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## Hands-off Paisley, locals say

**WS/FCS officials shoot down school switch rumor**

BY LAYLA GARMS  
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Alumni, parents, staff and students at Paisley IB Magnet breathed a collective sigh of relief last week after they learned the school system will keep its hands off their beloved school — for now.

It had been rumored for months that Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools might be considering switching the student bodies of Paisley IB Magnet and Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy (WSPA), which is housed in the old Atkins High School building on Cameron Avenue.

Eric Martin



Jeanette Balwah

Superintendent Don Martin put that rumor to rest last Thursday as he spoke to a crowd in Paisley's auditorium. He said switching the two schools is unlikely.

"There's not been a final closure, but ... from our standpoint, it seems to be a very unlikely decision," he stated, to

enthusiastic applause.

The idea had been brought up during a brainstorming session when system officials and Board of Education members were discussing future projects, including rebuilding Ashley IB Magnet, the primary years component of the popular International Baccalaureate (IB) program. If a school bond is OK'ed to fund the project, officials were considering placing the new Ashley adjacent to WSPA, where the old 14th Street School stood.

If that happened, some felt it would make sense to move Paisley to the WSPA building, so that the entire IB program would be offered at one site, Martin said.

The Paisley building has several attributes that could have served the WSPA population well — including space for a football stadium and the existing lighted soccer fields — and the WSPA building has a larger capacity that would easily accommodate the 900-plus students who are expected to attend Paisley — the most geographically diverse school in the school system — next school year, the superintendent said.

Paisley Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) President Ginny Nagy said the majority of Paisley families

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## Space diminishing at New Evergreen

BY LAYLA GARMS  
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City officials say less than 500 available plots remain at New Evergreen Cemetery, which was created nearly 70 years ago as a burial site for African Americans.

With an average of 200 plots sold each year, officials estimate that the designated single plots will sell out within the next three years. Once all the individual plots have been sold, the City Council has voted to allow individual plots to be sold in areas

of the cemetery designated for families and couples, according to Assistant City Manager Derwick Paige.



Paige

By opening the additional plots, which in many cases have been reserved but not paid in full, Paige estimates that the sprawling 47-acre New Walkertown Road cemetery could have as many as seven to eight years of life left in it.

This is not the first time New Evergreen has been faced with capacity issues. In 1998, the cemetery, which was relocated from its original site near Smith

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Event Chair Molly Leight (center) and Shirley Shouse pose with 2012 Women of Vision (from left) Denise "DD" Adams, Iris Mudd, Tierra Wallace, Sally Dudley Harper, Dr. Mary Lou Voytko, Cheryl Lindsay and Florence Corpening.

## Women's Day

**Luncheon celebrates locals for giving back, sharing their gifts**

BY LAYLA GARMS  
THE CHRONICLE

Naomi Tutu, the daughter of South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, visited the Twin City last week to help honor some of the city's most prominent female community servants.

Tutu, an internationally known speaker and consultant for two human rights organizations, keynoteed the the YWCA's annual Women of Vision Awards Luncheon last Thursday at Winston-Salem State University's Anderson Center.

Her theme, "What Gift Do You Bring?," urged everyone to be all that they can be.

"I think for many of us, particularly us women, it is a question that we need to ask ourselves over and over because we are so good at recognizing the gifts of others oftentimes and so bad at recognizing

that we ourselves bring tremendous gifts to our communities," she said. "There is a gift in you. It is a gift that you have been given and have been asked to nurture and share with the world."

Tutu, a resident of Nashville, Tenn., urged the audience to focus on efforts they could be passionate about.

"The gift that we are given is most often the thing that gives you most joy when you are doing it," Tutu said. "It doesn't feel like work ... it feels like what you were brought on this planet to do."

In a reverent address peppered with tidbits of humor and wisdom, the mother of three drew from Gregory Norbet's poem, "There is a Pearl of Great Price" to illustrate the importance of each human being's contributions to the world. She told the

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Naomi Tutu addresses the luncheon audience.

## Friends on a Mission



Sandy Porter (left) and Elaine Bevels co-founded the Friends of Winston-Salem 20 years ago. The social group, which emphasizes community service, celebrated its anniversary on Saturday at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Read more on page A3.

## Graduates credit WFU with shaping them

BY LAYLA GARMS  
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Neither Kevin Smith nor his girlfriend, Kristen Bryant, envisioned themselves attending Wake Forest University at first, but the couple soon found that the school, like their relationship — which blossomed from a four year friendship — was exactly what they were looking for.

Bryant had applied to Columbia University but was wait listed.

"I tell people all the time that Wake Forest was not my first choice," admitted the 21 year-old. "But after awhile, I



Photos by Layla Garms

WFU grads Kristen Bryant and Kevin Smith.

couldn't imagine myself going anywhere else."

The two were among more than a thousand WFU graduates who were sent-off

into the real world during commencement exercises Monday on the university's green quad.

Charlie Ergen, the chair-

man of satellite broadcaster DISH Network Corporation and a member of WFU's Class of 1976, delivered the Commencement Address. Ergen, whose daughter is a member of the Class of 2012, advised the graduates to never stop learning. For Bryant and Smith, that is exactly what the last four years has been all about: learning more about themselves, about others, and about the world around them.

For Smith, an accomplished member of the WFU track and field team, the first thing he had to learn was how to be a Demon Deacon

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