



W-S Chief of Police Pat Norris takes time to pose with one of the P.O.N.Y. league teams over the weekend.

Photos by Justin Dupree-Freeman

Twin City P.O.N.Y. league begins play

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According to Twin City representatives, more than 400 were at the Twin City Complex to see Twin City P.O.N.Y.'s "First Pitch" ceremony last Friday. The special ceremony officially opened the leagues 2007 season.

The celebration featured City Council member, Vivian H. Burke, Rep. Larry Womble and Winston-Salem chief of police, Patricia D. Norris. All three played a helpful role in starting the P.O.N.Y. league and season off right. Burke shared the field history of Twin City to listeners. Womble showed off his athletic skills when he wound up and threw out the "first pitch" for the Twin City P.O.N.Y. boys. Norris also displayed her athletic skills by throwing out the "first pitch" to officially begin the season for Twin City's first girl's softball team.



Rep. Larry Womble greets some of the young athletes before a game.

Some of the other entertainment included the singing of Vonda Flynt, who sang the Star Spangle Banner. The Jazzy Jumpers from Winston Lake YMCA showed off their jump rope skills. Other entertainment included a musical showcase, featuring the Winston Lake Boss Drummers and an instrumen-

tal performance by William Price and Albert "Champ" Lindsey. Rev. Richard Miller from Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church rendered the opening and closing Prayer.

The "First Pitch" ceremony for Twin City P.O.N.Y. should be a memorable for the people involved. All of the players, ranging from 5 to 15

years old, had their names announced in front of a large crown. The league is made up of nine baseball and softball teams.

Baseball and softball games began last Saturday. The Lady Cheetahs opened the season against the Walkertown Red Revels. Twin City Tee-Ball teams: the Astros, Twins and Red Sox played a doubleheader. Twin City Orioles played against the Twin City Padres. The Twin City Athletics and Twin City Dodgers both played the High Point Reds in their respective division in High Point. Twin City Mets played an exhibition double-header against the Cardinals from Surry County.

League officials invite the Winston-Salem community to come out and support Twin City P.O.N.Y. Baseball/Softball league. The Twin City Complex is located at 2801 New Walkertown Road.

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use any kids.

Some parents have things twisted too

I don't have any kids, so I hesitate to say too much about parents. Then again, I'm not referring to every parent when I spout out.

I have a problem with some parents doing too much coaching on the sideline. You see it a lot during Pop Warner and youth basketball games. A parent will be leaning all over the fence during football games, or jacked over sidelines and bleachers during basketball games to give orders to their kid or yell at the coach.

That definitely isn't cool. There are people in the stands that wish you would cut it out too. You can just imagine what the coach may want to respond with, especially most high school coaches that deal with that nonsense. If you don't like the way things are going down, or if you think you're child should receive more playing time then put him or her on another team. High school is a little different because certain kids have to attend certain schools, based on where they reside. But there's ways around that if there's really a problem. The major problem seems to be a misunderstanding with how things work in athletics.

OK, with most youth sports a child has to receive a certain amount of playing time or whatever. Not in high school or AAU. If a coach thinks other players give his or her team a better chance of winning then that coach will probably go with that group. It shouldn't be personal. If it is then take your child out of that situation. Don't simply cuss people out at sporting events.

You'd be surprised with

some of the things you may hear a parent tell a coach when they get mad with their child's lack of playing time or something. I remember coming up, playing youth sports. All my mom did was sign me up and cheer me on when I got into the game. She didn't worry my coach with questions, or ask newspapers to write about me. My mother believed in me, my coaches, and teachers — for that matter.

I'm not going to sit here and say that all coaches are right. Some coaches deserve to get that stern cussing out during games. But not as many as I see during a year. Come on now. What kind of example are you setting for your very own kids after behaving like that? Talk to the coach after practice, or some other time besides gameday. I'm going to talk about this a little more later. It was fresh on my mind this week, so I had to say a little something.

It's 'Springs' weather

UNC-Charlotte sophomore Pat Springs bested her career-long mark in the long jump with a result of 6.26m and a third-place finish at a meet in Auburn, Ala., last weekend. Her finish was tops among college performers.

Pat was only 2 cm from the UNC-Charlotte school record. She also ran a 14.10-second time in the 100m hurdle preliminaries. Did I mention that Pat is also ranked 12th in the nation, and fifth in the East Region. That's not bad for an athlete that wasn't considered extremely fast in high school. It used to be all about the jumps with Springs. Not anymore.

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St. Aug's captures CIAA Outdoor track and field titles

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Saint Augustine's College claimed both men's and women's 2007 CIAA Outdoor Track and Field titles at the campus of Virginia State University over the weekend.

The CIAA outdoor championships were the 10th straight for the Falcons and 10th out of last 11 seasons for the Lady Falcons, who regained the crown after finishing second to Bowie State last year. Overall, Saint Augustine's has won 28 men's and 22 women's CIAA outdoor track and field championships on record.

