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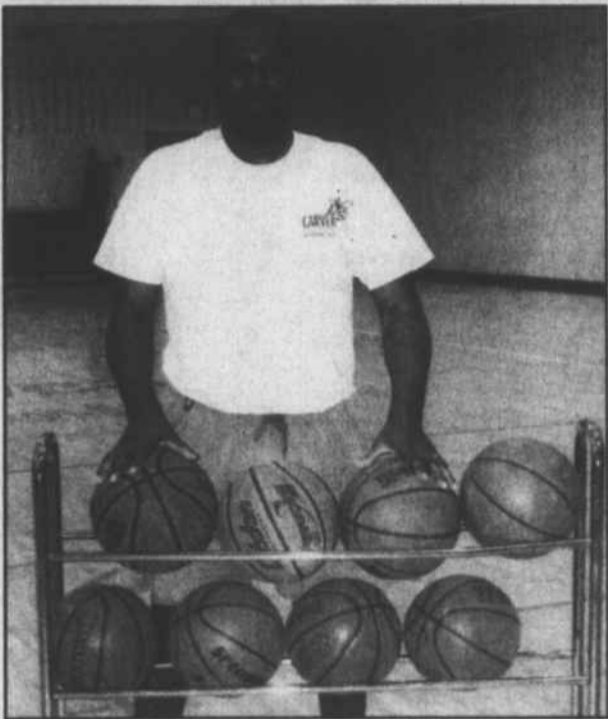
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File Photo  
Luther "Ticky" Burden poses at a local gym in 2007.

## Friends helping sick NBA legend

BY LAYLA GARMES  
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For decades, former NBA and ABA standout Luther "Ticky" Burden has put his formidable talent to work serving local youth.

Next week, area residents will get the chance to return the favor and show their support for Burden, who helped the United States win gold at the 1975 Pan American Games, by attending the first-ever Luther "Ticky" Burden Old School Celebrity Dinner.

The event, which is slated for Friday, Oct. 11 at Forsyth Country Club, will serve as a fundraiser for Burden, who suffers from a rare life-threatening illness.

"I think people will enjoy coming to the event," James Blackburn, one of the organizers, said of the \$100 a plate dinner, which will feature an auction of sports memorabilia and a number of b-ball notables. "...It's a chance for people to come out and meet the stars of yesterday."

Burden, a former New York Knick and University of Utah standout, has coached and trained hundreds of local youth over the years, schooling them in basket-

ball and the game of life.

"I had this stipulation that if you weren't doing well at school and you weren't doing well at home, then you couldn't come practice with me," related Burden, the father of 10, who for decades has coached youth at several local YMCAs and the Gateway YWCA. "I've been like a father figure to most of my kids; I've done the best that I could to help them be better citizens."

Burden was working at the Gateway Y 10 months ago when he was diagnosed with Amyloidosis, a rare systemic disorder characterized by a buildup of protein in the bloodstream. The illness can negatively impact nerves, muscles and bones. Burden's prescribed treatment for the disease, which has no cure, is a simultaneous heart and liver transplant. Burden has temporarily moved to Hempstead, N.Y., to be closer to New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Medical Center, one of the few medical facilities nationwide that performs the complex procedure.

Blackburn, an independent basketball talent scout who met Burden years ago when he innocently challenged the for-

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Blackburn



Dean Steve Reinemund talks with Debra Lee.

Photos by Layla Garmes

## Lee: BET has evolved

BY LAYLA GARMES  
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The chairperson and CEO of BET (Black Entertainment Television) said Tuesday that the network responded to criticism that it relied too heavily on sexually-charged and violent music videos by changing its format to emphasize programming that "respects, reflects and elevates" the black community.

"We feel a huge responsibility to our community, so we always think of ourselves as more than an entertainment network," Debra Lee said at Wake Forest University. "So much of what we do is trying to respect our community and elevate it in a way that no one else does."

The network's new direction translated to an increase in ratings, thanks to scripted originals such as the "Real Husbands of Hollywood" and the successful reincarnation of the CW Network's "The Game." The network deliberately avoids what

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Jason Webster presents a token of the Business Schools' appreciation to Debra Lee.

### WELL-HEELED



Photo by Todd Luck

Michael White and Kenny Blackburn were among the hundreds of men who donned ladies' shoes Saturday for Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, a downtown event designed to raise awareness of and funds for domestic violence. The pair, who took the extra step of wearing skirts as well, took home a "Best Shoes" award for their effort. Read more on page B1.

## Family raising funds to help kin get justice

BY LAYLA GARMES  
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When Winston-Salem native Zyrle Jeter's mother sent him away to college in Orangeburg, S.C., she was hoping to give him a fresh start.

"I wanted him to get away from Winston-Salem," explained Paulette Williams, Jeter's mother. "I wanted him to get away from his friends down here, go to another city and just get his stuff together."

Jeter, a 2011 alumnus of Parkland IB Magnet High School, was attending Denmark Technical College to improve his GPA in hopes of transferring to Winston-Salem State University to pursue a bachelor's degree.

"He's a hard worker, he's athletic, he's very smart," Williams said of Jeter, the oldest of her four children. "...He really had a great future ahead of him, he just needs to bring his grades up."

But that bright future is uncertain now. The 20-year-old was arrested May 17. He and another man, Damon Jamar Moody, are being charged with attempted murder, attempted robbery and burglary in connection with a shooting incident that took place at the Orangeburg home of alleged drug dealers.

Williams said her son was denied bail, and the family has

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Zyrle Jeter

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## As voters sour on GOP, Dems prepare for takeover



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BY TODD LUCK  
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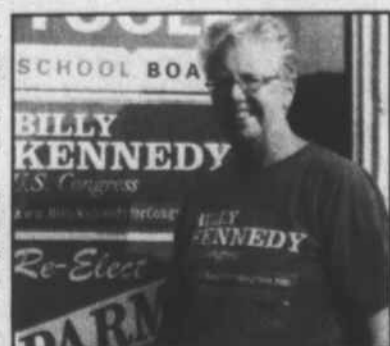
With just a little more than a year to go before the mid-term elections, it seems that many North Carolinians are having buyer's remorse.

The honeymoon is over for Republicans who decisively took control of the General Assembly last year. According to a recent Public Policy Polling (PPP) survey, 53 percent of state

residents disapprove of state House and Senate Republicans. The news is even worse for Gov. Pat McCrory. A poll released this week by High Point University shows his approval rating at 38 percent.

The groundswell of criticism of the GOP may help Mary Dickinson. The longtime political activist became the first local Democrat last week to

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Mary Dickinson stands outside of Forsyth County Democratic headquarters in this 2010 pic.

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