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## NAACP leader dislikes mall policy

Youth Escort Policy starts on March 5

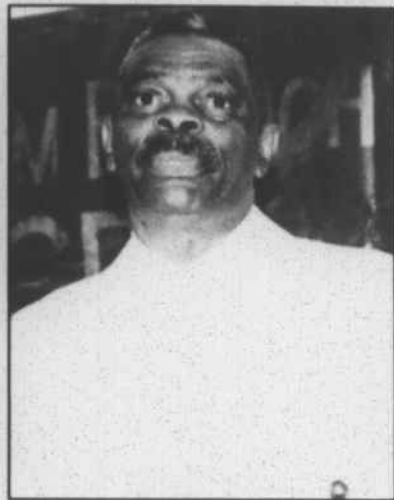
BY LAYLA FARMER  
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The head of the Winston-Salem Branch of the NAACP isn't a supporter of a new Hanes Mall policy that will place restrictions on shoppers under the age of 18.

The mall announced last week that it will implement its "Youth Escort Policy" (YEP) on March 5. It states that those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian after 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings. Teens who work at the mall will be provided with identification badges that will allow them to enter and get to work without a hassle, says General Manager Dennis Cerny, but all others who appear to be underage will be prompted to provide proof of age if not accompanied by an adult over the age of 21.



Dennis Cerny



Jimmy Boyd

Violators will be asked to leave the property immediately, Cerny says. Announcements will be made over the mall's public address system on Friday and Saturday evenings beginning at 5 p.m. to give the teenagers time to make arrangements to be with a guardian

or be off of the property by the 6 p.m. curfew, he added. CBL & Associate Properties, Inc., the company that owns Hanes Mall, has instituted similar policies at some of its other shopping venues, said Cerny. He says the policy is being introduced at the behest of retailers, shoppers and other community members, who have complained that unruly youth who congregate at the mall on the weekends are having a negative impact on sales and on the shopping experience of others.

"There has been a steady increase in terms of youth on Fridays and Saturdays and a correlating increase in infractions," said Cerny, who added that unsupervised teens in the mall can be upwards of 300 on a typical Friday

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Photo by Todd Luck  
Larry Womble and Vic Johnson hold the proclamation.

## W-S sit-in movement is honored

BY TODD LUCK  
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Two weeks after Greensboro honored its sit-in heroes during the grand opening of the International Civil Rights Museum, Winston-Salem followed suit.

The City Council paid tribute to the little-known Winston-Salem sit-in movement - believed to be one of the first to involve both black and white students. Mayor Allen Joines, who each February honors local African-Americans who played prominent roles in the Civil Rights Movement, issued a resolution honoring the men and women who took part in the sit-in. State Rep. Larry Womble and School Board Member Vic Johnson, who took part in the sit-in 50 years ago, were on hand to accept the honor.

"We didn't go into it to get recognition, we went into it to try to address what we thought was inequality," said Womble, who joined his classmates at Winston-Salem State and students from Atkins High School and Wake Forest University to stage sit-ins at various segregated downtown lunch counters.

The students were spurred into action by Carl Matthews, the father of the city's sit-in movement. On Feb. 8, 1960, just seven days after the more famous Greensboro sit-in began, Matthews, an African American, sat at the "whites-only" lunch counter at Kress Department



Stevens

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Photos Layla Farmer

Above: MEAC Media Relations Director Patricia Porter leads a Q&A session with students.

Right: MEAC Commissioner Dennis Thomas reads. Seated beside him is Joycelyn Johnson, a member of the City's MEAC Steering Committee.



## Books & Basketball

MEAC challenges students to read

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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Fifth graders at Hall-Woodward Elementary welcomed a host of dignitaries to their school Tuesday morning.

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Superintendent Dr. Don Martin joined MEAC (Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference) Commissioner Dennis Thomas and others to kick-off the last stage of the Read with MEAC program.

"Although we are an athletic conference, academics is very important," said Thomas. "Reading is an important element of being successful in life."

The program, which encourages youngsters to read as many books as they can within a span of a month, was launched in 2009 in con-

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## Black History on Aisle 5

Wal-Mart shoppers treated to celebration

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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Shoppers at the Wal-Mart on Hanes Mill Road picked up more than groceries, clothes and Valentine's Day gifts on Saturday. They took home a little black history, as well.

For the second year, the store opened its doors and arms to For You Christ Ministries, which hosted a Black History Celebration that included entertainment and prominent local speakers like District Court Judge Denise Hartsfield, Mayor Allen Joines and City Council Member DD Adams.

For You Christ Ministries Pastor Bobby Wilson said he approached Store Manager Lee Ingle about having the event at Wal-Mart because the chain has



Pastor Bobby Wilson with his wife, Cynthia (right) and daughter, Lucretia.



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See Wal-Mart on A10 Young dancers from Fresh Fire Worship Center perform for the crowd.

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