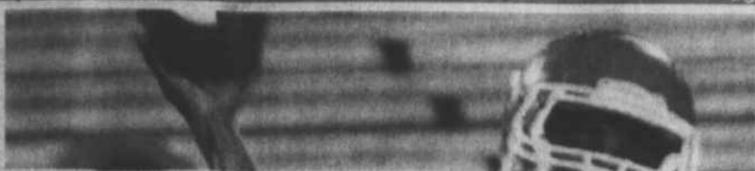


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BOND DISCUSSIONS

A move for Winston-Salem Prep?



Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy is located in the building that used to house the original Atkins High School, which was one of the city's four black high schools during segregation.

School system in talks to move WSPA from historic Atkins High building to WSSU campus

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Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy moving to the campus of Winston-Salem State University may be part of an education bond on next year's ballot.

Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools is currently in talks with WSSU about potentially moving WSPA's high school program to the historically black university's campus as part of an education bond currently in the early planning stages. According to the school system, the move would be contingent on WSPA remaining its own school and retaining all its current academic and athletic programs.

WSPA Principal Richard Watts said it would be a good move for the school, which is a college bound magnet school.

"I think it would be wonderful for us because it gives us an early college environment where students are on the campus of Winston-Salem State University," he said.

Watts said the move would expose students to college life on a daily basis and could let them interact with professors and experience cultural events and guest lecturers on campus. He said once he explained to nervous parents the school would retain its identity, parents and students at the school have been supportive of the move.

If it happens, Hanes Middle School would move into WSPA's current location and merge WSPA's middle school students with Hanes. Hanes, along with Lowrance Middle School, moved last year because of toxicity concerns on the school's land. Hanes is currently housed at the building of the old Hill Middle School, which is too small to accommodate Hanes' more than 800 students.

WSPA's building, which housed the original historically black Atkins High School on Cameron Avenue, should be able to accommodate Hanes' student population, according to WS/FC Schools Chief of Staff Theo Helm. He said if the move doesn't happen, the school system would look for other options for Hanes. He said the idea for the move was first presented to the school board in July and talks with WSSU are still in their early stages. There will be upcoming meetings held to get public feedback on the move.

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Watts



Wilson



Helm

President Obama's male mentoring program comes to W-S

Ministers' Conference holds Community Day

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On Saturday, Sept. 12, the Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity kicked off its Male Mentoring Program with a community day that blocked off the intersection of Graham Avenue and First Street for over five hours.

The My Brother's Keeper initiative was launched by President Barack Obama to address the persistent opportunity gaps faced by boys and young men of color and ensure that all young people can reach their full potential.

My Brother's Keeper Community Day was designed to unite mentoring agencies in the area with those youth who need it the most.

The initiative has six milestones that

they promote:

*Getting a healthy start and entering school ready to learn.

*Reading at grade level by third grade.

*Graduating from high school ready for college and/or career.

*Completing post-secondary education or training.

*Successfully entering the workforce.

*Keeping the students on track and giving them second chances.

During the event, the street was lined with vendors, many of which offered their services free to the public, including free haircuts, free sports physicals and free

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Photo by Tevin Stinson

Over 100 young boys signed up for the Male Mentoring Program during the Citywide Community Day on Saturday, September 12.

WSSU students analyze rap singer's music, which is used by Black Lives Matter

Social messages in latest album compared to those of N.W.A

BY TEVIN STINSON
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Music, just like history, has a tendency to repeat itself.

While N.W.A took a chance to tell the people

about racism and social injustice during the 1980s, Kendrick Lamar, who is also from Compton, California, is one of the few rappers today using his lyrics to fight against the same issues that plagued the African-American community over 20 years ago.

The spotlight has been shown on N.W.A recently with the new biopic "Straight Outta Compton," which remained the top grossing movie for two weekends in a row. The movie is

about the members of the group.

Kendrick is known for his witty lyrics that challenge the social construct of America. A number of his songs have been used during rallies and protests of the Black Lives Matter movement.

On Tuesday, Sept. 8, Winston-Salem State University students and educators gathered to analyze the social messages in Kendrick's latest

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