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Election Hurdle Higher

After injunction denial, locals say registration, turnout key

BY CHANEL DAVIS
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Local leaders are disappointed by last week's decision to deny an injunction that would have halted controversial GOP-enacted voting measures before the November election, but they are vowing to use the setback as fuel in their fight to get more people registered and to the polls.

"We are still going to stand our ground and continue to push for the rights of residents and citizens of North Carolina, especially in regards to voting rights," said S. Wayne Patterson, the president of the Winston-Salem branch of the NAACP.

The N.C. NAACP and other groups had asked for the injunction last month in a federal courtroom in Winston-Salem, seeking a



Linda Sutton speaks at a rally in July.

temporary halt of the state's voter ID requirement, same-day voting/registration elimination and other measures they say disenfranchise voters.

U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Schroeder

denied the injunction Friday. The NAACP will now have to fight the law at trial, but the case won't be scheduled and determined by November's mid-term election. While the voter ID requirement won't go into

effect until 2016, the ban on same-day registration and the truncated early voting schedule will now almost certainly stand this year.

Patterson is concerned that such factors will keep some from voting.

"It has taken North Carolina backwards 50 years. I think so many people have died for the right to vote," Patterson said. "This means more challenges for local residents especially those individuals who are older and in poverty."

Rev. Willard W. Bass Jr., the head of the Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity, called Judge Schroeder's ruling a travesty, opining that the judge did not have "the will or necessary information in

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Free supplies of every sort imaginable await local teachers at the Educator Warehouse.

Warehouse continues to be a constant for teachers

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Teachers - or parents - didn't have the option of taking advantage of a tax-free weekend this summer, but the Educator Warehouse is still a place where they can get much needed classroom supplies.

The depository of donated school supplies opened today to local teachers, who are allotted 25-points per school quarter that can be used for every type of supply imaginable. Paper, pencils, crayons, binders, markers, books, bulletin board decorations, facial tissue, art supplies and hand sanitizer are among the items in stock.

While its common practice to require students to bring their own school supplies, it is also common knowledge that when students can't get a hold of those items, teachers often dig into their own pockets to provide them.

"Frequently we have parents who have to choose between food on the table and supplies in the backpack, and they've got to go with the food," said Karel Chandler, who chairs the Warehouse's advisory committee.

The Warehouse has been a free resource to teachers since 2011, a constant through the state budget cuts that have roiled education over the past several years. This year, lawmakers ended the state's tax free weekend, which was started in 2002 to help shoppers with back-to-school essentials, to save \$13 million in revenue.

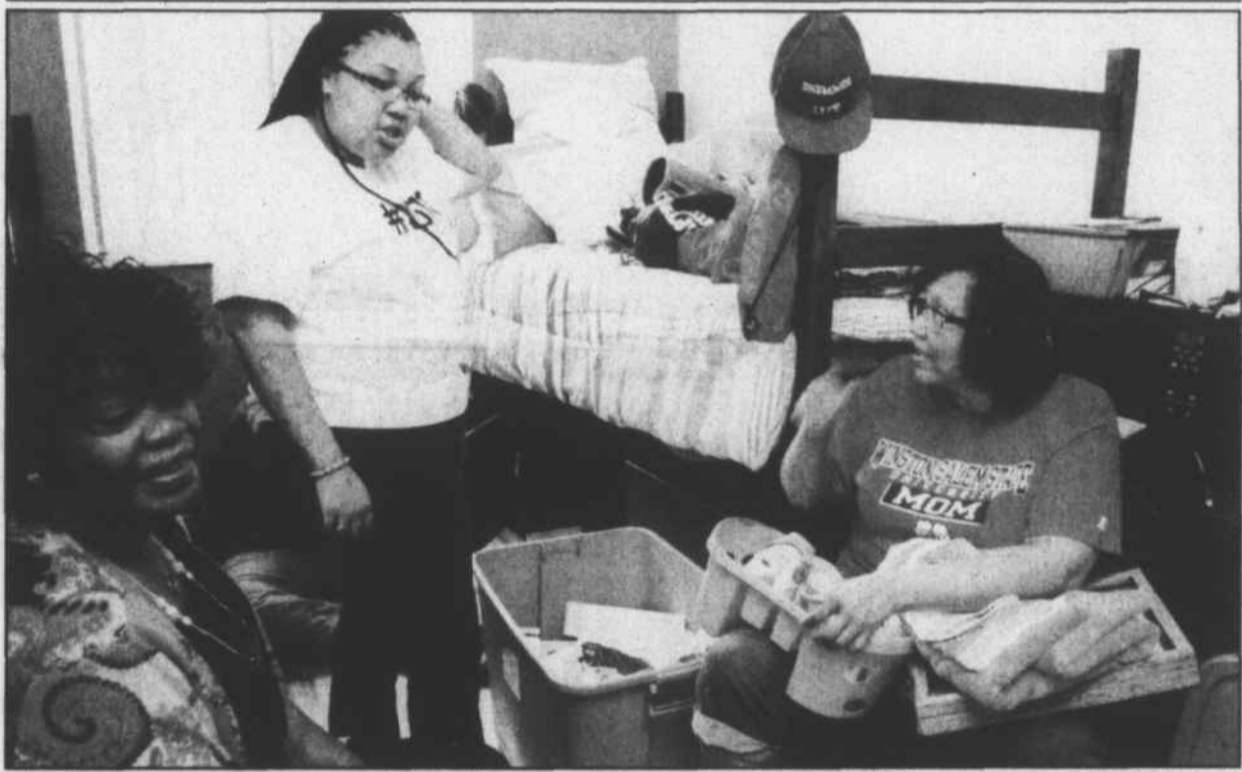
Early this year, during the spring semester, Chandler said the Warehouse was used by 28 percent of the teachers in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. That's more than triple the number who used the service in previous years.

While teachers who use their points wisely can get up to \$150 in free supplies, Chandler said what the Warehouse offers barely scratches the surface for most teachers, who, by some estimates, may spend up to \$800 a year on classroom supplies.

"We're here not to supply the classroom, but to supplement the classroom," she said.

The Warehouse is located in a modular unit that is

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Allison Sutton (center) gets help from her mother, Cheryl (right), grandmother, Alice.

Photos by Chanel Davis

FRESHMEN SETTLE IN

More than 750 First-years arrive at WSSU

BY CHANEL DAVIS
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Hundreds of anxious and excited freshmen descended on the campus of Winston-Salem State University Saturday, ready to begin their paths to a college degree.

Members of fraternities, sororities and other campus organizations helped more than 750



Julian Massey

first-year students move into dorms ahead of the 2014-2015 school year.

A long line of vehicles moved at a snail's pace, as new students and their parents patiently



Vernon Johnson III

waited their turn to unload.

Wilmington native Allison Sutton settled in with the help of her grandmother, aunt, uncle and parents.



Jailan Reed

The 18-year-old, who will major in nursing, said UNCG was her college choice before she attended open house at

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After 44 years, Johnson ready for post-retirement challenges

BY CHANEL DAVIS
THE CHRONICLE



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After dedicating four decades to helping others feel comfortable in their homes, Dot Johnson will be spending more time in hers.

She retired Thursday, July 31 from the North Carolina Housing Services and Management Corporation, which provides quality services and management at low and moderate income housing facilities.

"I don't have any plans right now," Johnson said about her post-retirement. "I am going to take off the month of August, and I don't know what I will do after that."

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Dot Johnson addresses attendees at her retirement reception on July 31.

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