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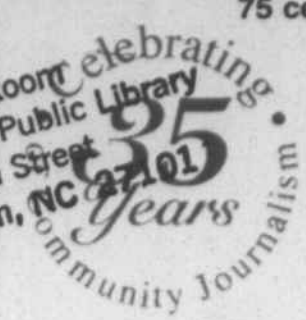
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Mother/son, husband/wife among graduates

Record class receives degrees at WSSU Spring Commencement Ceremony

BY TODD LUCK
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The biggest graduating class in Winston-Salem State University history received degrees Saturday during the school's Spring Commencement ceremony at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

About 900 students graduated as more than 1,200 family members and friends cheered them on from the stands. They were given words of wisdom by keynote speaker Donald Stewart, the former president of Spelman College. Stewart said that during his tenure, Spelman and WSSU shared similar philosophies.

"We essentially embraced our motto of 'Entering to learn, departing to serve,'" said Stewart. "We did not embrace the notion of entering to earn."

It was clear that many graduates have taken WSSU's "Enter to Learn" motto to heart and into practice. Perhaps the most well-known graduate Saturday was Derwin Montgomery, 21, a political science major who shocked many when he won a seat on the Winston-Salem City Council last year. He said he was motivated to run after an internship with the non-profit advocacy group



Doris and Theodore Evans were among the oldest graduates.

CHANGE left him wanting to have a more direct impact on the community.

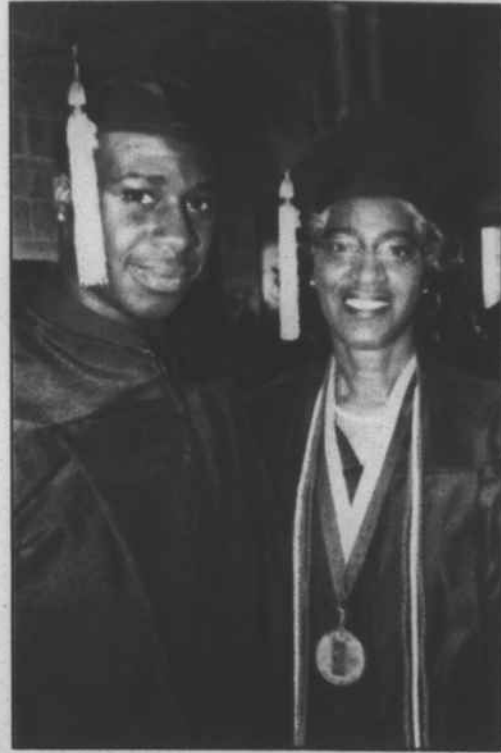
"In political science, they push us to challenge the infrastructure, to challenge what is there," said Montgomery. "So I was basically doing what I was taught to do in the classrooms."

Montgomery said his election

win has been an example to young people of what they can achieve regardless of their age. He said he's learned a lot in the five months he's represented the East Ward.

"People ask have I gotten my feet wet (on the Council) and I say 'Yes, I've gotten my feet wet now."

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Business Major Victor Banks with his mother, Sonja, a social work major.



City Council Member Derwin Montgomery receives his degree from Chancellor Donald Reaves.

Schools prepare for big changes

Petree, Kennedy hope overhaul will improve student scores

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

Two East Winston schools will lose their principals next school year.

Kennedy Learning Center and Petree Elementary School are both up for federal School Improvement Grants worth up to \$2 million a year for three years.

The money would allow the schools to implement a variety of new programs aimed at boosting the academic performance of their students.

But to be eligible, the schools must replace their principals and Petree must shed half of its teaching staff. Other changes will be made as well. Petree, for instance, will operate on a longer school year, which will "provide more time for staff development, parent and student involvement and after school enrichment," according to the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System.

Charlene Davis, one of two assistant superintendents in the Elementary Schools Division, will take over as the principal of Petree next school year. She will replace Shelia Burlock. Kay Rogers, the current director of the school system's Career and Technical Education Department, will lead Kennedy, replacing Bertha Caldwell.

Caldwell, the system's 2008-09 Principal of the Year, will be reassigned to Mineral Springs Middle School next year, succeeding Randy Fulton, who is retiring. Caldwell has been at



Caldwell

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IN PERFECT HARMONY

Summit, Carter Vocational unite for annual concert

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Twenty-five years ago, Loma Hopkins, a music teacher at Summit School, and Lee Beall, a music teacher at Carter Vocational High School, joined forces to create a unique program that would bring the students from the two schools together in a meaningful way. Today, the annual Carter/Summit Exchange concert has become a time-honored tradition that school leaders say promotes friendship and understanding between members of the two distinct student bodies.

This year's concert was held at Carter Vocational, a non-traditional high school for students with special needs last Thursday, and at Summit, a private institution that serves K through ninth-graders, on Friday.

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Photo by Martin Tucker/
Summit School

Summit student Jake Murphy with Carter Vocational student Mark Morrison, right.

New name reflects center's mission

BY TODD LUCK
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For the past 18 years, the Salvation Army's shelter at 1255 North Trade Street has offered hope to those facing hard times. The shelter officially changed its name Tuesday to reflect its mission of helping those who have fallen on hard times to get back on their feet.

The dedication ceremony for the renamed "The Salvation Army Center of Hope" fittingly took place during National Salvation Army Week, a time when Salvation Army chapters across the globe tout their many public service efforts.

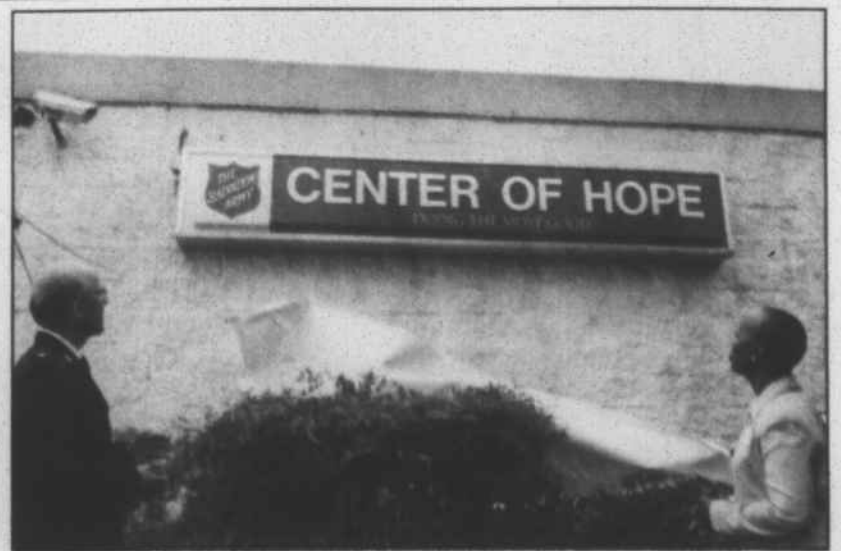
The Center of Hope contains the only shelter for homeless families in Forsyth County. A myriad of other services are also housed there, including an emergency housing assistance service, a community breakfast feeding program and a residential re-entry program for newly-released inmates.

Major Terry Israel, the Area Commander for the Salvation Army, and City Council Member Denise "D.D." Adams, whose North Ward includes the Center of Hope, unveiled the signs bearing the building's new name. Israel said "Center of Hope" is an apt description of what happens within the building, but he hopes it

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Monique Freeny stands outside the newly-renamed Center.



Area Salvation Army Commander Major Terry Israel and City Council Member Denise Adams unveil the new sign.

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