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Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow

Well-known business owner makes personal sacrifice on 9/11 Day of Service

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Vivian Joyner is as well known for her endless dreadlocks as her Trade Street eatery, Sweet Potatoes, is for its stellar eats and long line of customers.

While Sweet Potatoes is still the most popular place downtown to grab lunch and dinner, Joyner's salt and pepper mane is no more.

On Sept. 11 - billed as a National Day of Service in honor of the victims of the terrorists attacks that occurred nine years ago - Joyner sacrificed her mane for a worthy cause. She was among the 104 men and women who publicly had their heads shaved during a Saint Baldrick Foundation fundraising event to benefit childhood cancer research.

The brave souls faced a large

crowd and the clippers on a makeshift stage in front of Finnegan's Wake - a restaurant just a hop, skip and jump from Sweet Potatoes. The event took place amid the annual BookMarks Festival of Books.

As Joyner took her seat in one of the four barbershop chairs, emcee Roger Rutledge got the crowd fired-up while encouraging the on-lookers to make cash donations in honor of the "shavees." Joyner's turn in the chair immediately piqued the crowd's interest. Hers were no ordinary tresses. Joyner's dreads extended well below her waist. She had spent the last 16 years giving them lots of tender-loving-care.

Cheers and donations were quickly made in support of Joyner. They increased as a volunteer barber took



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Vivian Joyner before and after her daring haircut.



Photos by Todd Luck



Photo by Layla Farmer
Otto Steele addresses the graduates.

A Tasty Future

Reformed felon tells cooking grads to defy expectations

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest NC's Triad Community Kitchen released yet another class of culinary hopefuls into the community this week.

Seventeen students completed the 10-week program. They were feted Monday morning at the Food Bank's headquarters on Reed Street.

"Cherish the joy you feel right now," Second Harvest Executive Director Clyde Fitzgerald told the excited graduates. "Let it be your beacon to a safe harbor in the difficult times you may face in the future."

The adult students - all of whom were deemed underemployed or unemployed to qualify for the program - learned culinary and sanitary skills under Executive Chef Jeff Bacon before spending a week in the field as interns.

The Class honed its skills at the Food Bank by preparing ready-to-heat meals from donated food. The meals were distributed to Second Harvest's many partner agencies.

"You folks took a risk. You turned problems and failures in the past into a very big success, and we are very proud," Fitzgerald told the class. "Success is a matter of character, and each of you has demonstrated true character by overcoming problems and turning your lives around."

Not all students make it to graduation, but the Community Kitchen has been successful overall, Bacon said.

"There are over 250 graduates out in the community now," he said. "Triad Community Kitchen grows



Fitzgerald

Wake kicks-off Prosser tribute program

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Members of Wake Forest University's Men's Basketball Team visited fourth graders at Petree Elementary School on Monday to kick-off yet another year of the university's literacy program.

The children's excitement was palpable as they sat in the school's library - craning their necks in hopes of being the first to spot a towering ball player. Screams erupted when the Demon Deacon, the university's familiar mascot, entered the room, preceded by players Gary Clark and Carson Desrosiers.

Seated in rocking chairs at the head of the room, Clark, a senior guard, and freshman center Desrosiers took turns reading Dr. Seuss's "Oh, the Things you can Think!" to the students.

"My parents had me read-



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Gary Clark (left) and Carson Desrosiers hand out Wake Forest bookmarks to eager Petree students.

Photo by Layla Farmer

Forsyth Tech turns 50

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Forsyth Technical Community College alumni, supporters and students joined others Tuesday to kick-off a slate of activities to mark the college's 50th anniversary.

Dozens gathered in the school's newly-constructed Alumni Oval in the center of its main campus to celebrate the milestone.

"We have a great history," said Forsyth Tech President Dr. Gary Green. "We have done a tremendous amount of work in the last 50 years."

Of all those present at the outdoor celebration, no one could attest to the changes that have taken place on the school's campus over the years better than Harvey Affeldt. Affeldt, a native of Portsmouth, Va., left his job as a



Earline Parmon's commemorative brick is one of many in the Alumni Oval.

high school teacher to become the first employee hired by the institution in July 1960. The school consisted of two buildings at the time, he said.

The 84-year-old became the school's second president in 1971, a position he held for a decade. The

school established its first programs for health care workers during his tenure.

"In the 1970s, we were the step children," he related. "We were the school that got our hands dirty."

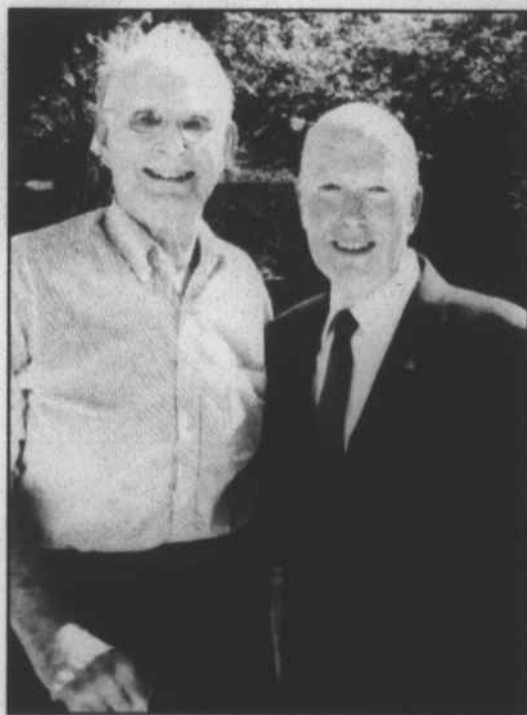
Affeldt, who spent a total of 27 years at Forsyth Tech, said he is pleased with the direction the school has taken in recent decades.

"It's unbelievable. Gary (Green) is doing a super good job," he said of the sprawling campus, which now includes two satellite locations and a campus in Stokes County. "It's really exciting; it's great we were really a part of (its history)."

City Council Member Dan Besse read a proclamation from Mayor Allen Joines designating Sept. 14 as "A Day of Celebration

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Former FTCC President Harvey Affeldt with Dr. Gary Green, the school's current leader.

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