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New Atkins High closer to reality

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Wesley Curtis had members of the Black Leadership Roundtable oohing and aahing last week as he used a special computer program to show them - from every possible angle - how the new technology high school in East Winston will likely look when it opens in a few years.

Curtis, a partner with the architectural firm Walter Robbs Callahan & Pierce, designed the plan for the new school, as well as the plan for the new western Forsyth County high school, which is scheduled to be built and to open simultaneously with the East Winston school.

Curtis presented school officials with several designs. The one he showed to the roundtable is the plan that officials liked best. "It has kind of grown on me,"



Wesley Curtis shows Roundtable members the design of the new technology high school.

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Superintendent Don Martin told roundtable members about the design. Martin was joined by School Board member Victor

Johnson at the meeting. School officials have been regulars at roundtable meetings for years. Martin successfully lobbied roundtable members to support

the 2001 school bond referendum, which is making the construction of the multimillion dollar school possible.

Earlier this summer, Round-

table members successfully pressured the school system to keep the location of the new inner city high school on Old Greensboro Road, after school system officials talked of building the school in southeast Winston-Salem.

The school, which will be about 197,000 square feet, will have about 1,000 students and offer the system's first technology-based curriculum. It also will be the first new high school built in the heart of East Winston since the 1950s. Since the technology high school will be an original in many ways, officials wanted the school's design to reflect that uniqueness, Curtis said.

"It is a little different from the normal, boxy, square facility," he said. "It was important to make a statement with the new high school, especially the new technical high school."

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Parents seeking help to locate sisters

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD THE CHRONICLE

The day before Christine Sanders' two daughters, Candacy and Darcel Sanders, disappeared in Richland County, S.C.,

one of them accepted a calling from God. Just 24 hours later both sisters vanished from a Blockbuster Video

store, and Sanders believes it was her daughter's decision to "evangelize the word of God" that sparked an evil act by some unknown stranger.

Dawn and Candy, as they are called by family members, were as close as two sisters could be, says their mother, who describes them as "strong-willed girls."

Dawn, 18, had just graduated from high school in June, and Candy, 24, was an active church member. Both girls worked at local Blockbuster Video stores just blocks apart, since family members weren't allowed to work at the same store. They both enjoyed roller-skating and swimming on a regular basis, activities their mother taught them both to do.

"They had two or three special friends they would hang out with if they weren't with each other," said Christine Sanders, who said that she and her husband, William, have raised all five of their children to love and appreciate their Christian faith.

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Darcel Sanders



Candacy Sanders

Residents express concerns to mayor, alderman

Inquiries about safety, jobs in East Winston are abundant at forum

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD THE CHRONICLE

East Ward residents voiced concerns and asked questions of Mayor Allen Joines and Alderman Joycelyn Johnson Monday night during the "Talk of the Town" community forum at New Jerusalem Baptist Church. A number of city

and elected officials were present as well to address issues of citizens in East Winston.

