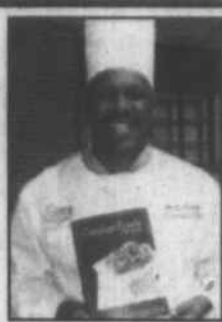




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## PRAYING FOR JUSTICE

Family of man accused of killing officer wants day in court

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The family of a 22-year-old man charged with killing a police officer says that because God is on their side, they believe that justice will prevail in their favor. It also doesn't hurt that their loved-one is being represented by a man who himself has become a messiah of sorts in the legal world.



Plouff

bers and friends of Keith Antoine Carter continued a series of prayer vigils and spiritual marches along a downtown block. Carter has been in the Forsyth County Jail since March of 2007, when he was arrested and charged with the shooting death of Winston-Salem Police Sergeant Howard Plouff, who had responded to a call at a local nightclub shortly before he was killed.

Carter's family says police

Last Sunday, family mem-

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More than two dozen people pray Sunday along Main Street.

Photo by Kevin Walker

## FTCC offers degree in a year

Accelerated courses will put students on 'Fast Track'

BY TODD LUCK  
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College can be a long, expensive journey - taking at least four years to reach the end and earn a Bachelor's degree.

Most students pursuing a four-year degree will spend at least two of those years taking general education courses like English, math and science.

Beginning this fall, Forsyth Technical Community College is offering a Fast Track option that lets students get those courses out of the way in just one year. If they're successful, they will earn an Associate in Arts degree in just two semesters and then transfer to a four-year college as a junior.

Fast Track works by letting students take accelerated courses that cover the same amount of material in half the time. A normal 16-week course is covered in only eight weeks. This is not without extra work, though. The courses require at least 30 hours a week in the classroom.

Bernie Yevin, dean of business technologies, said the Fast Track option is designed for those who have the time and determination to put in the extra work.

"It's clearly not geared for everyone; it's really geared



Yevin

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## Residents recall Pond's good ol' days

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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It's been more than a century since the reservoir burst, hurling rivers of water downhill to the modest assemblage of shotgun houses and shanties below, killing nine people in the process. Though tragic, the incident united the community, which has been known as The Pond ever since.

The Pond is centered around a portion of Trade Street, extending to parts of Seventh Street and Glenn and Pittsburgh avenues.

The neighborhood has been revitalized and reconfigured over the decades, notably with the Urban Renewal Project of the 1950s, and again several years ago, when the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem revitalized Kimberly Park Terrace public housing community.

Many former residents have moved elsewhere, yet they gather every year to recapture the experience that was life on The Pond.

"Everybody loved everybody and everybody took care of everybody," Alberta Black, chair of the 2008 Pond Reunion, said of the community where she grew up. "Everybody that lived on the



Claude Rucker, center, is surrounded by members of his family.

Photo by Layla Farmer

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## Fraternity gives kids week to remember

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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Nine local boys and their families gathered Sunday afternoon in Eastway Plaza. They milled about the parking lot, anxiously awaiting the start of a trip that the brothers of Omega Psi Phi fraternity hope they won't soon forget.

Since the 1980s, members of the six Omega Psi Phi districts in North and South Carolina have footed the bill for hand-picked groups of boys to spend a week away at camp with a handful of Omega brothers.

"We looked at it as an opportunity to provide some mentoring to young, black men," explained Social Action Committee Member Keith



The Men of Omega Psi Phi pose with the young campers.

Photo by Layla Farmer

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### PRIDE & JOY

Photo by Todd Luck

Michael Hall, the head of the YWCA's STRIDES program, shows his excitement Saturday as he prepares to honor one of the teens that completed the jobs and tutoring initiative. Read more about STRIDES on B8.



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