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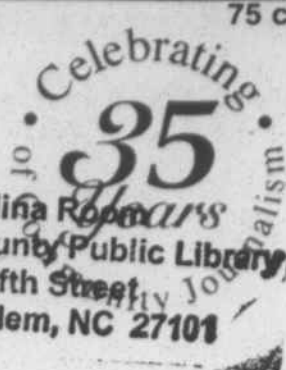
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Morphing of Kennedy continues

Three schools will eventually share the campus

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

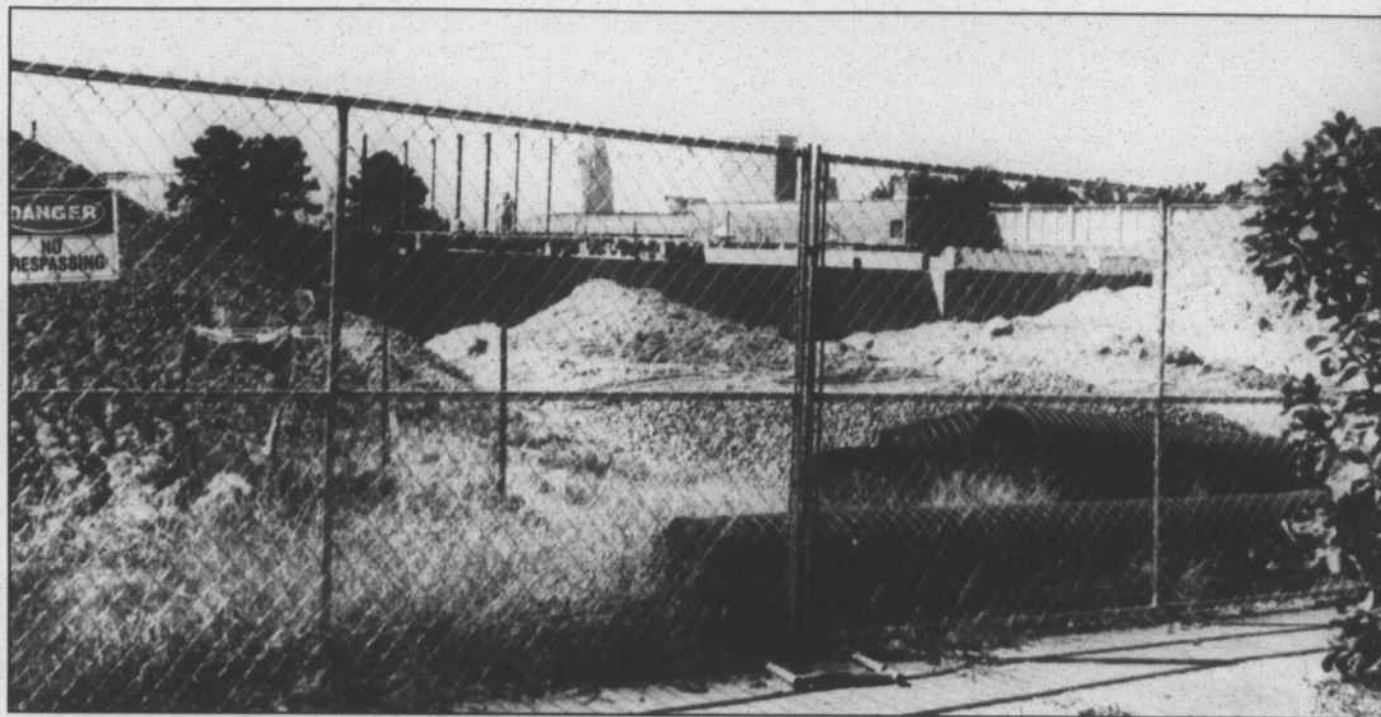
"It's kind of like having died and gone to Heaven."

That's how Principal Donna Horton feels about the brand new C. Douglas Carter High School (formerly Carter Vocational).

Classes started last week in the new state-of-the-art building, which is located off of Martin Luther King Jr. Drive on the campus of Kennedy Learning Center.

"We have the latest and greatest technology in all of our classrooms - it's absolutely gorgeous," declared Horton, who is in her second year at the helm of Carter, which serves students with physical and mental limitations. "Everything is adapted to make it accessible to the students who have different needs."

Kennedy Learning Center, which offers innovative education programs for middle schoolers, is undergoing some big changes this year. The school is beginning the transition to becoming a countywide magnet school that will focus on career technical education, said Principal Kay Rogers, who came to Kennedy last summer. The magnet high school, which will welcome its first students next school year, will be comprised of four distinct academies: health, construction and design, creative enterprises and the ProStart program for culinary arts and food service management. In addition to the programs offered in-house at Kennedy, students will be able to utilize the amenities of the new Career Center, which is currently under construction and is slated to



Kennedy Learning Center is dwarfed by mounds of earth at the site where the new Career Center is being constructed.

