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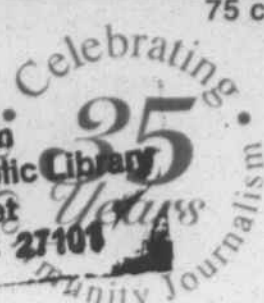
Pastor returns from Africa

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More E. Ward visions discussed

Some residents weary of talk of change

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

City Council Member Derwin Montgomery met with members of his East Ward Tuesday evening at the 14th Street Recreation Center to discuss a "Blueprint for the East Ward," a new plan of action for improving the quality of life of residents there.

But for many of those present, much of what Montgomery had to say sounded a lot like the promises and visions spouted by other leaders over the years. Few of the plans and goals have come to fruition, say residents.

Montgomery recognized that change has been slow to come to the area. He told the standing room only crowd that plans for the area have been met by challenges. Lack of funding and potential developers have been considerable stumbling blocks for well-meaning proposals in the past, he said.

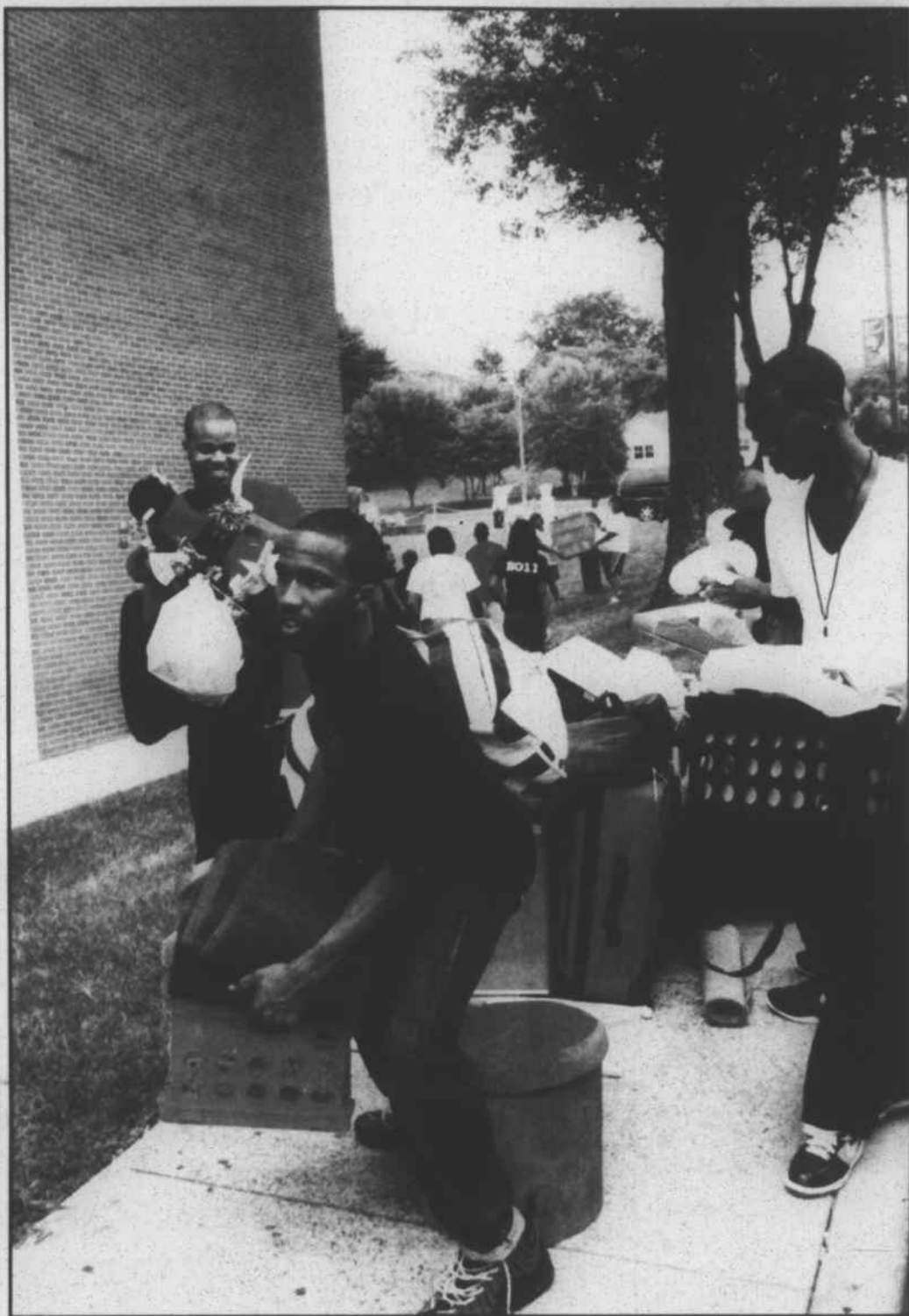
"It's an important conversation that needs to be had and one that's been a long time coming," Montgomery said. "It's great to have plans, because that's how you get things done, but one of the things people are complaining about is we make all these plans and nothing ever gets done."

