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Norris to be WSSU's next chief



Chief Pat Norris will start at WSSU, her alma mater, on Aug. 1.

BY LAYLA FARMER AND T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Police Chief Pat Norris' retirement will be short lived: only a month long, to be exact.

Norris, the city's first African-American police chief, has accepted the position of director of public safety and chief of police at Winston-Salem State University, Norris' alma mater. Her last day as the city's chief is expected to be June 30; Norris will start at WSSU on Aug. 1.

"(I'm excited) that I have the opportunity to do something for my alma mater and to be able to make a difference at the place that gave me my education," commented Norris. "I think it'll be a way for me to ... give back and to do something for the school."

Norris will succeed her longtime friend Chief Willie Bell, who

announced his retirement earlier this year after serving the university for more than a decade. Bell will leave WSSU at the end of June. Newly-appointed WSSU Deputy Chief



Reaves

Marcus Sutton will serve as interim chief until Norris comes on board.

WSSU Chancellor Donald Reaves said Tuesday that he became impressed with Norris, who has more than three decades of law enforcement experience, as soon as he met her.

"I had no idea that she was going to be on the market anytime soon," said Reaves, who reached out to Norris when she announced her

retirement late last year.

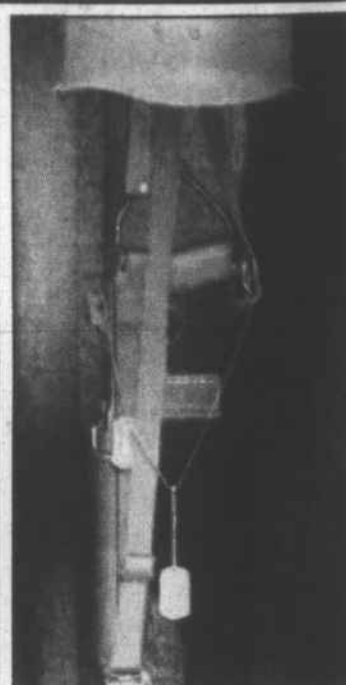
Reaves said Norris at WSSU is a natural fit. Not only because she is an alumna, but because the skills she used as the city's police chief will be invaluable on a campus of 6,000 students, many of whom are residential.

"They live here; they eat here; they study here. The campus is kind of a microcosm of a city," said Reaves. "So you have to provide the same sort of services that a city would. We have to be safe, free of crime ... free of traffic troubles."

Norris - a wife, mother of four and grandmother of nine - is already excited about working with Reaves and the campus' modest police force to make improvements.

"The chancellor mentioned some initiatives that he would like to see done as far as security is concerned, and I have to admit that he sparked an interest there, and a passion," she

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Photos by Layla Farmer A helmet, rifle and dog tags stand as a symbol for those who have served.

Homage paid at service

City Memorial Day tribute held annually

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Silence descended upon the audience at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum Monday evening. Only the jingle of medals and the clomp of polished black shoes echoed

in the stillness as the East Surry High School ROTC retired the colors made their way out the doors, signaling the culmination of the annual Memorial Service.

It was a bittersweet ceremony for many in attendance.

"If you're like me, today brings different feelings, different emotions to you," Mayor Allen Joines commented. "Today we feel grief; certainly we should feel grief, but today we should also feel honor; we should feel patriotism and we should feel pride."

Joines urged those present to carry the message of Memorial Day with them.

"As we stand here today in

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Grads show anything is possible

200 earn GEDs and Adult High School diplomas

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

More than 200 men and women were feted at Forsyth Technical Community College's Adult High School (AHS) and GED graduation last Thursday night. Screams of joy and thunderous applause could be heard outside Wait Chapel on the campus of Wake Forest University, as families and friends celebrated the achievements of their loved ones.

"The accomplishment celebrated here tonight is very important," remarked Edwin Welch, president of I.L. Long Construction Company and the keynote speaker for the evening. "You have refused to accept mediocrity."

Welch spoke at length about the future, drawing from famed baseball player Yogi Berra, who was quoted as saying, "When you get to the fork in the road, take it."

"Among you grads here tonight, there are many examples of what it takes to succeed in life," Welch told the audience. "You have chosen to overcome many challenges and obstacles. Because you have worked extremely hard and remained dedicated ... you are winners in this game of life."

Eighteen year-old Laura



Photos by Bernard J. Carpenter

Conner stepped outside for a breath of fresh air after receiving her certificate.

"I'm excited," remarked the Kernersville native and GED graduate. "I always wanted to do, like, makeup and stuff and once I dropped out of school ... I just came here to get my GED so that I could do that."

Within the sea of blue caps were hundreds of unique stories, like that of father and daughter team Franklin and Candace Hayes, both of whom completed the Adult High School Program with honors.

A happy graduate waves to friends and family members after receiving his diploma last week.

Right: Seventy-nine-year-old Ola Mae Venable earned her GED after two years of hard studying.

Winston-Salem native Christopher Mahan moved from Atlanta to obtain his GED.

"I just want to continue the family legacy, going onto col-

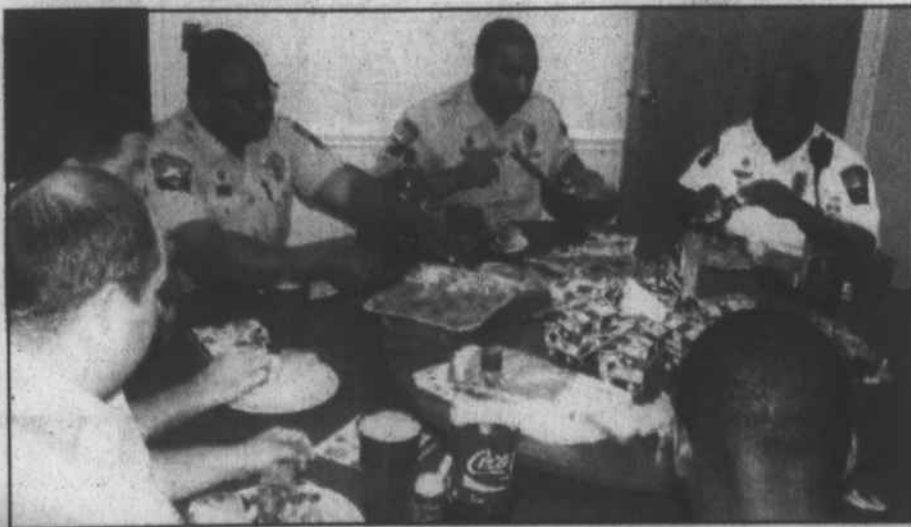
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NCSA discovers the way to a fireman's heart

Photos by Layla Farmer

The men of Engine Four dig into the homemade meal.

Far right: Student Charles Shaffer provides music for the meal.



School thanks Engine Four for service with hearty meal

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Firefighter Rodmond Dunlap paced the floor of the firehouse kitchen one afternoon last week, anxiously awaiting his lunch.

Dunlap and the other firefighters on duty at the Engine Four Station on Martin Luther King Jr., Dr. were in for a spe-



cial treat: a home cooked meal courtesy of the North Carolina School of the Arts.

May 21 was the third and final day faculty and student volunteers had treated the three Engine Four crews to an appre-

ciation lunch.

"The purpose of it was just to say thank you to Engine Four ... for serving the NCSA campus," explained Ramona Richmond, housing facilities administrator at nearby NCSA. "A lot of times they do get called out, even though there's not an actual fire. It ... could be burnt popcorn or steam from the shower, but these guys, they come out and they don't complain at all. We just want to say thank you."

Dunlap and the rest of his crew were treated to a Philly

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