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Jackson relishes role as helper

Civil rights leader visits city for summit

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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If James Brown is the hardest working man in show business, the Rev. Jesse Jackson is the hardest working man in the world of social justice. He logs more miles than a flight attendant and has fought more battles than a four-star general.

Jackson made time last Thursday to stop in Winston-Salem to give the opening address for the 2005 State of Black North Carolina Conference/Black Issues Summit. The summit, held on the campus of St. Peter's World Outreach Center, brought in state and local leaders for three days of panel discussions on topics such as economic development, education and health care.

In remarks to the news media before his opening address, Jackson, a graduate of N.C. A&T State University, said it was "good to be home." He praised the summit for trying to come up with solutions to problems that have long plagued blacks in North Carolina and around the nation.

He placed some of the blame for the problems at the feet of President Bush. Jackson said job losses and the gaps between the haves and the have-nots have become even bigger problems during the president's nearly five years in office.

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Jackson



Photo by Kevin Walker

Left: Lucy Watkins looks through trees and bushes to try to locate her family's plot in Odd Fellows Cemetery. Watkins has about a dozen relatives buried there.

Below: Lizzie White listens to a speaker at Saturday's memorial service. White has been unable to locate the graves of her mother, father and other family members.

A GRAVE MATTER

Battle continues to restore historic Odd Fellows Cemetery

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Lizzie White used to go to Odd Fellows Cemetery on special holidays such as Easter and Mother's Day. She would take a bunch of flowers and place them at the grave sites of her parents, brothers and sisters. But White - who at 102 has outlived all of her kin - can't remember the last time she placed flowers on their graves. Even if she wanted to take flowers today, she couldn't.

"I don't know where (their graves are) anymore. I have not been able to find them for many years," she said.

White was among a group of about a dozen people who came out Saturday for a memorial service in remembrance of the estimated 8,000 to 10,000 people who are believed to be buried at Odd Fellows, a cemetery near Shorefair Drive and Deacon Boulevard that was the city's premier graveyard for blacks in the early 20th century.

Time has not been kind to the cemetery. It was started by members of the Odd Fellows fraternal lodge at a time when cemeteries in

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Woman earns her college degree at 61

Veronica Scales has spent the last five years taking evening classes at Salem

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
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You don't have to tell Veronica Scales that age is just a number. The 61-year-old single mother of three children and grandmother of four keeps a schedule that would wear out most twentysomethings.

Her day begins before 5 a.m. when she rises to complete a crossword puzzle, drink a cup of coffee and play a game of solitaire on the computer. She arrives at Lowrance Middle School usually before 7 a.m. to prepare for her job as a community-based training coordinator where she works with special needs students.

Her second job as an after-school coordinator for the YWCA starts once the bell rings at the end of the school day.

"I work 11 hours a day. No problem," said Scales, who retired from AT&T in 1989 after 22 years.

For the last five years, Scales has spent her evenings taking classes at Salem College. Her long days and hard work will finally pay off this Saturday when she will take time out of her busy schedule to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in sociology.

"I didn't do this for nobody else. I did this for myself. Everybody said I was too old for (college)," said Scales, who at first worried that her gray hairs

Photo by Kevin Walker

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Support for bond lacking at public forum

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Ghosts from the school system's past are impeding its plans for the future.

School officials had little time to pitch a proposed \$80 million school bond referendum on Monday evening. The hundreds of voters on hand at Carver High School for a public hearing on the bonds preferred to focus on what they say the school system has or has not done instead of what it plans to do.

"It is a moral shame that we have returned to separate but unequal (schools)," said the Rev. Nathan Parrish, pastor of Peace Haven Baptist Church. Parrish was referring to the school system's nearly 10-year-old redistricting plan, which ended cross-town busing in favor of a neighborhood school plan. Since most of the city's neighborhoods are racially segregated, many schools



Mendez

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Veronica Scales tries on the cap and gown she will wear Saturday.

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