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Fate of facilities set by council

NAACP will take over one rec center

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The tale of two recreation centers has been resolved after a year of talks and meetings between residents and the Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Department. The city recently donated the Northampton Recreation Center to the NAACP, and New Life Community Church Ministries will purchase the North Hills Recreation Center. Both centers were closed by the city last year, to the dismay of residents, due to low usage and budgetary cutbacks.

The city granted the Northampton facility to the NAACP on the grounds that it agree to offer programs to residents of the neighborhood. The center will become the group's new headquarters. Stephen Hairston, president of the Winston-Salem chapter of the NAACP, said the chapter has plans for a computer lab, education center, youth career club, and an elderly program is in the works as well.

"We hope we can enhance all the programs that the city used to offer at the recreation center. We're working with some major industries in the city to get donations for the computer lab and other equipment," said Hairston, who expects to move into the center by the spring. "We consider this a great opportunity for us to reach out more in the community and our sole purpose is to serve the communi-

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Photos by Kevin Walker

The Boom truck, here operated by Ernest White, can lift heavy items such as washers and dryers.

City workers begin arduous bulky item collection process



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"Bring out your unwanted carpet, appliances, furniture, mattresses and toys to the curb because the 2004 bulky item collection is in full swing. City sanitation crews have already picked up 100 tons of bulky items over the last week. The free service will run through August.

Monday, the day after wind gusts swept through the city, Ed Sullivan and his sanitation crew were picking up bulky items and debris left from Sunday night's windy weather. He said the city has been offering the bulky item pick-up service for the last seven years.

"We've got trucks picking up appliances and piles the guys can't pick up with their hands, and we've got six garbage

trucks with two men on each truck loading stuff in the back," said Sullivan.

Sullivan said crews most often haul away refrigerators, stoves, washing machines, bicycles couches and chairs.

Bulky item pickup crews work between 7 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. The service is for single family residences only, not businesses or apartments. The city Web site contains information on when each neighborhood in the city will be serviced.

City worker Tyrone Davis estimates that he makes about three trips to the Hanes Mill Road Landfill - where the bulky items are left - on most days. For large items such as washers and dryers, crews use a monster of a machine called a Boom Truck. The Boom Truck has a

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Center will take hiatus

Officials hope renovations will make Anderson more competitive

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The Anderson Conference Center at Winston-Salem State

University will undergo a \$1.4 million renovation this summer. The refurbishment project is expected to take at least five months.

G.L. Brown, director of conferences and institutes at WSSU, said that after the facility upgrade the community can expect that the new and improved Anderson Center will be the surprise of the Piedmont. The Anderson Conference Center is one of 100 conference facilities in the state and Brown says one of the most under-rated.

"(The Anderson Center) is one of the most secretive gems in the city, and it's been known for great service for social events be it wedding, receptions, family reunions, dances. But we'd like to be more of service to our corporate community," said Brown. "The things that we can do here are phenomenal."

A built-in multimedia system, new carpeting, stage steps and lighting will be added in Dillard Auditorium. The McNeil Banquet Hall will receive storage space and a sound system. The parking lot will be improved and exterior lighting will be added as part of

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Challenges abound as ESR hits 40



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The Experiment in Self-Reliance was one of Janet Langley's first stops once she left a halfway house for people battling substance abuse. Langley recalled that she was in need of guidance, a place to lay her head and a warm smile or two. She got it all at ESR. Her case worker, Debra Majette, helped her secure money for an apartment and the agency's self-sufficiency program showed Langley that she could stand on her own two feet.

Last Thursday, Langley was at ESR to help the agency celebrate its 40th anniversary. She said ESR and those who work at the agency to carry out its mission are in a league of their own.

"I thank God for putting a lot of angels in my life to help me grow. And I am learning today how to be responsible and depend on myself. As long as they

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Twana Wellman camps out in a tent last week to raise awareness of homelessness. Wellman is the executive director of ESR.

Wide world of culture



Photo by Paul Collins

Award-winning children's author Matthew Gollub played drums, spoke three languages and did lots of other interesting things to excite children about writing and reading Friday at Ashley Elementary School. And the children seemed to love it. See story on page A3.

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