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Members of the Massey clan.

## Massey Family holds annual reunion

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The annual Massey Family Reunion was held from June 22-24 in Winston-Salem. Family members from states like Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and Virginia attended.

The event began with a meet and greet at the Summit Square Club House. The theme was "A-Luau," and each guest was welcomed with a colorful lei. The evening was filled with past memories, food and enjoying one another.

Weekend events included a picnic at Reynolds Park with about 100 atten-

dees, who filled their afternoon with games, swimming and lots of food. A bowling outing was held at Northside Lanes on Patterson Avenue.

On Sunday, the family worshiped at the Morning Star Missionary Baptist Church, where Rev. Dr. Dennis Leach is the pastor. The morning message, "Strange Fire," was preached by Rev. Shirley Timmons. Lunch was served in the fellowship hall after service. Presentations were given to reunion committee members by coordinator Carrie Robinson. Committee members included Assistant Coordinator Evangelist Bessie Massey,

Advisor Rev. Henry Massey, Secretary Courtney Massey-Allah, Cederic and Sandra Branch, Freida Johnson, Marie Smith, Alice Thomas, Vivian Jones, Willie Massie Jr. and Felicia Cassaberry.

Gifts were given to Sharron and Reginald Smart for traveling the greatest distance. (The couple came from Virginia.) The oldest attendee, Robert Moore, 86, and the youngest, three-year-old Giovanni Murray, also received gifts.

The next reunion will be held in Salisbury.



Photos by Todd Lack

Young golfers and others gather under a shelter to celebrate the Clinic's finale.

### Golf

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"It's a very, very, very good sport to learn," he said. "You got so many qualities that you're dealing with, character qualities. To play golf and play it right, you got to be dependable, you got to be honest, you got to really work at it."

Only a few of the kids had time to practice their drives before the closing ceremony began under one of the golf course's shelters. Those who did hit balls were encouraged by the other kids with chants like "Tiger Woods" or, in the case of 12-year-old Chantel Thorns, "Ms. Tiger Woods." Chantel has been attending the camp for four years and now says the sport is tied with basketball as her favorite.

"It's actually a quiet

sport where you can concentrate on what you're doing," said Chantel, who along with Amaria Hines, received the clinic's Samuel Puryear Sr. Award for obedience, participation and dependability.

Puryear, a former WSSU sports star and father of former Stanford and current Queens College Golf Coach Sam Puryear Jr., is one of many local golf enthusiasts who have helped Johnson coach the clinic over the years.

Malcom Gant, 13, a seven-year veteran of the clinic, said he too has developed a love of the game, so much so that he is a member of First Tee of the Triad, a popular year-round youth golf program. He likes watching the younger kids in the clinic experience the same thrill he did when he discovered the joys of the

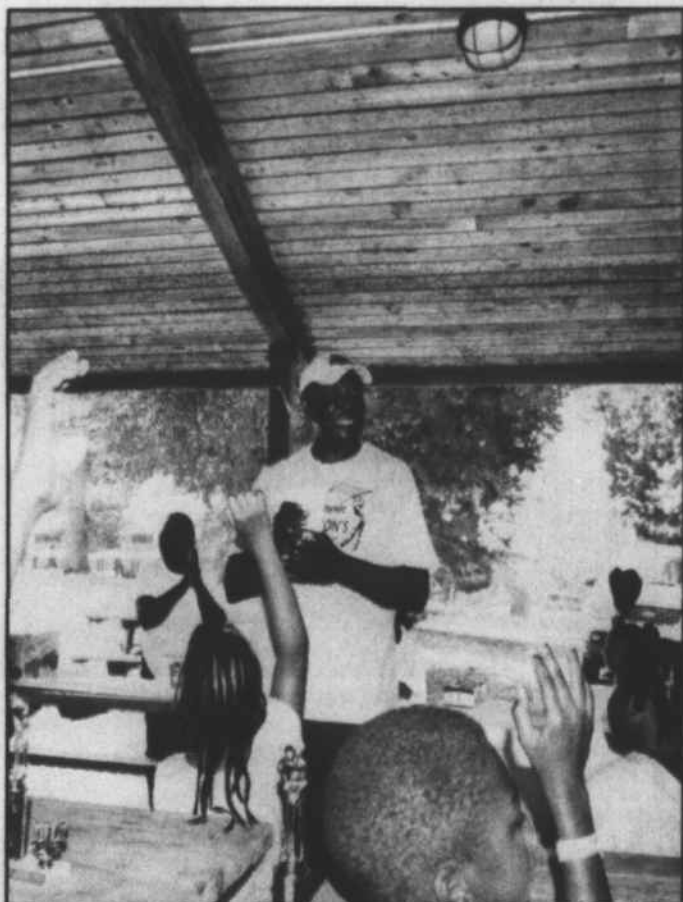
sport. "Golf is a game that's enjoyable, relaxing; it's basically a less stressful game," said Malcom, who attended the clinic with his sister, Camryn.

WSSU Golf Coach Robert Bethea was one of the clinic's seven coaches. Each trained a group of 10-12 kids. Bethea has also been a clinic coach for many years, 12 to be exact.

"I enjoy just working with the kids," said Bethea. "I love golf so I try to pass it on."


Despite the love Hayes has for golf, he made the tough decision earlier this year to end WSSU's golf program as part of a realignment of the school's Athletics Department. The school's men's indoor and outdoor track teams were also cut.

Hayes said it was difficult for the school to fund 16 sports teams on its current budget. Hayes said he hopes the school can resurrect its golf program one day when its economic fortunes change.



Hands shoot up as Victor Johnson asks who is doing well in school.

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