's hard to say....All of this was happening before 9/11. When 9/11 (happened) it just made things more public."



Brenda Richardson

"I feel with the help of my higher power and God, that with prayer we will live in a safe society. No one can ever tell what's going to happen next, but if the country pulls together and fight this thing, I think we can make it."



Maggie Thompson

"Being a Jehovah's Witness and believing in the Bible and God's kingdom being the only solution, I don't really worry about it in that sense because I realize God's government is going to do something about the crime and so on. I think it's a really bad thing what happened to us. I don't look at (it) as a nation thing, as far as the United States, because I feel like if we



are supposed to be one people, then they can't be-right no more than we can be right. A lot of people look at it as nationalism, but I don't look at that way."

Phillip Carter

"I feel that there's a (great emphasis put on) safety and a deployment of safety beginning, but actually we're not safe because many different agencies we've found that they've been keeping secrets by conveying messages to other agencies. There's just no border control, so actually we're not as safe as what our political leaders are saying to us. I don't feel we're that safe. I feel that (there is) just as much of a threat now as before 9/11."



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Legal Aid Society turns 40



Photo by Courtney Gaillard
Yvette Stackhouse, Legal Aid attorney, and Susan Gottsegen, executive director, discuss plans for the upcoming 40th anniversary.

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
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The Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina Inc. has seen its 25th and 30th anniversaries come and go without so much as a cake or party streamer at its office on Fourth Street. But this year marks Legal Aid Society's 40th anniversary and these attorneys finally feel like celebrating four decades of service to low-income people in six counties.

"The thing we're most proud of is that we've continued to provide high quality legal representation to the low-income people of Forsyth and other counties, despite the fact that we've been faced with many cutbacks, which resulted in layoffs. But we have still been able to provide service to as many people as we always have," said Susan Gottsegen, executive director for Legal Aid, who said that theirs is the oldest legal services office in North Carolina. Gottsegen has been with the Legal Aid Society for 19 years and is a law school graduate of Wake Forest

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NAACP takes interest in suit

Black man sued Davie County sheriff in 1999 after being detained on charges he calls bogus

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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A three-year-old lawsuit filed by an African-American man against the sheriff of Davie County and one of his deputies has garnered the attention of the Winston-Salem branch of the NAACP.



Gantt

Ken Gantt, 63, filed the civil suit in federal court in April 1999 soon after he was detained by the Davie County Sheriff's Department on a number of charges relating to impersonating a law enforcement officer, charges that Gantt says are totally false and have caused him great financial loss and emotional distress.

The saga began three years ago when Gantt, who for years sold door to door an alarm system that he had invented, became concerned the night of April 8,

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Hoop Dreams

High School basketball standout has chance to shine if she can raise enough money

BY SAM DAVIS
THE CHRONICLE

Opportunity is staring Chanté Black squarely in the face right now. The big question, however, is whether or not the 16-year-old will be able to take advantage of it.

Black, a rising junior basketball player at East Forsyth High School, is one of an elite group of players in the country who have been selected to participate in a summer basketball tour that will play a series of games in Washington state and Oregon this summer. The tour will begin in Portland, Ore., and end in Seattle, Wash.

During the tour, Black and other participants will be given the chance to show their wares in front of college coaches from throughout the country. They will take part in three tournaments and play in up to 15 competitive games.

"This is going to make me elevate my game to another level," Black said. "I think it's really going to test my ability and help me bring the best out of myself."

The only problem that Black has encountered with the whole scenario thus far is coming up with the \$2,000 necessary to travel to Oregon and participate in the program. Her family has scraped together as much as it can, but still she is woefully short of the figure needed. The tour is run by the Elite Girls Basketball Association, which is a 501(c) organization. All sponsorships and donations are tax deductible.

