



Thousands pack Bowman Gray for WSSU's recent commencement ceremony.

Stadium

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"In the case of Bowman Gray Stadium, there was a demolition landfill there with railroad ties, and construction debris was deposited there," Garrity said. "This agreement reduces liability for environmental issues. It is a safeguard and it reduces your cost as far as developing and cleanup."

The city's original asking price was \$7.1 million. The property has been appraised at roughly \$9 million. Officials said the asking price would allow the city to recover its debt from the construction of the WSSU football field house and from improvements the city had made to the facility.

"I was glad to get an offer that would help pay off the city's debt, removing the debt from the taxpayers," Garrity said. "We are already in conversations with the university about doing anything that we can to help expedite the process."

The university has already started taking over some of the city's responsibili-

ties at the stadium and incorporating it into its activities. It was the location of its recent commencement ceremony. Young said that students, staff and alumni are excited about the impending sale.

"We have been playing our football games there forever and having this additional property also opens up the opportunity for intramural sports on campus, like baseball or softball, and new recreational areas."

Young said the stadium will also be a money generator.

"The contract that we had with the city for football games meant that we split parking fees and the concession revenue," she said. "Now, we will not have to pay them and the revenue that comes in is all ours."

Provisions have been added to the bill of sale to ensure that NASCAR racing remains at the stadium.

"We have been working with the racing folks on Saturday night," Young said. "They have a long term contract and we are depending on that revenue to help us pay for the stadium."

Nurses

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community college."

Dr. Anita Tesh, associate dean for nursing at UNCG met with DCCC second-year Associate Degree Nursing students in January 2014, to discuss the new partnership and seek input regarding their interest in this new educational opportunity. Second-year students will be given first priority for enrollment into the new program. Practicing nurses from the surrounding community will also be eligible to enroll.

The partnership was developed in response to employment trends, state needs and a recent report released by the Institute of Medicine (IOM). The IOM has called for an increase in the number of

nurses prepared with a four-year degree or higher, as well as an improved education system that promotes more education for nurses. The IOM mandate will take effect in 2020. Many hospitals in North Carolina are seeking recognition as magnet facilities, and prefer to employ nurses with bachelor's degrees. However, at present, less than 50 percent of all registered nurses in North Carolina hold a four-year degree in nursing.

"Our students, administration and academic leaders have expressed overwhelming support for options that enhance a graduate's ability to obtain a BSN degree," adds Benson. "The chief nursing administrators from Lexington Medical Center and Thomasville Medical Center have

expressed enthusiasm for the collaboration, submitted documentation in support to Dr. Tesh and indicated that they will provide work schedules for their employees to accommodate enrollment in the UNCG RN to BSN program. Most importantly, our graduates will be able to meet the IOM mandate and secure and maintain employment."

The Davidson County Community College Associate Degree Nursing faculty also worked closely with the Rowan-Cabarrus Community College Associate Degree Nursing faculty in planning this opportunity. DCCC graduates will also have the opportunity to take RN to BSN courses on the RCCC North campus in Salisbury.

Lucas

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drove a bus through the neighborhood and all the kids got on the bus free of charge. At one time, he had over 600 kids in his programs."

To honor Lucas' legacy and influence, Terry, now 41, has also developed the documentary "The Mo Lucas Story" to honor Lucas. The Mo Lucas Foundation provides free programs for youth, including a drum line, step team, rifle team and marching band.

"Sixty years of service to an organi-

zation is a milestone and worthy of this tribute" Terry said. "The foundation is a way of thanking the 87 year-old for his many contributions. The veteran mentor is the epitome of what a man should be. An honorable citizen of Winston-Salem since 1935, Mr. Lucas still interacts with our youth through his organization. Mr. Lucas says that is what he lives for and actually what keeps him alive."

Mayor Allen Joines is proclaiming June 15 "Mo Lucas Day" in Winston-Salem. The community is invited to come out and show Lucas how much he is appreciated.

Free summer meals will be served

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Chartwells School Dining Services and Winston Salem/Forsyth County Schools will offer free breakfast and lunch to all students in the community during the summer months.

