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Chef Don McMillan demonstrates the proper way to cut an onion as his young pupils look on.

Photos by Layla Farmer

City targets graffiti artists

BY LAYLA FARMER
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City Council Member James Taylor Jr., who has only been representing the city's Southeast since December, is celebrating the unanimous passage of his first resolution. Taylor spearheaded the effort to add an amendment to an existing city ordinance that is designed to crack down on graffiti.

Under the new ordinance,

it is unlawful for retailers within city limits to sell spray paint to minors who are not accompanied by a parent or guardian. Minors are also barred from possessing spray paint on city property. Penalties for the offenses could carry a fine of as much as \$500.



Taylor

"Graffiti creates the illusion of crime and an unsafe neighborhood, and I think it deters businesses from the community," Taylor stated. "I think (this ordinance) creates a framework that we can use to attract businesses and to keep our city looking prosperous."

Taylor says the graffiti that plagues many areas of his ward is more than just a nuisance; it can also be a threat. "Tagging," one of the most common forms of graffiti found around the city, is done by gang members, who use the "tags" as a way of marking their territories. Taylor believes the new rules for retail stores will help alleviate the prevalence of this and other forms of defacement.

"If it's harder for minors to get their hands on spray paint, the likelihood that they're going around spray-painting is lessened," he said.

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Residents reap delectable rewards of community garden

BY LAYLA FARMER
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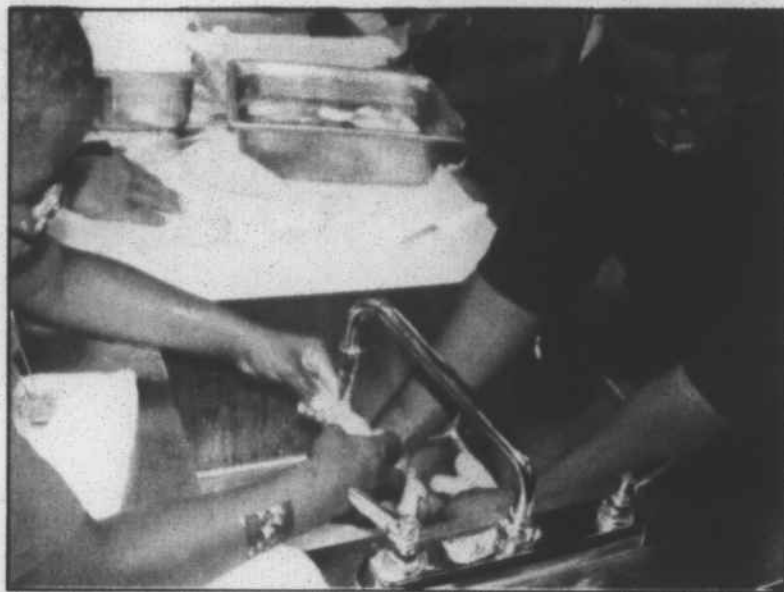
Organizers of the Goler Community Garden at the Downtown Health Plaza recently took another step in their quest to make healthy eating more accessible to everyone in the community.

Last Thursday evening, the group hosted its first-ever free cooking class led by Chef Don McMillan.

The garden was established last fall in an effort to make fresh vegetables available to the patrons at the Downtown Health Plaza and residents in the surrounding community. The garden, which sits on the lawn of the Health Plaza, is staffed by volunteers from the facility and the community.

"This was one of the original ideas, that not only do you provide people with the

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Joseph Brown Jr. (left) and Black McMillan wash veggies.

WSSU plays host to 30 black men who aspire to teach

BY TODD LUCK
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New and aspiring African-American male teachers are spending this week at Winston-Salem State University learning how to take on the challenges of the classroom.

They are taking part in an institute sponsored by the Thurgood Marshall College Fund's HBCU Teacher Quality and Retention Program (TQRP). The program is designed to recruit, support and retain future teachers attending HBCUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities), so that those educators can teach in underserved urban and rural communities.

This week's WSSU session attracted attendees from around the country. It was also TQRP's first all-male insti-

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Photo by Todd Luck

Bruce Hickson leads a session about "Creativity in the Classroom" on Tuesday at WSSU.

ONE SWEET RIDE

Service provides unique way to get around downtown

BY TODD LUCK
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The newest way to get around downtown isn't really all that new at all.

Foster's Sweet Ride Rickshaw is providing local residents with a method of travel that, in larger cities and countries throughout the world, is as common as taking a taxi cab.

Owner Chris Foster can now be seen many evenings peddling around downtown in his cycle rickshaw or pedicab. The three wheeled bike is specially designed with a canopied passenger compartment. Foster said that in the four weeks since he started,

people have repeatedly told him how glad they are to see a rickshaw in Winston-Salem.

"Even those first few nights I was coming out and nobody was riding ... just the response I got from people was priceless. That was plenty, that just made me want to keep coming out," said Foster.

Business has picked up. He's peddled many couples, families and small groups around town in his rickshaw, which can hold up to three adults. Some of his customers, he said, simply needed quick transportation between downtown's ever-growing eateries,

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Chris Foster makes his way along Trade Street. His custom-made rickshaw can hold up to three adults.

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