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Bus-rider Sharon Jones.

Push ongoing for Sunday WSTA service

BY LAYLA GARMS THE CHRONICLE

Mayor Allen Joines says that he is still in talks with Forsyth Medical Center and Wake Forest Baptist Health about the possibility of the two hospitals helping to underwrite the cost of operating limited Winston-Salem Transit Authority routes on Sundays.

The idea of Sunday service came up earlier this year as the City Council pondered a proposed \$0.30 hike for city bus fare, which currently is \$1. The idea was floated during budget talks as one of the ways for the city to make ends meet.

"There was a lot of debate during the budget preparation," explained City Council member Dan Besse,

a member of the city's Public Works Committee and a strong proponent of Sunday service. "The compromise when the budget was adopted was that we wouldn't raise the rates but we would wait on the Sunday service addition."

Winston-Salem is the only major North Carolina city that offers no bus service at all on Sunday. Joines envisions a plan that would offer a few Sunday routes centered around the downtown area and the two hospitals.

"Nothing has been decided yet, but we are having that conversation," Joines said. "They are two of the largest employers in the city and our

research shows that a good number of the riders are medical center employees."

Because Baptist and Forsyth are nonprofits, neither pays property taxes, and because so many of their clients and employees utilize public transportation, the medical centers could benefit significantly from the services being offered seven days a week, city leaders say.

Bus riders are excited about the possibility of Sunday service. Bus rider Tay Gibson, 20, thinks Sunday service is a good idea, even though he doesn't normally use WSTA on weekends.

"I feel like it would be more convenient for people that have things to do," remarked Gibson, who is soon slated to start studying at Forsyth Technical Community College. "Not for me personally, because my mother has a car and I have a way around, but for other people that don't have a way to get around."

As a native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Sharon Jones is accustomed to public transportation services on Sunday. Jones, who works in the cafeteria at Wake Forest University, said she sometimes has to work on Sundays and finding a ride to and from her job can be a challenge. The mother of two said she would also relish being able to utilize the bus to

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Unbeatable!



Winston-Salem State University Chancellor Donald Reaves and AD Bill Hayes hold the trophy as Head Coach Connell Maynor, his Rams and the WSSU family celebrate their second-straight CIIA Championship in Durham on Saturday. The Rams were rewarded for their unbeaten season on Monday when it was announced that the team received a #1 seed and a first-round bye in the Super Region One of the NCAA DII Playoffs. The Rams will either face Shippenburg (Pa.) or Bloomsburg (Pa.) on Nov. 24.

Half Empty or Half Full

Local lawmakers pessimistic and optimistic about GOP gains in N.C.

BY LAYLA GARMS THE CHRONICLE

The Republican Party further secured its stronghold on North Carolina after last week's election.

When the General Assembly opens its 2013 session in January, the GOP will hold 32 of the 50 seats in the North Carolina Senate and 76 of the 120 seats in the House of Representatives, in addition Gov.-elect Pat McCrory and presumed Lt. Gov.-elect Dan Forest are Republicans. Forest's



Parmon

opponent, Democrat Linda Coleman, has yet to concede. She says that there are still votes left to be counted that could erase Forest's razor thin margin



Lambeth

of victory. Local Democrats are among those apprehensive about this supermajority. Earline Parmon, who was recently elected to lead the

North Carolina Senate's District 32, said she is "not very optimistic" about the climate she'll be walking into.

"I think we're going to see a complete right-wing agenda trying to be accomplished, and having the General Assembly under Republican control, the governor will just rubber stamp the legislation," Parmon stated. "I'm afraid that we're going to see the kinds of things that we've seen in Washington in the last few years in terms of

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New college offers personal touch

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

When Dr. Lucas Shallua and his wife, Dorothy Edward, started Mount Eagle College, they thought about how fortunate they were to have gone to college in their native Tanzania, a country in East Africa where higher learning opportunities are limited.

"We beg students here to come to class, where if you cross the Atlantic Ocean in Africa ... (and) you say you have a training opportunity, people will sleep at the door of your house," said Shallua, the college's director and organizer. "They will not



Mount Eagle College founders Dr. Lucas Shallua and his wife Dorothy Edward stand in one of the college's labs.

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Dance legend says his art speaks to social injustice



Dancers perform "Body Against Body."

BY LAYLA GARMS THE CHRONICLE

Bill T. Jones, an internationally known artist, choreographer, dancer, theater director and writer, visited the campus of Salem College last week to headline the first-ever installment of the June Porter Johnson Series for the Visual and Performing Arts.

Jones founded the Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company with his life partner, the late Arnie Zane, in 1982.



Bill T. Jones

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