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Droves attend annual job fair

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Goodwill Industries expected about 3,500 job seekers would attend its job fair Tuesday. More than 1,800 poured through the doors of the Coliseum Annex in the first hours alone.



Moore

"So far, it's been amazing how many job seekers (have come out)," commented Director of Marketing Jaymie Moore. "When we opened the doors at 10, the line was all the way across the street past the coliseum and it's been just a steady flow ever since then."

For the second consecutive year, Goodwill Industries has served as the main sponsor of the annual job fair.

"It's just such a part of our mission; the whole reason that we exist is to help people find jobs," Moore said. "Hosting the biggest job fair in this region just fits with our mission perfectly."

With more than 80 employers on hand, the job fair is touted as the largest in the Triad.

Job seekers were able to attend free seminars in addition to meeting with employers this year.

Temporary Resources

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Makekê Ramokoena was in town recently.

LEARNING WITHOUT BORDERS

African nation benefiting from friendship with WSSU

BY TODD LUCK
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Healthcare professionals are in constant demand everywhere in the world, but in developing countries they're vital.

In Lesotho, poverty and HIV/AIDS, complicate that issue even more, creating massive health problems for the poor, developing nation and many like it. In Lesotho, a small country surrounded by South Africa, nearly a third of its two million residents have HIV/AIDS, one of the highest rates for the disease in the world. The average

life expectancy among its people is less than 37 years.

Makekê Ramokoena is one of the people trying to change that. She's director of the National Health Training College in Maseru, Lesotho. Her school offers a variety of certificates and diplomas in nursing and health care. Last



Valentine

week, she ended a two week visit to the Triad, where she came to learn more about health education. Ramokoena returned to Lesotho with much to think about.

"I've learned a lot. Of course, there's no way we can copy and paste the best practices learned here, we'll have to ... go through every little step I went through to see how best we can make use of the information," said Ramokoena.

Her trip was made possible by the Winston-Salem State University

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MAD ABOUT MICHELLE



WSSU Photo by Garrett Garris

Winston-Salem State University students were bouncing off the walls Tuesday as they waited for Michelle Obama to speak. Obama is the wife of presidential hopeful Barack Obama, and she carried his message to WSSU and across North Carolina this week. See page A3 for the story.



Dr. Donald J. Reaves

WSSU baton to be passed to Reaves

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

When Dr. Donald J. Reaves

takes the oath tomorrow (April 11), he will officially be the 12th chancellor of Winston-Salem State



Jesse Jackson

University, a school with a rich academic and community tradition.

Erskine B. Bowles, the head of the University of North Carolina system, will preside over Reaves' installation service Friday at 10 a.m. at the Benton Convention Center. The event is free and open to the public.

Reaves left his post as vice president for administration and CFO at the University of Chicago when members of the UNC Board of Governors selected him to head WSSU, one of 16 UNC schools. Reaves, who has also served as executive vice president for Finance and Administration and CFO at Brown University, has been on the job at WSSU since the 2007-2008 academic year began last August.

The Cleveland native has already stated his top priorities for WSSU, which include rais-

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Photo by Layla Farmer

Sonya Correll Cook with her children Ryan, Chelsea and Tyler.

A FAMILY AFFAIR

Joint venture between mom, kids results in children's books

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

There is seldom a dull moment in Sonya Correll Cook's household - the 41-year-old mother of three will readily admit to that. Yet she never suspected her children's antics could become a source of entertainment for others.

"God has led me to do this," said Cook, who released her first children's book earlier this year. "It wasn't something that I woke up one day and said, 'Hey, I'm going to write a book.' I wrote the story and I put it down and it just kept nudging at me to do something with it and I just believe that was God speaking to me saying, 'Look, I've given you this gift, this talent - use it.'"

"Quest for a Family Pet" is the first in a series called "The Adventures of Nique, Nick and Nelle." The characters in the book are based on Cook's children, Tyler Dominique, or "Nique," 13; Ryan "Nick" Nickolas, 11; and Chelsea Danielle (Nelle), 10.

"I like it and I think other kids are going to like it as well," commented Chelsea Cook. "I thought it was just like me and my brothers."

All three children have lent their expertise to the effort, says, Cook, a Winston-Salem native. Tyler and Ryan helped her develop the characters and pattern the character's speech to reflect that of



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