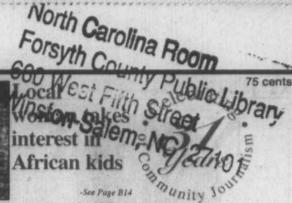


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## FROM THE HEART AND THE HEAD

Boy grows hair to donate to a worthy cause

BY SANDRA ISLEY THE CHRONICLE

For 11-year-old Brandon Wiley, growing cornrows was more than a fashion statement.

He spent nearly four years growing his hair, which he usually wears closely-cropped. Last week, he went for a haircut. He not only wanted a new look but he also wanted to help others.

Brandon donated his hair to Locks of Love, a 10-year-old nonprofit organization that provides custom-fitted hair pieces to children under the age of 18 suffering from medical hair loss. Locks of Love clients include young cancer patients.

All of the organization's wigs and hair pieces are made entirely of donated human hair and take up to four months to

Brandon said it was a television show about children living with cancer that made him decide to donate his 15-17 inch long cornrows to Locks of

Love.
"I saw kids on television bair" he that didn't have any hair," he

Brandon has never known

See Hair on All Robert Friday gives Brandon Wiley a shape-up.



## Chancellor Harold Martin has been at WSSU since 2000. Martin will be missed Supporters have

mixed emotions about

. his departure

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Even in the very early days of Harold Martin's chancellor-ship of Winston-Salem State University, Bernice Davenport sensed that great things would happen to

her alma mater on Martin's watch. 0

one Martin's first days the official leader of WSSU,

Davenport pulled him aside and presented him with her own verbal contract.

'I asked him could he at least give us a 10-year commit-ment (as WSSU chancellor)," Davenport recalled this week. Martin responded, "I'll try

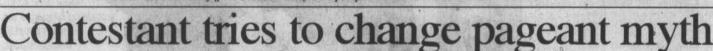
Martin's tenure at WSSU won't total a decade. The University of North Carolina officially announced late last week that Martin has been named senior vice president for academic affairs of the 16-campus UNC system. In his new role, Martin will be the system's top academic officer, overseeing things such as academic planning, student affairs and strategy development. His appointment will become effec-

tive July 17. Davenport, who graduated from WSSU in 1947 when it was still Winston-Salem was still Winston-Salem Teachers College, said she knew Martin's immense talents as a leader would open up other doors of opportunity. She just hoped that he wouldn't walked through another door for many,

many years.
"I am happy for him," she said. "But I feel like a mother who wants her child to do well but doesn't want him to leave

Rumors about Martin's departure had been rampant for several months. Quentin DeBerry, WSSU's Student Government Association president, said students feared that Martin, a Winston-Salem

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WSSU's Melody Rodgers trying to become Miss Earth

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

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When a lot of people think about pageants, they think about beautiful women with beautiful smiles strutting around a stage in swimsuits and evening gowns.

For Melody Rodgers, who will represent North Carolina in the upcoming Miss Earth USA Pageant, it's about a lot more than that. It's about finding a platform

from which to speak and a way to help people.

"At's a great opportunity for women," said Rodgers, a
24-year-old from Farmville who is a program assistant in the Office of International Programs at Winston-Salem State University. Rodgers, who has degrees in public policy and international affairs from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, competed in several smaller, more local pageants when she was younger and got as far as winning First Runner Up and Best Talent in one pag-

Miss Earth is an international pageant which was first held in 2001. The annual pageant has traditional compo-



Melody Rodgers will compete for Miss Earth

nents like interview, swim suit, and evening gown events, but has a day devoted to community service as well. The winner of the Miss Earth USA pageant, which will be held outside of Las Vegas on July 29, will go on to compete in the international pageant in Chile, where women from more than 80 countries are expected to compete. The ultimate winner, Miss Earth, will work with the United nate winner, Miss Parth, will work with the United Nations and other groups to advocate for environmental issues around the globe. Miss Earth gives speeches, makes public appearances, and does community service work like planting trees.

Pageants are about testing the whole person, not just one aspect of them, Rodgers said. It combines speaking skills, physical fitness, education and other qualities to find someone who excels in every aspect of their life. Though the swim suit competition, which Rodgers says displays physical fitness, may get a lot of attention in pageants, it's not the most important part.

"Pageants are really won in the interview," said

Rodgers picked the Miss Earth Pageant because she said it has a charity component and a greater focus on both tive of Miss Earth, she'll appear at Earth Day events next March and will be partnered up with a sponsor whose



Juneteenth kicks-off tonight

Bulk of activities slated for Rupert Bell Park Saturday

After months of planning, the Triad Juneteenth Festival is coming to Rupert Bell Park Saturday. Juneteenth is the celebration of the end of slavery

in the United States. Organizers are expecting attendees from Greensboro, High Point and, of course, Winston-Salem. The portion of the festival to be staged in the park will start at 11 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. The event, which is free and open to the public, will include an opening ceremony,

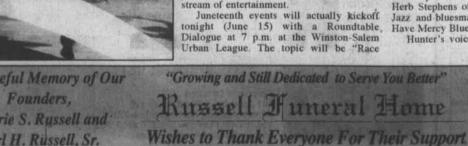
food and merchandise vendors, an art gallery, youth activities and a steady Relations and Bridging the Gap.

Poet Dr. Maya Angelou will be among those on hand to discuss the topic. She will be joined by panelists Donna Oldham, Dell's

Communications Director; Author Carole Weatherford; Urban League President and CEO Keith President and CEO Grandberry; Superintendent Dr. Angelia Fryer; St. Paul United Methodist Church pas-Faul United Methodist Church pas-tor, Dr. Donald Jenkins; Carlton Merritt, Center Manager for Piedmont Imaging; and Pauline Morris, director of Forsyth Technical Community College's Hispanic

Angelou Performers already confirmed for Saturday's event include Galvin Crisp and Herb Stephens of the jazz group Class Act Jazz and bluesman Big Ron Hunter and the Have Mercy Blues Band. Hunter's voice has been known to give

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