Without sponsorship Black will be unable to take the trip. That, according

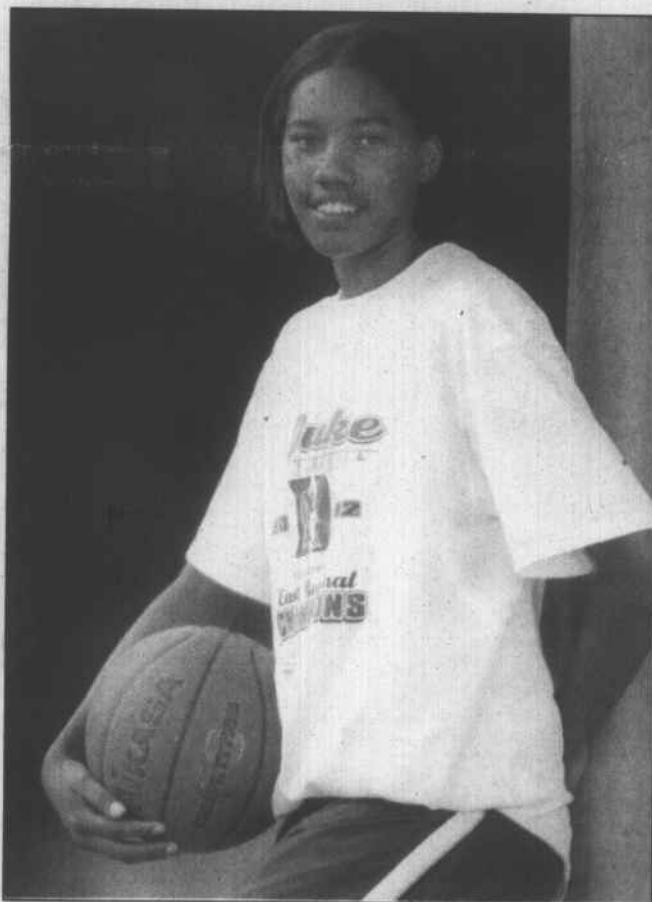


Photo by Bruce Chapman
Chanté Black averaged 18 points, 14 rebounds and eight blocked shots per game during her sophomore season at East Forsyth High School.

to her coach (Mark Kozlowski), would be a shame.

"This is just a great opportunity for her to get more exposure nationally," Kozlowski said. "It's very rare for a kid from this area to receive the type

of honors and attention Chanté has gotten. This isn't something that comes along every day. It is a big deal and it's not just a great opportunity for Chanté; this would be a great opportunity

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Traffic woes discussed at WSSU

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
THE CHRONICLE

Members of the community joined Chancellor Harold Martin in a community forum Tuesday night to discuss the vehicular traffic on Martin Luther King Drive and a plan to better ensure safer passage of students crossing the busy street to get to the campus of Winston-Salem State University.

More than 1,000 students cross MLK Drive each week to attend classes or get to their residential halls, and the number is expected to rise once construction on Rams Common, a new residential hall, is complete this summer. Nearly 500 more

WSSU students will be forced to cross MLK Drive once the new housing facility is open and occupied.

Martin shared with those in attendance the master plan of the WSSU campus over the next 10 years, and part of the plan includes transforming MLK Drive into a "campus friendly" street.

"I suggest that MLK essentially become an inter-campus street," said Martin, who mentioned the example of how the old Highway 311 became an inter-campus street that now flows into the school. Martin emphasized the university's priority of making student pedestrian passage safer and



Photo by Courtney Gaillard
Chancellor Harold Martin addresses the crowd.

hopes to start alterations as soon as August if the current budgetary crisis will allow it.

Graphics showed the new main entrance at the intersection of Stadium

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Chronicle wins 5 in national contest

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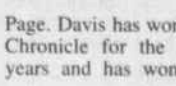
The Chronicle won five awards over the weekend at the annual National Newspaper Publishers Association Merit Awards.



Davis

The awards, which have been dubbed the black Pulitzer Prizes, were handed out in Jacksonville, Fla., during NNPA's annual convention. NNPA counts more than 100 African-American newspapers throughout the nation as members.

The Chronicle's sports editor, Sam Davis, won a first-place award for Best Sports Page. Davis has worked at The Chronicle for the last seven years and has won the first-



Alston

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