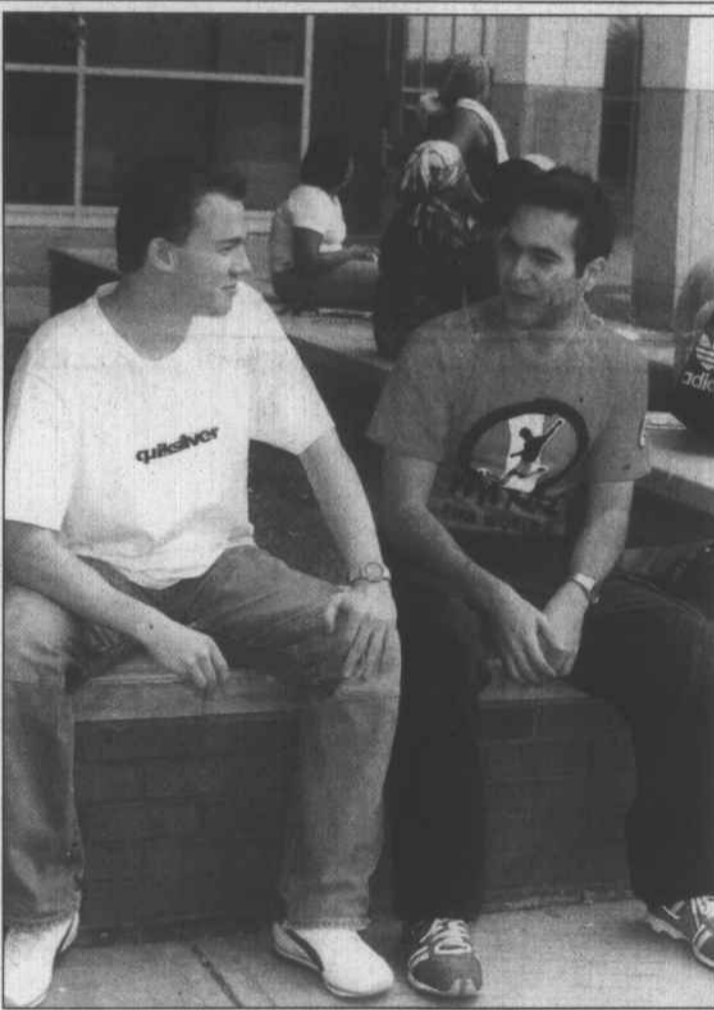
Joines

Before the floor was opened up for questions, Richard Dean, president of the health sciences department at Wake Forest University School of Medicine, presented the plan to expand the Downtown Research Park into East Winston. Dean is also the medical director for Research Park.

The Research Park Land Assembly Project, a mixed use biotechnology research park, is expected to bring 10,000 new jobs over the next couple of decades. Close to 180 acres of space in East Winston are being considered for development of the project.

"...This opportunity actually fulfills a dream of being able to bring our community together as one community...U.S. 52 has created a dividing line, emotionally and psychologically, for our community even much more so than I-40," Dean said.

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Bart Thomee, left, and Pablo Torres talk about their experiences so far at WSSU. They are among the school's first foreign exchange students.

Photo by Bruce Chapman

WSSU looks to prepare students for globalization

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Bart Thomee and Pablo Torres are like celebrities on the Winston-Salem State University campus. Other students go out of their way to greet them, to shake their hands or merely say hi.

The attention and chumminess from students is one of the fringe benefits of being among the university's very first crop of foreign exchange students.

"Since we are the first, everybody knows who we are," said Torres, a native of Monterrey, Mexico.

Torres joins another Mexican student, Juan Miguel Cardenas, at WSSU this year. Along with Thomee, who lives in Leiden, The Netherlands, the three have made history at WSSU. Although students from the Caribbean and Africa are seeking degrees at the university, never has WSSU welcomed foreign students as part of a formal exchange program until Torres, Thomee and Cardenas arrived on campus last month.

"I wanted to come to the United States because I like the culture and to take courses that we don't have at home," said Thomee, who is studying computer graphics and design during his stint at WSSU.

As part of the University of North Carolina system exchange program, the students had some say in which of the 16 UNC schools they would attend. The fact that the students choose WSSU is a point of pride for those who have worked over the years to raise the school's status not only in this country but abroad.

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In the Black

Winston-Salem Black chamber takes its vision to the streets

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

At age 66, William Fulton can vividly remember a time in Winston-Salem when black businesses were king. As Fulton, who runs his own insurance sales company, joined other black business owners Saturday for a business street fair on Highland Avenue, he described the East Winston of his childhood.

"This used to be the center point for black businesses in this area. Murray's Grill used to be over there," Fulton said, pointing to spots that are now filled with apartment buildings and three-lane streets. "A filling station was here, and we had two cab companies, dry cleaners, a shoe shop."

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Eddie Moser, left, shows her Warm Spirit products to customers.

Photo by Kevin Walker



Class Act: Students, teachers and parents from The Downtown School came to The Chronicle last week for a tour. The Chronicle is a business partner of the school. The visitors toured the paper's newsroom and production area. Read more about the students on page C8.

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