The free meals are part of the National School Lunch and Breakfast Program. All students, 18 years of age and under, will be served from June 23 through Aug. 14. Breakfast will be served from 8:15 - 8:45 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Both meals will be served Monday through Thursday at these school locations: Ashley Elementary, Cook Elementary, Diggs-Latham Elementary, Easton Elementary, Forest Park Elementary, Gibson Elementary, Hall-Woodward Elementary, Kennedy High, Kernersville Elementary, Kimberley Park Elementary, Kimmel Farm Elementary, Konnoak Elementary, Mineral Springs Elementary, Mineral Springs Middle, North Hills Elementary, Petree Elementary, Philo-Hill Middle, Sedge Garden Elementary, Speas Elementary and Wiley Middle School.

A variety of foods will be available, including whole grain biscuits, healthy varieties of breakfast pizzas made with

low-fat cheese and whole grains, whole wheat quesadilla stuffed with low fat cheese and diced chicken, fruits and vegetables and 100 percent fruit juice and low-fat milk options.

The free summer meals program is another step to ensure students are getting the quality nutrition they need, even if school isn't in session. All students will be offered breakfast and lunch at no cost without restriction. Older students may be asked to verify their age with identification.

"Many of our WS/FCS students are eating two meals a day at their school," said Lauren Richards, Child Nutrition director for WS/FCS. "When school ends and summer begins, the need for food in our community only increases and this creates a hardship on some families. The WS/FCS Child Nutrition Department aspires to bridge the hunger gap between school years by providing nutritious meals for breakfast and lunch for all children in Forsyth County at a number of sites throughout the summer months."

Any questions regarding locations or time schedules should be directed to WS/FCS's Child Nutrition Department from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday, at 336-703-4275.

Play

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came when the theatre and I began talking about the tons of oral stories we had from people who lived in Five Row."

The play, which starts in 1922 and leaps forward to 1946, follows the lives of two real former residents of the estate - Harvey Miller and Mary Reynolds.

Miller grew up in Five Row as his father and uncle worked on the Reynolds farm. He began doing odd jobs as a teenager before working in the bungalow on the estate as an assistant to John Carter, the head butler. When Carter died, Miller became the head butler.

Mary Reynolds was the eldest daughter of R.J. Reynolds and spent most of her childhood on the estate. She eventually owned the estate, buying out her siblings. Miller became her main employee.

"They ended up having this four or five-decade relationship, first by growing up together and then as employer and employee," Archer said. "The play shows how their lives intertwined as kids and adults. As children, they get a sense that they are different, but their destinies have something to do with this place. It puts you in that place and time, in terms of racial relations, country living and aviation."

Harry Poster described the process of writing and directing the play as "incredible."

"I realized that I wanted to write about charac-



A portrait of Mary Reynolds Babcock

ters who grew up on the estate, specifically a character who grew up in Five Row and began working at the house. That character was Harvey Miller," Poster said. "I wanted to see what happened with (Reynolds and Miller) as kids before they took on their respective roles as lady of the house and butler."

The play will debut on Friday, June 13 at 11 a.m. at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center's Babcock Auditorium. There will also be a 11 a.m. staging on Friday, June 20 and 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. shows on June

14 and June 21. Shows will be held at 2 p.m. only on June 15 and June 22.

Q&As featuring Poster, museum staff and community advisors will be held after each staging. The cast of the play will interact with young people in a special children's art area that is being co-sponsored by the Delta Arts Center after every performance.

Archer believes the play will be much more relatable than reading a history book. He praised Peppercorn, which was founded in 2010 by students and alumni of the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, for its effort.

"This company is actually writing original work that relates to local history," he said.

Reynolds House is touting the play as "appropriate for audiences ages 4 to 104." Poster agrees that the story will grab everyone's interest.

"This is a story that we all have experienced in life," he said. "For children, the playfulness and the imagination part is important. As adults, it is all about the process of change. We are incredibly excited."

Admission to the play is \$5 at the door. Tickets are also available in advance at www.reynoldahouse.org/calendar.

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