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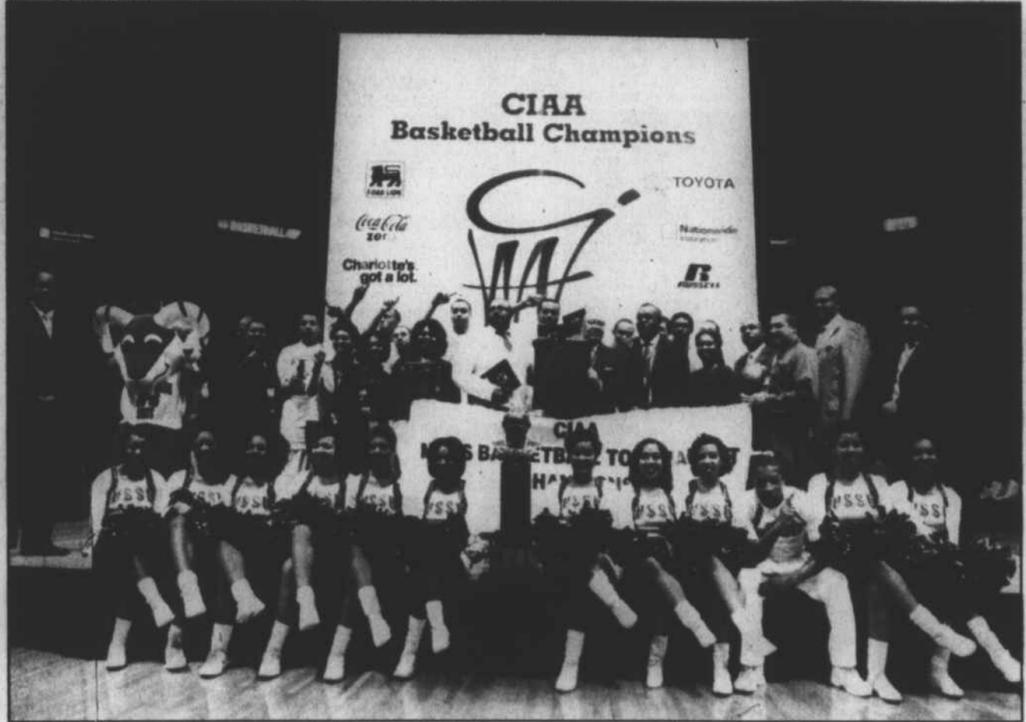
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Victorious!



Coach Bobby Collins and his Winston-Salem State Men's Basketball squad celebrate their CIAA Tournament victory on Saturday at the Time Warner Cable Arena in Charlotte. By beating Elizabeth City State 62-51, the Rams earned their 11th tournament title and a trip to the 2012 NCAA Division II Men's Tournament, where they will take on West Virginia Wesleyan on Saturday at West Liberty University in West Liberty, WVa. Lets go Rams!!!



Organizing for America volunteer Jeannie Grimes (center) gets the audience 'fired up' as Jesse Moore (left) and Punya Krishnappa look on.

Obama '12 launches W-S efforts

BY LAYLA FARMER
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The campaign to re-elect President Barack Obama has begun in earnest in Winston-Salem.

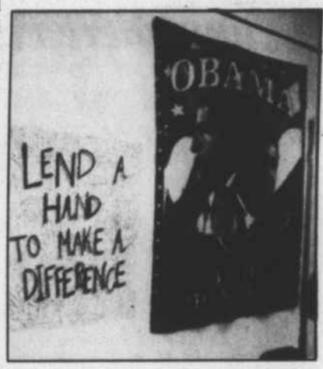
Organizing for America (OFA), a Democratic National Committee project aimed solely at helping President Obama win a second term, formally opened a local office on Feb. 29 at 633 West Fourth St., Suite 110. A standing room only crowd was on hand for the opening.

"We have packed this place," declared Jesse Moore, political director for the OFA of North Carolina. "This is a beautiful thing."

Moore told the crowd of more than 150 that Forsyth County will play an integral role in keeping North Carolina "blue" (Democratic) in November. Obama pulled off a close historic victory in North Carolina four years ago, a state that had long backed Republicans running for the White House. This time around, the state is seen as a crucial battleground state. The Democrats like their chances of winning North Carolina again, so much so Charlotte was selected to host this year's Democratic National Convention.

"Everybody in North Carolina knows you cannot win this state without a surge of energy from this area right here - Triad West," Moore said. "You guys have to become centers of gravity, drawing more and more people into this room. Anybody that thinks this is going to be a cakewalk is dreaming. This is going to be a difficult, difficult year and the stakes could not be higher."

Organizing for America's Jeannie Grimes has been working to galvanize support in Forsyth and surrounding counties



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Locals celebrate Girl Scouts' 100th birthday

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Ladies young and old gathered Saturday at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds to celebrate Girl Scouts of the USA's 100th anniversary.



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The celebration was hosted by Girl Scouts Peaks to Piedmont, whose thousands of scouts from its 40 county area packed the event, one of many held nationwide to mark the momentous occasion.

Peaks to Piedmont CEO Marcia Cole said that the organization is still thriving, in spite of the many other choices available to girls, because it provides wholesome activities that emphasize community service, leadership and social skills.

"Our mission is to build girls' courage, confidence and character to make the world a better place so they learn about themselves through service to the community," Cole said.

Troops 1054 and 801 from St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church



Girl Scout Troops 1054 and 801 from St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church man their Operation Sweet Treat booth.

took part in the celebration. They hawked boxes of the iconic Girl Scout Cookies to event-goers who wanted to support Operation Sweet Treat, which sends boxes of cookies overseas to U.S. troops. Throughout the event, food and clothing donations were also collected for Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina and Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina.

"That's our main concern - to let these girls know it's not all about them," St. Stephen Scouting Director Carolyn Galloway said of the organization's focus on community service. "We're in this world to help one another."

She added that the organization teaches girls much more, including

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And the Honorees Are ...

Community servants will be honored by The Chronicle

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem State University Athletics Director Bill Hayes is the Man!

The Man of the Year that is. Hayes, who has silenced critics by fulfilling his mission to help WSSU athletics "Return to Glory" with championship after championship, will receive the honor later this month at The Chronicle's 27th Annual Community Service Awards. Hayes will share the newspaper's top honors with



Corpening

YWCA CEO Florence Corpening, the 2012 Woman of the Year. Corpening, who has announced that she will be retiring later this month, is being lauded for her fearless leadership and unflinching commitment to eliminating racism through the Y for the last 17 years.



Hayes

Corpening, a Appalachian State University alumna, is also credited with guiding the successful creation of the Gateway YWCA, a massive edifice on South Main Street that has been hailed as a place of cultural diversity. "She built that Y,"

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Ex-Tar Heel standout finds new passion

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Julius Reese has traded in the pigskin for a golf ball. The former UNC Tar Heel wide receiver has just taken his "dream job" as the assistant golf professional at Winston Lake Golf Course.

Reese, 40, was recently promoted after working part-time at the golf course for the last two years. His new, full-time duties include assisting Golf Pro Ralph Galliard with manning the Winston Lake's Pro Shop, helping oversee tournaments and enforcing course rules. Reese said he's grown to love golf more than any other sport. It teaches patience and control and presents a challenge, even to a seasoned athlete like him.

"It's the best sport out there, and I enjoy trying to get better," said Reese, a 2006 Winston-Salem/Forsyth County High School Sports Hall of Fame inductee.



Assistant Golf Pro Julius Reese stands on the course at Winston Lake.

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