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A&T signs on to help students

New partnership will allow local students to take college classes

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
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Winston-Salem/Forsyth County high school students will have a chance to earn college credit before graduating next year. The school system has partnered with N.C. A & T State University to offer students a dual-enrollment credit course program with the university's technology education department.

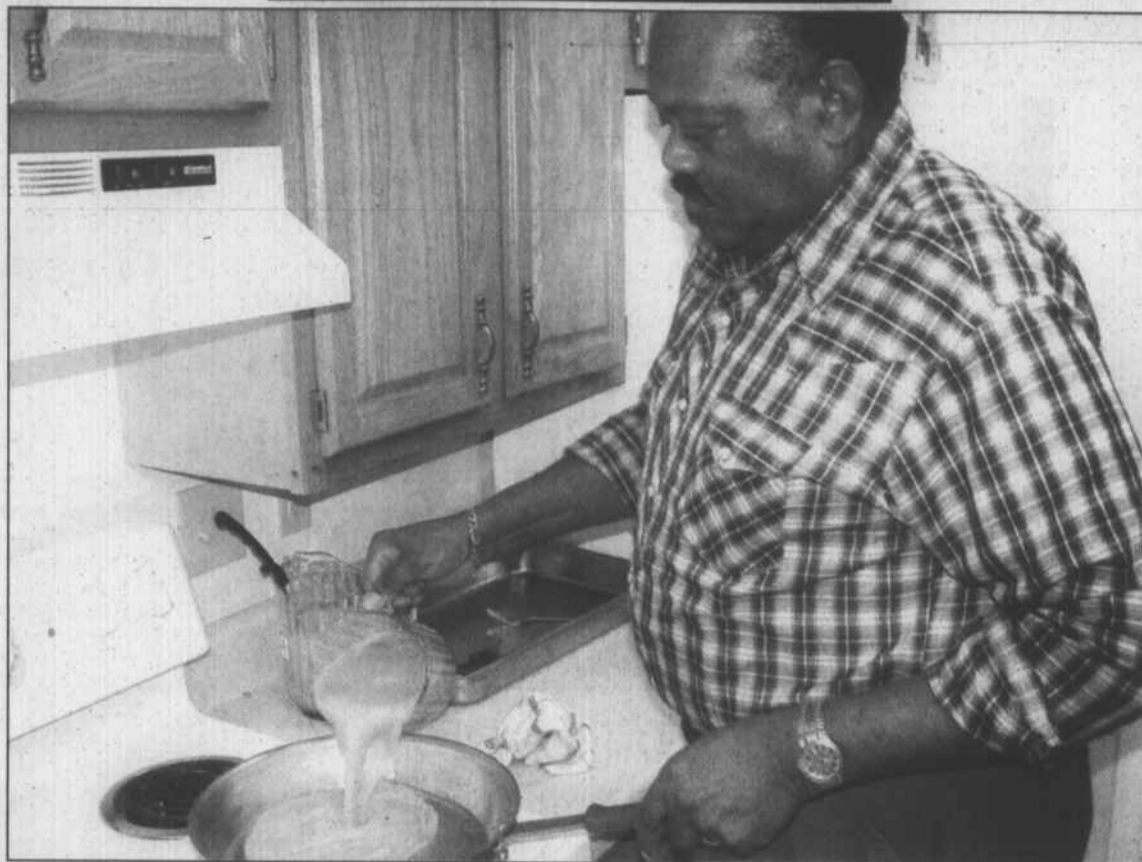
Students taking a course sequence for technology education in the school system will be able to register for Evolution and Social Implications of Technology via distance learning at N.C. A&T. Because it is considered an honors course, students will receive an additional quality point after successfully completing the course. Beginning in the the 2003-04 school year, the course will be offered online only. A tuition fee must be paid to take the course.

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools students are also able to take courses and receive college credit through Guilford College, Wake Forest University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the Fast Forward program.

Lee Harper, work force development program specialist for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, developed the idea for the dual-enrollment program to accommodate students approaching graduation who might be short a technology credit.

"I'm ecstatic...This is a tremendous step for students. It tells you a lot about our school system and our superintendent and School Board.

