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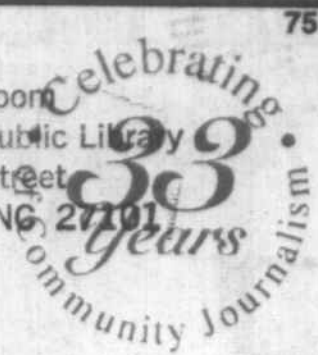
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Reaves invites FTCC grads to attend WSSU

BY TODD LUCK
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Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Donald Reaves spoke about the educational ties that bind local institutions of higher learning at Forsyth Technical Community College's commencement last week.



Reaves

Reaves has been on the job at WSSU since last August, but was just formally sworn in last month. He came to WSSU after a long career in college administration at universities across the country. He was pleased as he looked upon the hundreds of graduates that sat before him in the Lawrence Joel

Veterans Memorial Coliseum. "Wow, what a sight! This is the greatest time of the year. This is why we're in this business that we're in. When you are in higher education, spring time and commencement is the greatest time of the year," said Reaves.

Reaves praised FTCC. He said it has the largest allied health program and biotechnology program in the state community college system. It is also the only community college in the state that offers an Associate's Degree in Nanotechnology, a booming scientific field.

Reaves applauded the fact that all the city's colleges and universities are working together

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A graduating mother shows off her cap, which was decorated by her child.

Cosby! Wake up people

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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GREENSBORO - For most of the last half century, Bill Cosby has been known as an actor, author, comedian and an occasional pitchman for Jell-O. Then came the spring of 2004, when Cosby made much-publicized remarks about what he sees as gross deficits in African-American culture.

Saturday, during N.C. A&T State University's commencement ceremony at the Greensboro Coliseum, Cosby showcased both of his claims to fame: his trademark wit and his budding role as a no-holds-barred social critic.



A&T Photo

Bill Cosby is hooded during A&T's Spring Commencement Ceremony on Saturday.

While introducing Cosby, Chancellor Stanley Battle briefly mentioned the comedian's strong - and controversial - opinions and asked the more than 1,000 graduates and the thousands more in the stands to "be respectful." But Cosby had already found a way to endear himself to the crowd before he even said a word - marching into the coliseum

holding up an Aggie cap and tossing off his gown before he stood at the podium to reveal an A&T sweatshirt.

Right away, he gave the graduates some stern advice: "Please don't use this diploma as an excuse not to have bought your mother a (Mother's Day) present."

The crowd had barely stopped laughing before Cosby got serious, stating that everyday too many African-Americans are fulfilling stereotypes to the delight of white racists.

"There are people who would make D.W. Griffith (the creator of the racist film 'The Birth of a Nation') smile. He'd say, 'I was right,'" said Cosby, whose running commentary always got applause from the audience, although of varying degrees.

Indeed, the comedian's remarks may have hit a bit too close

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SIMPLY THE BEST

Black Enterprise cites local doctors for excellence

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Black Enterprise magazine has named two local physicians among the top 140 in the country.

Dr. A. William Blackstock Jr., a professor and chair-elect of radiation/oncology at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center; and Dr. Amy McMichael, an associate professor of dermatology; were both featured in the May edition of the monthly, national publication.



Dr. A. William Blackstock Jr.

"I was very pleased to be a part of it," commented Blackstock, who came to WFUBMC in 1996. "Just being in the company of a number of the folks on that list who I respect a great deal was very pleasing."

A native of Madison, N.C., Blackstock says he became an oncologist at the urging of his former wife, who had lost her father to lymphoma as a child and regarded her father's oncologist almost like family.

"She and her family always felt that oncologists

were special people," he remarked.

Blackstock did his residency at UNC Hospitals, and subsequently landed a three year fellowship there.

"If there's anything in my story that makes me a little bit different, it's the fellowship; most folks don't go back and do fellowships after residency," he stated. "For me, the research I was able to get done in those three years really was the launching pad for things that happened to me subsequently, because I actually had some experience, some expertise that not many people had."

While working with a cooperative group on a large scale lung cancer trial, Blackstock made an observation that had been overlooked by his peers.

"I asked 'How did the African American patients do?' I'm always curious ... and the response was, 'Well I don't know,'" he related. "We went back ... and we looked to see how African American patients did, and as it turns out, African American patients had lower survival."

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A MOTHER'S PRIDE



Photo by Jason Pitt

Glenda Hayden gives her son, Troy, a congratulatory peck on the cheek for his stellar academic achievements. Troy was among a dozen teens honored for their brains by the Winston Lake Y. Read more on B7.

Center is pushing prosperity for all

Several nonprofits sponsoring the new service

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Tanika Hawkins and her colleagues are in the business of making dreams come true.

"It's easier to accomplish your dreams when you have people to hold you accountable," commented Hawkins, coordinator of the Career Connections & Prosperity Center on Woughtown Street. "It's a lot easier to get things done when there are people rooting for you."

The center, a breakthrough initiative of the United Way of Forsyth County, is led by Goodwill Industries in collaboration with Center for Homeownership, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Experiment in Self Reliance (ESR) and Family Services' Ways to Work program. Other organizations participate on a lesser level, referring potential clients and serving as external resources to meet needs that extend beyond the five core partners, such as education.

"It was a wonderful match for us and very natural," remarked Reni Geiger, director of Grants & Career Connection at Goodwill. "We all work with helping families become financially stable."

Clients of varying backgrounds and needs can access



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See Center on A4 Myra Rice, from left, with Reni Geiger and Tanika Hawkins.



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