The men's competition developed into a two-team race between the Falcons

and North Carolina Central. The Falcons scored 244 points to outlast the Eagles, who finished second with 221 points. Virginia State placed third with 35 points.



Ferguson

standings. The Lady Falcons scored 216

points and the Lady Eagles scored 170 points. Bowie State finished third with 122 points.

Both Saint Augustine's College and North Carolina Central dominated the individual awards. Omar Wiggan of Saint Augustine's College was named men's track most valuable performer and Mark Davis of North Carolina Central was selected men's field MVP. Johnnie Liles of Saint Augustine's College and Desinia Johnson of North Carolina Central were co-winners of the women's track MVP and Kwonya Ferguson of Saint Augustine's College was chosen women's field MVP.

Couple

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dles, and set a record in the 300-meter hurdles — finishing with a time of 45.64. Other events they both participate in are the 4x200-meter relay and 4x400-meter hurdles.

"Breaking a few city/county records were goals that both of us set for ourselves this year," Rolle said. "We also want to beat a few national times and go to a college with great academics and hurdle program."

Jones added: "I definitely want to go to a college with a good academic program. Some of the other goals we set were to qualify for Penn Relays for an individual event and show everyone that we are the best team in Winston-Salem."

So far, there's no questioning the couples spot amongst the top prep student-athletes in the city. Both are definitely excelling on the track. They are also doing well in the classroom, where they both take AP classes.

"I try to help him with the AP classes that we have together," Jones said. "Last night, I helped him with a term paper at my house."

The two also help each other improve on the track. It's not rare to catch the young, talented couple racing each other — while leaping hurdles on the track at Hanes Park on a given day.

"She may edge me at the beginning of the workout..." said Rolle. "...because she'll race from the 100-meter spot, and I'll race from 110. I usually get her after I get warmed up."

When the two happen to not have a good race they don't have to worry about annoying or aggravating questions from each other.



Photo by Charlie Pfaff

Here, Rolle takes off during a long jump event at a recent track meet.

"We have an understanding of each other," Jones said. "When he has a bad race I don't really talk to him about it. If I have a bad race he doesn't really ask me about it either. But we're both excited for each other when we have a good race. Our relationship is very interesting. We get into some

conflicts sometimes. But we always help each other through it."

Rolle added: "I agree. But we're still different from most couples."

Rolle and Jones, who met at the end of their ninth grade year, definitely seem to differ from most ideal couples in high school. Most high

school couples seem to spend time taking countless trips to the movies, mall and out to various eateries.

"If we do anything it's on the track," Rolle said with a smile. "If we go out then it's to the track. We really don't have a lot of free time. We both work. We both run track, and that's just the way things have worked out. We have fun, though."

Note: Both student athletes have narrowed their choices of potential colleges down. Rolle's final three are the University of Tennessee, UNC-Charlotte and UNC-Chapel Hill. Jones has narrowed her choices down to UNC-Charlotte and UNC-Chapel Hill.

**NOTICE OF INTENT
TO PREPARE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
FOR
TIP No. U-4909
WIDEN SR 2643 (UNION CROSS ROAD)
IN FORSYTH COUNTY, NC**

The above-referenced project is subject to compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, and implemented by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations for compliance codified as 36 CFR Part 800. Section 106 requires Federal Agencies to take into account the effects of their undertakings on historic properties. In 2005, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) conducted a survey of the historic architecture within the project area and concluded that the Smith-Tucker Farms Rural Historic District was eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The Smith-Tucker Farms Rural Historic District is significant for its association with the history of agriculture in Forsyth County and for the design and construction of the buildings within the district. The district's fields and outbuilding complexes illustrate the rural, agrarian character of nineteenth and early twentieth century Forsyth County while the district's farmhouses represent typical rural architecture of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. After consultation with the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (HPO), it was determined that the proposed widening project would have an adverse effect on Smith-Tucker Farms Rural Historic District. In discussions between NCDOT and HPO, both parties agreed that as part of the planning of the road widening, NCDOT will develop stipulations to mitigate the adverse effects of the transportation improvement project on the historic district. Prior to construction, NCDOT shall record the existing condition of the historic district in accordance with an Historic Structures and Landscape Recordation Plan. Accordingly, the North Carolina Department of Transportation is currently developing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) which states the above findings and proposed resolution of the adverse effect as specified in 36 CFR Part 800. A map setting forth the location and a copy of the draft MOA are available for public review at the United States Post Office, Kernersville Office, 325 W. Mountain Street, Kernersville, NC, 27284 and at the Kernersville Branch of the Forsyth County Public Library, 130 E. Mountain Street, Kernersville, NC, 27284.

Anyone desiring additional information concerning the MOA or who wishes to provide comments on resolving the adverse effects of the proposed project should contact Drew Joyner by mail at 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548, by telephone at 919-733-7844 ext. 268, by fax at 919-733-9794, or by e-mail at djoyner@dot.state.nc.us

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