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Jim Shaw prepares eggs at Azalea Terrace Tuesday morning. He cooks for residents there once a month. Photos by Kevin Walker

Food from the heart

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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When Jim Shaw's older sister moved into Azalea Terrace a year ago, he was so impressed with the senior citizens facility that he wanted to do something to show his appreciation.

"This is a great facility they have. Walking in here is like walking into the Waldorf Astoria," he laughed. "They really take time with the residents."

Shaw and his wife, Clementine, have been coming to Azalea Terrace the second Tuesday of every month for the last 13 months to cook breakfast for Azalea Terrace residents. The Shaws buy the food themselves and often spend up to two hours preparing it.

"We said that we would do it for a year, but after that they asked if we could continue to do it, and I could not say no," Jim Shaw said, as he rhythmically scrambled eggs in a large frying pan.

Tuesday's menu included biscuits, sausage and grits. The Shaws arrived at Azalea Terrace — a facility in Kimberly Park Terrace funded by the Housing Authority's HOPE VI grant — about 8:30 a.m., arranging pots and pans in the



Azalea Terrace residents have applauded Jim Shaw for his cooking and generosity.

facility's communal kitchen. Smells from the kitchen are a sign that it's the second Tuesday, said Claudette Holley, president of the Azalea Terrace Residents Council. "We really appreciate what

he does because we know he does it from his heart," she said. Holley said residents also give Shaw a pat on the back for being creative in the kitchen. On some Tuesdays, he prepares what Holley calls

an "old-time" breakfast with grits and fried fish, country ham or salmon croquettes.

Faye Brice, case manager for the complex, tries to make sure that residents are aware

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Mendez wary after trip to Iraq

Local pastor was among group trying to stop mounting conflict

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
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A multiracial and interfaith delegation of U.S. spiritual leaders delivered a peace petition to Iraqi president Saddam Hussein last week. In it, they conveyed a united message of peace, opposition to war and sympathy to the citizens of Iraq who have endured a decade of suffering since the Gulf War.

This Prayer Pilgrimage for Peace was the first African-American-led delegation to visit all parties involved in this conflict

from U.S. governmental officials, United Nations officials and Iraqi ambassadors to the United Nations.

Rev. John Mendez, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, was among the ministers who traveled to Iraq on this peace mission. Before leaving the country, Mendez and the other ministers met with Lawrence Wilkerson, chief of staff from the U.S. State Department. Mendez said that Wilkerson encouraged the coalition to reiterate the U.S. government's warning to Hussein of his need to disarm.

Mendez joined Rev. Herbert Daughtry of the House of the Lord Pentecostal Church in Brooklyn, N.Y.; former U.S. House of Representatives member Walter E. Fauntroy, president of the National Black Leadership Roundtable and pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.; Rev. James Fitzgerald of Riverside Church in New York City; Dr. Faiz Kahn, a medical doctor from New York City; Imam Shaker El Sayed and Imam Mahdi Bray, both of the Muslim American Society in Washington, D.C.; Traci West of Drew University School of Theology in Madison, N.J.; Min. Edgar Nkosi White of the



Mendez

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Meredith Roberts, a senior at Kerwin Baptist Christian School, hugs her grandfather after winning the Talent Hunt competition sponsored by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity on Sunday. See A10 for complete story.

Children's author visits local school

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
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Middle school students at Mineral Springs spent the day with author David Haynes on Monday. To show their appreciation for his visit, the sixth-grade students presented Haynes with a box of spitballs. Haynes wasn't offended by the unusual gift. In fact, he was moved to laughter by the reference to one of his children's books.

"Not only do I know what (the spitballs) are, but I actually know how to use them," said Haynes, a professor of creative writing at Southern Methodist University.

Haynes is the author of the West Seventh Series of books: "The Gumma Wars," "Business As Usual," "Who's Responsible?" and "The Kevin Show" — about elementary- and middle-school characters of different ethnic backgrounds. The series was first published five years ago.

Middle school students have spent the last month reading Haynes' book series as part of

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David Haynes answers questions Mineral Springs Middle students.

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