Photo by Layla Farmer

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The BB&T on New Walkertown is one of the banks with 'bandit barriers.'

Shielded banks draw criticism

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Bank officials say it's a safety precaution, but some residents of the city's East Ward believe the placement of bulletproof glass shields - or bandit barriers, as they are sometimes called - is giving their community a bad rap.

The topic of shields came up on Aug. 17 during a community meeting at the 14th Street Recreation Center called by East Ward City Council Member Derwin Montgomery. Longtime East Winston-Salem businessman Ed McCarter and William Penn, another well-known resident of the area, led the way in criticizing the bulletproof shields, which seemingly are only present at bank branches in East Winston.

"You're sending a message, and the message you are sending is negative," said McCarter, who is a customer of both BB&T and Wachovia banks, both of which have the barriers at their East Ward locations.

Officials from BB&T and Wachovia have said that the shields are intended to promote the safety of their customers as well as their employees. But McCarter,



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One Cool Cat

Good's legendary team spirit continues to turn heads

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem native Greg Good has earned national attention just for doing what he loves best: cheering on the Carolina Panthers at Charlotte's Bank of America Stadium.

The father of three is a former Green Bay Packers fan, though you'd never hear him tell it.

Virtually everything Good owns bears the Panthers' turquoise and black colors or the face of the ferocious animal (panther) that has seemingly become a part of Good's very being. Carolina Panthers bobble heads crowd the shelves of his home. The walls are decorated with bold photographs of Good as "Catman," one of the best known "Superfans" in all of the NFL.

Good is instantly recognizable at Panthers games. His full Catman regalia consists of hand painted pants, a custom jersey bearing the number 87, a cape, a pair of patent leather shoes and his signature blue flame wig.

When it comes to cheering on his favorite team, Good, a classroom therapist for a local mental health agency, doesn't do anything halfway. He is currently in the process of creating a new component to his now famous outfit: a furry panther with a foam head and claws that will crawl down his shoulder when complete. He hopes to debut the new panther at the team's home game versus the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Sept. 19.

Even his black Ford F150 truck, a gift from the Fox Sports network, is emblazoned with a screen printed image of Good as his popular alter-ego.

Good, 53, an alumnus of Winston-Salem State University, has owned season tickets to see his team play ever since the Panthers were formed in 1995. Back then, the team's home field was at Clemson University, a three hour drive away.

As a fan, Good says he is always looking for ways to encourage the team. In 1996, he pulled then-wide



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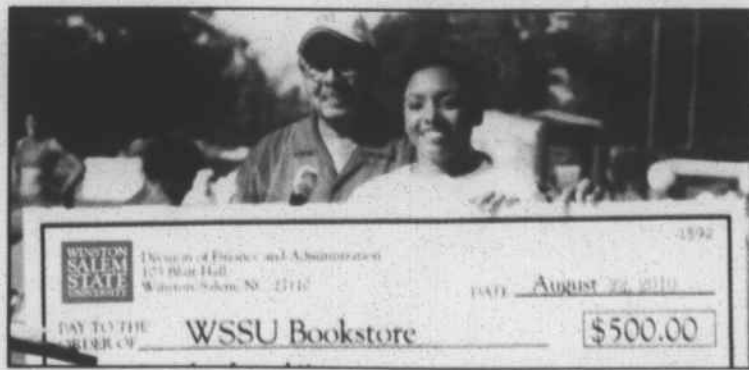


Greg "Catman" Good with his son, Chris "Catboy" Good.

Photo by Layla Farmer

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A GIFT THAT GIVES BACK



Sunday, Aug. 21 was a good day for Alexandria Miles. Not only did she enjoy the sights of Winston-Salem State University's Meet the Rams Fan Fest at Bowman Gray Stadium, but she also heard her name called when a drawing was held for a \$500 gift certificate to the WSSU Bookstore. Here, Chancellor Donald Reaves presents Miles, a senior exercise science major, with an oversized-version of the prize.

Local Dems gearing up for November

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

Democrats across the country pounded the pavement on Saturday, going door-to-door to try to encourage people to vote in the November election.

Volunteers canvassed neighborhoods as part of the National Democratic Party's "Moving America Forward Day of Action." The goal was to knock on 200,000 doors nationwide to educate voters about Democratic candidates and remind them of the importance of voting. Some local Democratic Party offices also manned phone banks.

C. Jane Johnson, the N.C. Democratic Party's northwest regional director, said the need to engage voters is even greater in an off-year election: when a presidential race isn't on the ballot.

"It's not on television 24/7 in an off-year elec-



Photo by Todd Luck

Mary Dickinson (left) and Pecolia Breathette chat with voter John McBride.

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