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Molelekeng Rapolaki, second from left, poses with grandparents Shirley Smith, Madeline Hall and Brenda Platters.

WSSU gets a visit from ambassador

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Her Excellency Molelekeng Rapolaki, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Lesotho, visited the campus of Winston-Salem State University Monday to reunite with students and faculty members she met last year when a Ram delegation visited her tiny nation, located on Africa's southernmost tip.

Dr. Peggy Valentine, dean of the School of Health Sciences at WSSU, traveled with a handful of students and faculty to Lesotho. The group brought much needed supplies to Lesotho children orphaned by AIDS. The local delegation also swapped information with health care representatives in the country - which has the fourth highest incidence of HIV infection in the world - and fostered a relationship that continues to blossom to this day.

Rapolaki came to campus to hear feedback from Rams who had made the trip and to explore opportunities for further cooperation between the school and Lesotho citizens.

"I would like to express my thanks to Dr. Valentine and her team for the wonderful job that they did," Rapolaki said in her remarks. "I'm really very excited about this program - I'm very thankful ... and looking forward to a fruitful cooperation."



Valentine

Their journey was part of Ariel Foundation International's LETS (Lesotho Experience Through Service) program. LETS participants also attended conferences, performed community service projects and attended special events at the Lesotho Embassy in Washington, D.C. as well as the U.S. Embassy in Lesotho.

Valentine was joined by Nursing Professor Dr. Lenora Campbell, Dr. Ann Jenkins, assistant professor of Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy major Jessica Rogers. Dr. Ariel King, president of Washington, D.C.-based Ariel Foundation International, was also on campus for Rapolaki's visit this week.

Valentine said the university...

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LADIES OF DISTINCTION



Baroness Valerie Amos, left, stands with Bennett College President Dr. Johnnetta B. Cole last week. Amos, leader of England's House of Lords and Lord President of the Council, is the United Kingdom's first black female cabinet minister. She and others were honored last week in Greensboro as "Trailblazers In Diversity" during Bennett's Chief Diversity Officers Forum. Read about the woman who will replace Dr. Cole as Bennett's next president on page A12.

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Annual meeting filled with highlights

YWCA's Corpening honored for leadership

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

The United Way of Forsyth County celebrated another year of community outreach at its annual meeting last week at the Downtown Marriott.

Edwin Welch Jr., chair-elect of the United Way Board, looked back over the last year and praised the United Way's support of its 34 local partner agencies and other organizations.

"In 2006 we continued to



Florence Corpening holds the Tocqueville Award.

Photo by Todd Luck

refocus our efforts to change lives here in our community. Instead of looking only at the immediate needs of our community, we've worked to

address the underlying causes of those needs," said Welch.

He used the New Century IDA Initiative, which is

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ACS hands out honors to advocates

Agency's client list made up of mostly African-Americans

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Several local people took home awards last week for their HIV/AIDS advocacy efforts.

The honors were presented by

AIDS Care Service, Inc. (ACS), which offers help and hope to local people who are living with HIV/AIDS.



Grissom

This year, the ACS Leadership Committee, comprised of five trustees and a handful of staff members, decided to formally recognize some of its most outstanding supporters, with a battery of awards given at the agency's annual board meeting.

Five individuals were honored for their exemplary service to the community with four special awards.

The Advocate Award went to James Grissom, resident manager of the "Horseshoe," the ACS residential housing building. Husband and wife team Larry and Clarice Roth took home the Benefactor Award. Larry Roth is the former director of ACS. The Friendship Award was given to a dedicated volunteer Mariah Dease, and the Visionary Award honored the memory of the late Dr. Mary Ann Taylor, an ACS founding board member.

"The line of work that we do is tough work. We really wanted to call attention to people that have really gone the extra distance to work with individuals," said Executive Director Christine Jolly. "We just really wanted

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Bus-driving legend is honored

Downtown transit hub renamed for Clark Campbell

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

When Christine Campbell tied the knot with her husband, Clark, nearly four decades ago, she knew his heart did not solely belong to her. In fact, Clark Campbell had another love on the side, an affair that spanned more than half a century.

"He was here, more than he was at home," a smiling Christine Campbell said of the Winston-Salem Transit Authority, her husband's long-time mistress.

The love between Clark Campbell and WSTA was



A vintage Safe Bus vehicle was rolled out for the event.

mutual. Saturday, the downtown transit center, where thousands board city and Greyhound buses each day, was named in honor of Campbell, who was a bus driver for 62 years. Dozens were on hand for the unveiling cere-

mony, including city leaders such as Mayor Allen Joines and City Council Member Joyceelyn Johnson and several members of the Campbell family. The man of the hour was not present, however.

Campbell, who will turn

85 in May, was admitted to the hospital two days earlier with an unstable blood pressure. Christine Campbell said that her husband's condition had greatly improved since being admitted. He had spent a short time in the Intensive Care Unit but was relocated to a regular room at the time of the ceremony. Clark Campbell had wanted to delay his trip to the hospital until after Saturday's ceremony, another testament to his great love for the profession that became his life's work.

An Alabama native, Campbell came to Winston-Salem to work at Safe Bus Company in the early 1940s. Safe Bus, WSTA's precursor, was a transportation pioneer. The Winston-Salem-based black-owned company was a great source of community pride and an anomaly, espe-

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Christine Campbell is greeted by a well-wisher.

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