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A SWEET ANNIVERSARY



Local theater king Larry Leon Hamlin and his wife, Sylvia, hold a cake specially made to mark the 25th anniversary of the N.C. Black Repertory Company, which Hamlin founded. Longtime supporters joined the Hamlins recently for an anniversary celebration.

Photo by Felicia McMillan

Locals plan Eller tribute

BY ANTHONY HILL
THE CHRONICLE

People around the city were rejoicing after the news of city native Carl Eller being voted into the NFL Hall of Fame recently. Former classmates of the former Atkins High star even made the trip to Canton, Ohio, to share the moment with him.

State Rep. Larry Womble, who was a classmate of Eller in the late '50s, would like to see Eller honored in Winston-Salem, and Womble has formed a committee to do just that. He said that's it's only right that the city honor him, being that he's the first individual from Winston-Salem to be voted into the NFL Hall of Fame.

"I've had my staff do some researching," Womble said. "Come to find out, he's the first and only person out of Winston-Salem to be inducted to the NFL Hall of Fame. I just thought it



Football great Carl Eller addresses the crowd during the recent Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

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Photo by Courtney Gaillard

A family from Washington, D.C. stops by the registration desk at Wilson Hall to check-in the daughter on Tuesday. Winston-Salem State University had a record number of freshmen move onto campus this week.



Move-in Day

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
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Family members became movers while students quickly learned the art of compact living in a dorm room Tuesday, which was move-in day at Winston-Salem State University. Courtney Jackson juggled more than a few foot lockers that day as she dealt with both nerves and excitement about her first year of college.

Jackson is one of the 900 plus new Rams - the largest freshman class ever - who were settling in to one of the seven residence halls on

WSSU welcomes a record number of freshmen

campus. "(Move-in day) is going good. It's amazing. I never thought I would be here. I didn't know that there were that many (freshmen)," said Jackson, from Clemmons, who plans to study nursing and has already landed a job at the bookstore.

Jackson's father was busy setting up the television while her older sis-

ter, who is a senior at UNC-Charlotte, helped her unload her belongings in her new home. Kathy Jackson earned the nickname "Roller Coaster" for the day from her daughters. Both found their mother's fluctuating mood - between sadness and happiness - to be amusing.

"She will fit in fine here as long as she knows she can get home on her own," said Kathy Jackson. "She's truly looking forward to completing (a degree), so that's the major focus."

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New Carver principal ready to lead

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Carol Montague spent part of this week meeting students and faculty at Carver High School. Late last month, the school system announced that Montague would succeed Dan Piggott as Carver's new principal.

Piggott is leaving the school to lead the new Atkins High School, which will open next year.

In terms of Piggott, Montague knows that she will have to walk in the shadow of a giant.

"His shoes are huge. They will be

hard to fill," she said. Over the years, she has admired Piggott's work from a distance. The two have met several times over the years at education forums and seminars.

Montague, though, is no slouch in the experience department. She says that education is in her blood.

"I have always wanted to teach. I will be a teaching principal," she said.

A Warren County native, Montague has been an educator for more than two decades. After earning degrees from Elizabeth City State University and the University of Maryland, Montague taught algebra and computer science in

Leonardtown, Md., for nearly 10 years before she took an assistant principal position in nearby Great Mills. It took Montague only three years to be promoted to principal. She led Esperanza Middle School in Lexington Park, Md., for five years up until 1998.

On the fast track in Maryland, Montague came home to Warren County to help care for her ailing father, who has since passed away.

"It was tough to leave (Maryland) and come back to a rural setting," she said. Although she had to leave Maryland behind, Montague did not abandon her desire to educate. She was named principal at Warren County High School, the only high school in

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Montague



Photo by Kevin Walker

Winter McQueen sweeps the walk near an AIDS Care Service site.

Student volunteers from Wake lend a hand

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Over the weekend, Winter McQueen loaded up all of her clothes, books, dreams and ambitions and left her Thomasville home to start her life as a Wake Forest University freshman. But for McQueen, major college decisions such as what clubs to join and what classes to take were on hold.

This week, McQueen and 35 of her freshman classmates have volunteered their last few days of summer freedom to do service projects at several local nonprofit agencies. The student volunteers make up the latest class of the Students Promoting Responsibility and Action to the Community (SPRAC) program, which was created by the university's Office of Volunteer Services.

From Aug. 14-18, the freshmen spent their days performing a variety of tasks at the agencies. Some stocked and organized merchandise at the Salvation Army Thrift Store and Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina. Others worked with children in summer programs in Housing Authority communities. In all, 10 local agencies benefited from the students' work.

McQueen and four other students spent part of their time doing yard work and cleanup for AIDS Care Service. The work was not glamorous. The students uprooted weeds by hand and used rakes to finely comb through flower beds, and all of this was done beneath a sun beaming out 85 degrees of heat. The students did not seem to mind, though.

"I have always liked volunteering

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