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## Young men open HBCU store on Fifth Street

*New shop offers everything from clothing to linens*

BY SANDRA ISLEY  
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A new store opened this month catering to alumni and fans of historically black colleges and universities.

The HBCU Store has settled in nicely at 227 W. Fifth St., just a hop, skip and jump from the M.C. Benton Convention Center. The store offers an assortment of items featuring the logos of N.C. A&T State University, N.C. Central University and Winston-Salem State University.



Merchandise sold there includes clothing, pillows, portfolios, briefcases, wine bags, blankets and umbrellas.

The store is the vision of two cousins who graduated from A&T. Shannon Fuller, who majored in electrical engineering, conceived of the idea of the store with his cousin Shaun Grace, who majored in public relations.

They said that professional HBCU clothing and items were hard to come by, even at the campus bookstore. They are seeking to change that.

"You know everybody wears their Chapel Hill shirt or their Duke shirt, but there really was no place to get that type of apparel for black colleges. It just didn't exist outside of the area around the school," said Grace.

Although the store offers fraternity jerseys and t-shirts, most of the items in the store are geared toward professionals. Many of the store's logo-adorned items come from popular manufacturers such as Vesi, Chestnut Hill and Van Heusen. The owners say their items are one of a kind and can't be purchased anywhere else, including campus bookstores.

"We're trying to stay away from bookstore-type apparel," said Grace. "Most of (our) stuff is geared towards the professional market just so that you can have something to wear to work with your school name on it. It's a fairly untapped market."

The owners say that there is something for every-

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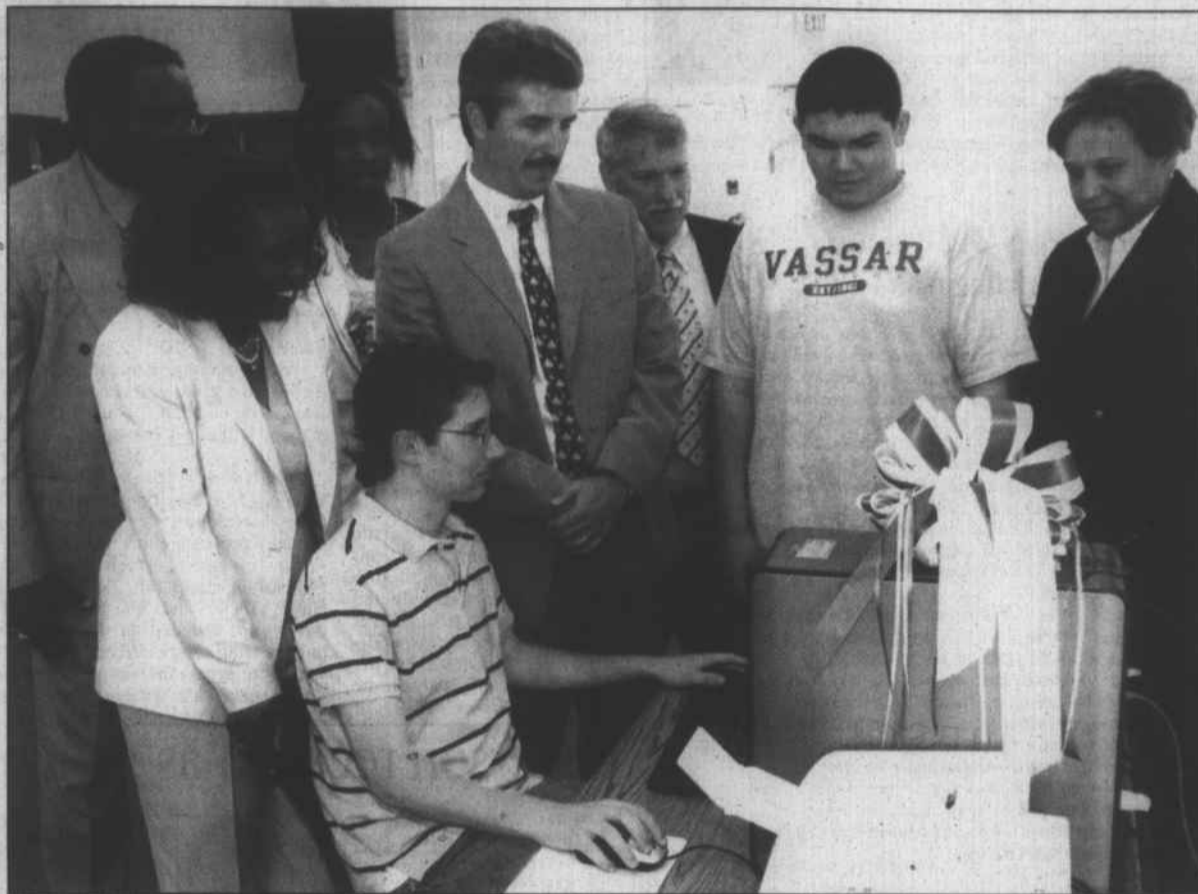


Photo by Jackson Pitt

Atkins Academic and Technology High School Head Principal Dan Piggott, far left, and Dell's Donna Oldham, far right, joined Atkins students and administrators last week as the school received the one-millionth computer produced at the Winston-Salem based Dell plant. The 750,000 square-foot-plant now employs more than 1,000 people.

## Student's art is getting a lot of attention

*Chance meeting lands 10th-grader first commissioned work*

BY TODD LUCK  
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Most high school students do there work in art class to make a grade, hone their skills or build up their portfolio. Even students who aspire to be fine artists wouldn't expect to get paid for their art until years after they graduate.

Lakea Shepard is a little ahead of the curve. She's a tenth-grader at Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy with artistic skill and an eye for detail well beyond her years. Those capabilities have already earned her her first commissioned piece.

The piece is a larger-than-life, intricately detailed rendering of a Hydrangea flower that is approxi-



Photo by Jackson Pitt

See Artist on A11 Lakea Shepard, right, and Maxine Kiger pose in a local Staples store.

## Grief-filled ceremony honors local fallen soldiers

Photos by Kevin Walker

*Family members comfort Cynthia Timmons Monday as she weeps near a memorial marker that bears the name of her son, David.*

*Far right: Monta Ruth's widow, Aylin, and their daughter, Zoe.*



BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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At a well-attended Memorial Day service, a Congresswoman used the Gettysburg Address to evoke sacrifice and patriotism, and a local pastor used the word of God to comfort and inspire.

But there were no words to describe a mother's loss; tears did the talking.

"I just want my son back." That was all that sorrow would allow Cynthia Timmons to utter Monday after a more than hour-long ceremony where her son, Spc. David Timmons Jr., and other local fallen soldiers were remembered.

The names of David Timmons and Sgt. Monta Ruth were added to the sea of stately granite markers that sit outside of Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Ruth died in August in Iraq after a explosive device was detonated near his military vehicle. Timmons died just three weeks ago in Afghanistan while conducting a combat operation.

For more than a decade, the Triad Vietnam Veterans

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