Montgomery offered his thoughts on how the community could create tangible change. He proposed forming an East Ward Development Coalition, which would utilize the talents and expertise of everyday citizens to find solutions to community chal-

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Montgomery



Photos by Todd Luck

Student volunteers carry a freshman's belongings into Atkins Residence Hall.

Rookie Rams

Hundreds of new students settle in at WSSU

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

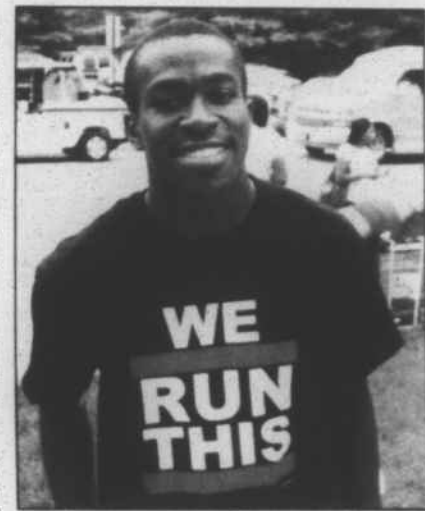
More than 700 freshmen moved onto the campus of Winston-Salem State University on Saturday, beginning an important new chapter in their lives.

WSSU Chancellor Donald Reaves was on hand to greet some of them and their families. He said he does this every year because it's important for new students to see administrators early on in their college experience.

"I want them to know that they can get a quality education at Winston-Salem State University," said Reaves. "We're set up in such a way that they can be successful. They should know that, and their parents should know that."

Move-in Day is always a big to-do - requiring 20 campus police and security personnel to coordinate traffic. To help control the volume of cars and people coming onto campus, each dorm was given a limited time window for its residents to move in.

Residents of Atkins Hall, an all-female, freshman dorm, had an early morning move-in slot on Saturday. Vehicles slowly made their way down Wallace Street, parking on the side of the road to unload. Mirrors, boxes, mini-refrigerators and other belongings lined the sidewalk. Patient friends and



Jonathan Jackson

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Book probes history of blacks in Davidson

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

The stories of more than 200 Davidson County residents can be found in "African Americans of Davidson County," a pictorial history of Forsyth County's Southern neighbor.

Author Tonya Lanier, a Lexington resident, has enshrined the lives of people of color, from pioneers and trailblazers to everyday citizens, in the 127-page book, which is published by Arcadia Publishing as part of its popular "Images of America" series.

Among those found in the book are Dr. Lacy Caple, an N.C. A&T alumnus and the first black dentist to practice in Lexington; Rev. A.T. Evans, who built the first black swimming pool in the county; and George Lattiner,

Lexington's first black full-time police officer. Countless teachers, pastors, community organizers and civic groups are also featured prominently throughout the book.

Lanier, a paralegal for Womble Carlyle Sandridge Rice, is a self-described history buff who has researched her own genealogy and family history back to the 1800s.

"Whenever I take a vacation day or something like that, I'm always in somebody's library," she quipped. "I've made friends with the local librarians."

Lanier has penned two books with historical context, "Rev. A.T. Evans: Tales of a Traveler," and "Lost in Shuffle: Stories that Need to be Told," both of which were self-published. Her latest offering was inspired by her paternal grandmother, Jennie Wilson, who has since passed



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Photo by Layla Farmer

Tonya Lanier put together the book.

Woman changing her community one kid at a time



Photos by Layla Farmer

Tanisha Gaston reads to some of her young pupils in Ramona Hambrick's home.

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Ramona Hambrick's home is chaotic at times. On any given afternoon, the 58-year-old resident of Rolling Hills could have as many as 30 youngsters in her apartment. But Hambrick smiles when the children in her front bedroom erupt in laughter. To her, it is the sound of success.

"That's a beautiful sound; children smiling and laughing," she said, shaking her head contentedly. "That's a beautiful sound."

Hambrick, a great-grandmother of seven, has lived in the Rolling Hills community for nearly six years. In that time, Hambrick, whom many of her neighbors affectionately refer to as "Miss Pumpkin," has made a name for herself as both a philanthropist and an outspoken advocate for her community.

"I've furnished half the houses in here; I've clothed half the people down here, and I've fed about all of them," she related. "That's just what I do; I always try to take care of my neighborhood."

Despite being unemployed with limited financial means, Hambrick has found ways to make her mark. As a community advocate, she has taken her and her neighbor's concerns to city officials



Ramona Hambrick

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