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WSSU's top chef claims another cooking honor

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem • State University's Executive Chef Derrick McCorkle recently beat out the best chefs in the region to take first place at a catering competition held in Greensboro.

Along with first place prize from the judges, who scored contestants on things such as the taste and presentation of their cuisine, McCorkle also won the People's Choice Award voted on by the audience that was in attendance.

He prepared a three-course meal that included Asian smoked roasted chicken, a green salad garnished with fried spaghetti, pork tenderloin stuffed with spinach and a caramel sugar basket with fruit to top it all off.

McCorkle will now team with two other chefs from the Southeast to compete against the nation's best chefs in a competition slated for the summer in New Orleans. The winning team will receive a trip to Italy.

McCorkle says he has a real passion for food presentation. He uses competitions to show how creative he can be and to see the looks on the faces of all who witness his work.

"My passion is just watching people smile," he

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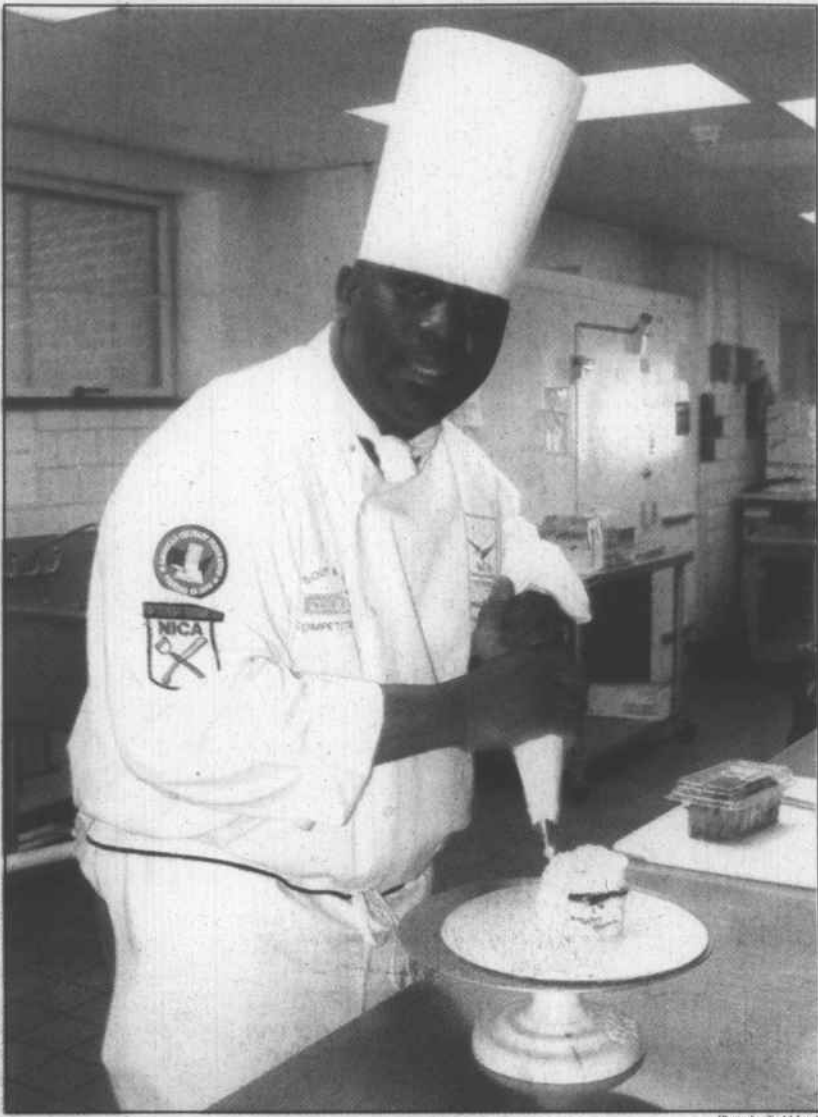


Photo by Todd Luck

Chef Derrick McCorkle prepares a mouth-watering sweet.



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Icesola Powers passed away last week.

## Good fight is over for Icesola Powers

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Patricia Oliver lost her mother, her confidant and her biggest fan when Icesola Powers took her last breath on the morning of Wednesday, April 4. Yet she gained a strength she had never known, inheriting a spirit that has allowed her to find joy, even in the midst of the darkest days she has ever known.

