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ABOARD THE SLAVE SHIP

Horrors of the Middle Passage brought to life

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Screams ascended from the dimly lit bowels of Green Street Church Friday evening. The hollow cries of women and children rose above the haunting melody that blared from the speakers of a small CD player. The resounding crack of a whip heightened the terror of the voices, the candles that illuminated the room seemed to flicker with fear. The incessant creak of the fictitious boat added to the sensory overload that met viewers of the "Chains of Change" interactive slave ship experience as they entered.

"It's very symbolic of man's inhumanity to man, so to speak," said Heidi Andrew, who created the Chains of Change exhibit to shed light on the horrors of slavery in 2004. "You go down there and with the noises of the ship, the cramped space, you're seeing in your imagination what might have gone on."

For those who wanted to take the experience one step further, small cubby holes were created in the dimensions each slave was given on the boat. Participants were encouraged to crawl inside and imagine the



Photo by Layla Farmer

See Slave ship on A4 Donnie Mabe gets a sense of how confined Africans were on their voyages to new lands and slavery.

Professor: Black Male Challenge is immense

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Ever since Barack Obama began his meteoric rise to the highest office in the land, African Americans have found themselves in the spotlight. African American males in particular have suddenly become the subject of much talk and debate in the nation.



WSSU Photo by Garrett Garris

James Moore III speaks at WSSU.

Winston-Salem State University probed that portion of its student population Tuesday, with a daylong symposium designed to shed light on the unique challenges and attributes of black males.

The Black Male Symposium began with a morning panel discussion facilitated by Dr. James Moore III, associate professor of counselor education and director of the Todd Anthony Bell National Resource Center on the African American Male at Ohio State University.

Moore followed the morning session up with a faculty and staff talk at Dillard Auditorium that afternoon. Renown Philadelphia Swim Coach Jim Ellis, whose life inspired the

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His Number One Fans



Photo by Layla Farmer

Youth Volunteer of the Year Award Winner Derek Lineberger shares his moment in the spotlight with his parents, Deron and Tonjia May. Lineberger, a senior at East Forsyth, was one of many volunteers who were feted on Tuesday for their dedication to the YMCA. See the full story on page A3.

... BUT NOW I SEE

Wake student heads to Ghana to help the blind

BY TODD LUCK
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Thirty-six million people worldwide are needlessly blind, and many are one simple surgery away from having their sight fully restored.

Roumen Iordanov, a sophomore premedical student at Wake Forest University, will be doing his part to help prevent blindness this summer. He'll be traveling to the African nation of Ghana as a volunteer with Unite for Sight. The non-profit organization provides free eye care in the United States, Ghana, India and Honduras.

"Eighty percent of blindness is preventable and it makes a huge difference as far as the life quality of a person whether you're blind or not," said Iordanov.

While in Ghana, Iordanov will help eye doc-

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Photo by Todd Luck

Roumen Iordanov works with the Unite for Sight non profit.



Photo by Todd Luck

Bill Strickland

Fighting dropout rate with the arts

TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

The epidemic of high school dropouts can be cured through teaching the arts at world class facilities that inspire students to learn.

That was Bill Strickland's message at a luncheon held last week at the Embassy Suites hotel. Strickland has used this model to create a successful, nationally recognized after-school program in Pittsburgh, Penn.

R. Michael Wells of the Winston-Salem Alliance put the local dropout problem in perspective. The Alliance is researching ways to boost the city's economic growth. Wells said that education is vital to filling the future jobs needed for growth and that's why dropouts spell trouble for the future.

"It's like spotting a team (down) 25 points in a basketball game; it's very, very difficult to get where you need to go," said Wells.

Strickland has spent decades making sure Pittsburgh wouldn't have that problem. He founded the Manchester Craftsman Guild in 1968. It now provides after school programming for thousands of students. Over the past decade, more than 75 percent of the program's graduates go on to college. In 1971, he took charge of the Bidwell Training Center which provides vocational training for

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