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Alma Keen is escorted by Lemuel Stinson.

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## Coming Home

Alumni return to Kimberley Park

BY TODD LUCK  
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Although it has been decades since they were classmates, attendees at Saturday's Kimberley Park Class Reunion had no difficulty recognizing one another.

More than 50 former students attended the reunion at the Cherry Street elementary school. They enjoyed good music, food and memories in the school's gymnasium. The Reunion, which was open to all alumni of the historic school, concluded on Sunday with a morning worship service at New Bethel Baptist Church.



Clester Hickerson

Alumni ranging in age from 60-94 came from as far away as Alabama to attend the event, which include live gospel performed by the Union (Baptist Church) Knights. Seven former Kimberley Park teachers were invited to be honored by their former students on Saturday, but only two could make it.

Alma Keen and Clester Hickerson were seated at the front of the gymnasium. They were praised by speakers and

greeted by their former students. Her former pupils say that Keen is still as sharp and personable at 99-years-old as she was when she was teaching. She was fresh out of college when she taught language arts and social studies at Kimberley Park in the 40s and 50s. She said she was immediately impressed with her colleagues when she arrived at the school.

"These teachers were dedicated and interested in what they were doing," she said.

She moved on to teach at other schools during her long career as an educator and says it was her students who helped her stay young.

Hickerson also started teaching at the school in the 40s. She

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## A MOMENT OUT OF THE SPOTLIGHT



President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama get a rare moment alone as they wait in the Map Room of the White House on May 19 before welcoming Mexican President Felipe Calderón and First Lady Margarita Zavala to the White House.

Official White House Photo by Pete Souza



Photo by Layla Farmer

Rev. Charlie Davis and his wife, Gail, take part in the last week's protest. Their signs equate gay relationships with interracial marriage.

## Sit-in heroes honored for making history

BY LAYLA FARMER  
 THE CHRONICLE

Fifty years ago, William Stevens, then a senior at Wake Forest University, his fiancée, the late Margaret Ann Dutton, and a handful of his fellow WFU students joined students from Winston-Salem State University to stage the state's first successful sit-in movement to desegregate a lunch counter.

Stevens said he and the others on hand at the protest were arrested and briefly jailed before their respective institutions bailed them out. Nevertheless, he was not afraid.

"I think we were young and innocent maybe, rather than afraid," said Stevens, a city native and retired minister. "We had no idea that what we were doing would be remembered 50 years later. There was just no notion that it was that significant."

But the protesters were remembered, and on May 25, the 50th anniversary of the integration of local lunch counters, leaders from across the city and state gathered to pay homage to their legacy.

"Our sister city gets a lot of ink for starting the sit-in movement, but we in Winston-Salem were the first city to end the segregation," declared State Rep. Larry Womble, chair of the Sit-In Celebration.

Womble was referring to neighboring Greensboro, which was home to a legendary sit-in that began on Feb. 1, 1960 and was led by four A&T students. Winston-Salem's sit-in began a week after Greensboro's and was the first to come to a resolution.

"And we did it peacefully ... with an integrated group of



Stevens

## Protest takes aim at Y policy

BY LAYLA FARMER  
 THE CHRONICLE

Motorists driving along University Parkway last Thursday came face-to-face with the escalating tension between the YMCA of Northwest N.C. and the local gay and lesbian community.

More than two dozen people held protest signs decrying the Y's membership policies - which do not recognize same-sex couples and their children as families - outside of the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum, where members of the YMCA Association Board were meeting.

"I think it's important for the greater community to see the faces of the people who this

unjust rule is affecting," said protester Teri Hairston, a lesbian grandmother. "I am a whole person. I represent an intact family, and visibility matters."



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The YMCA currently offers discounted group rates under the categories of "Adult with Dependents" or "Husband and Wife with Dependents." Members of the gay community and their supporters say that the language of the categories is discriminatory because there is no clause that includes their families.

YMCA organizations across the nation have tweaked their membership categories to

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## MR. ABOVE AND BEYOND

Jimmy Wormack honored by School System

BY LAYLA FARMER  
 THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Forsyth County School system has honored its first ever Classified Employee of the Year.

Jimmy Wormack, the in-school suspension instructor at Flat Rock Middle School, was surprised on May 26, when school system officials showed up with a bouquet of balloons, an official plaque and lots of applause.

"Oh my goodness, oh my goodness," Wormack said, rising from his chair as the party entered his classroom, shaking his head in surprise and delight. "Oh my goodness."

Wormack has already made a name for himself at Flat Rock, which just

opened its doors at the start of the 2009-10 school year. He immediately changed the name of the ISS (in-school suspension) program to Character Rehabilitation and Intervention to illustrate his mission of teaching kids positive values that would help them excel in the classroom and in life.

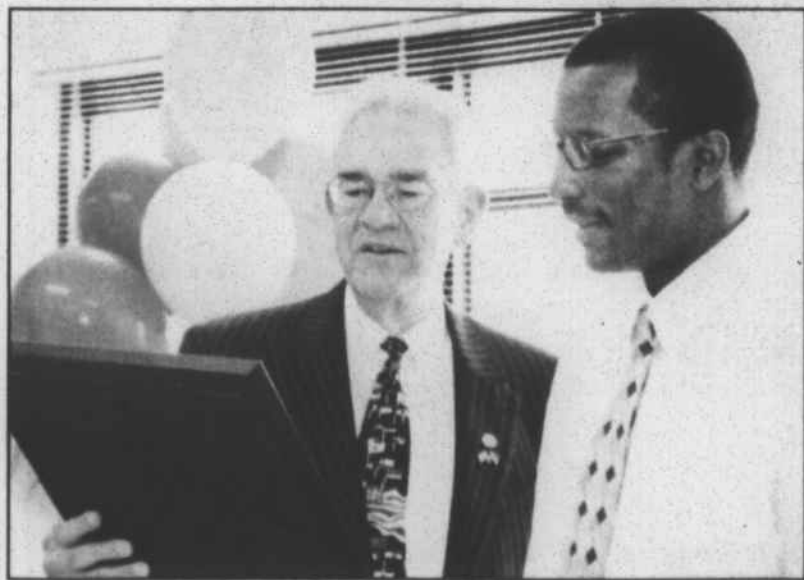


Hodges

"That's a big piece of what he does: building relationships with the kids and building character with the kids that are in ISS," said Principal Becky Hodges, who nominated Wormack for the award. "...He stresses the importance of being a good person. He's a great role model."

Wormack was chosen by the

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Superintendent Don Martin reads the inscription on the Classified Employee of the Year to award recipient Jimmy Wormack.

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