Powers was diagnosed with terminal cancer in January of this year, just before her 67th birthday. Oliver organized a special celebration for her mother at Second New Baptist Church, where Powers was a faithful member. It was a time to pay tribute to Powers and the good deeds she had done, while she was still able to witness it. More than 200 people came out for the celebration, which was featured in the Jan. 25 edition of *The Chronicle*. It is a moment in time both Oliver and her mother remembered fondly.

"She told her sisters after the celebration ... 'I was at my funeral and I heard what everybody said about me ... I didn't even know I was so well-loved,'" Oliver related. "A lot of people (don't) get

a chance to hear the marvelous things that people know about them. I refused to allow my mama to be in her casket and people not tell her how wonderful she was and how she helped them - I wanted her to hear that now."

The months that have transpired since the celebration have been especially difficult for Oliver, but she

says she drew her strength from her mother, who remained characteristically joyful throughout the waning days of her life.

"It was real hard for me, but you could not be sad because my mother was always joyful," Oliver said. "Anytime you asked her how she was feeling, she said, 'Girl, I feel good!'"

With the help her of aunts, Powers' two dotting sisters, Oliver worked to meet her mother's every need was met in death, just as she had in life.

"She got whatever she wanted; I made sure she did," Oliver said. "When you've got a good mother like that, you will just do whatever it takes to please her."

Oliver will celebrate her 50th birthday on Monday. It is an occasion she had

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## Film probes aftermath of massacre

"Greensboro: Closer to the Truth" will be screened at upcoming RiverRun Fest

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

A documentary depicting Greensboro's painful struggle to come to grips with the 1979 Greensboro Massacre will be shown locally as part of the RiverRun International Film Festival.

"Greensboro: Closer to the Truth" shows the struggle of the Greensboro Truth and Reconciliation Commission to investigate what happened on

Nov. 3, 1979, when Klansmen and Nazis opened fire on protesters during a Death to the Klan march, killing five and wounding ten. The film explores what happened to the people involved in the shooting and Greensboro's struggle to deal with its painful past. The movie will be shown in Greensboro at the Carolina Theater on Thursday, April 19 at 7 p.m. It will also be shown in Winston-Salem at the Main Theater of the N.C. School of the Arts on Saturday, April 21 at 4 p.m. as part of RiverRun, a festival of independent films that will be in town April 18-23.

Adam Zucker, a lifelong New Yorker who produced



Zucker

and directed the film, said he was interested in doing a film about truth commissions, which are groups that have formed around the world to investigate past wrongs such as apartheid in South Africa. The commissions, generally made-up of a cross-section of a community, typically come up with ways to make amends.

When Zucker heard that the first ever truth commission in the United States was in Greensboro, he came down and began filming in 2003, when the commission was still in its planning stages. He was immediately struck by the people he met there.

"I thought that would be a

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## BOULEVARD OF SHAW

Portion of Liberty named for longtime advocate

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

A small crowd gathered at the corner of Liberty and 25th streets Thursday morning to honor the contributions of James W. Shaw, Sr., who has made the city his home for more than five decades. A special proclamation designating the intersection "Jim Shaw Blvd." and authorizing the installation of signage to that effect was given during the ceremony.

Shaw has long-standing ties with the area. A former R.J. Reynolds employee, Shaw opened his first business, Shaw Gulf Service on Liberty Street in 1967. He was the first black BF Goodrich-franchised tire dealer and the largest volume Gulf dealer in the Southeast for three years running.



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Shaw, now retired, currently chairs the Board of Directors of the Liberty Street Community Development Corp., a nonprofit organization charged with revitalizing the Liberty Street Corridor. The corridor extends from 12th Street to New Hope Lane (formerly 18th St.).

"James W. Shaw works consistently to improve the Liberty Street Corridor and surrounding areas by working with area business owners, community leaders and elected officials to improve the economic status and development of the community," the proclamation reads. "His commitment to the community will leave a lasting legacy for his family and those he selflessly serves."

Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke praised Shaw for his work and commitment.

"Jim Shaw works everyday to improve the

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Photo by Layla Farmer

Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke speaks as Jim Shaw and Mayor Joines stand nearby.



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