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## She Talk/Wise Guys

Paul Laurence Dunbar Center in Salisbury sponsors a prevention program for adolescents. Rowan Events, 11B.

## Livingstone launches continuing adult program

SPECIAL TO THE POST

**SALISBURY** — Another Livingstone College adult business college "cohorts" class begins this weekend.

The classes match adults who take classes in evenings and on weekends and can obtain degrees in as little as 18 months. Credit can be given for life experiences also.

Livingstone President Burnett Joiner announced the beginning of the Continuing Education and

Lifelong Learning Program in March. Joiner noted the national trend of adults who need and want to continue their college education or want to attend for the first time.

He tapped Carol Meeks as the program director.

"This is the way education is moving for adults," Meeks said. "Enrollment figures show that more people who are 25 years old and older are entering college at a higher and faster rate than those

who are 18 years old.

"Most working adults do not have time in their busy schedules to go to class three times per week between 9 and 5. So we designed the class schedules to operate around their work hours. The response has been very good."

With a goal of meeting the needs of the adult learners in the local and nearby communities, the college set up the Adult Business Degree program. It is

created for adults who have earned 60 or more college credits and could graduate in 18 months. All of those who participate stay in their cohort group and advance through the accelerated program together.

The first cohort group began in March with students like Doris Harris, a Mocksville wife and mother and full time library assistant at Hood Seminary.

"This really is what I needed to get me back on track to complet-

ing my bachelor's degree," she said. "Because of the evening classes, I am able to keep my full time job. Otherwise, I would only be able to try to take a course now and then at lunch time."

Sam Simmons drives from Gastonia to Salisbury every Thursday for classes.

"To me this is a great program," he said. "I have tried others. This one fits my needs because I work and I do volunteer work in the community. I have actually been

able to apply some of my class assignments to my current job."

The course content at Livingstone is traditional but tailored to the working adult. The teaching strategies used by the instructors are specifically designed for the adult learner. The college will even take its courses to the community upon request.

For more information, call Carol Meeks at (704) 638-5710 or (800) 835-3435.

## Military school has white flight

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**CHARLESTON, S.C.** — Concern about discipline, fights and harassment of white students has prompted some parents to pull their children out of Charleston County's new Military Magnet Middle School.

But organizers of the school, where students adhere to a military system during a 10-hour day, believe it will prove so successful the county will want to start another.

During the first month of classes, 55 students have withdrawn, 70 percent of them white, The (Charleston) Post and Courier reported Tuesday. Now there are 945 students, about 90 percent of them black.

Rhonda Jerome, who transferred her daughter from the school last week, said that on the first day students sounded off by race and sex. But the class laughed because her daughter was the only one in the white female category.

She also said her daughter was hit and the target of racial slurs. She worries that, instead of a school with high academic standards, the Military Magnet School has become a school for problem children.

Commandant Steve Twining said the girl's homeroom teacher did not mean to single her out on the first day and he regrets how she was treated by other students.

"It was a horrible situation that she encountered and one that we will not tolerate," he said.

He said the school is trying to build a cadet corps in which students identify themselves by battalion, not race. He predicted there will be demand for a second school.

The Citadel, South Carolina's state military college, has announced plans to adopt the school and will send cadets to tutor and drill students.

County School Superintendent Chip Zullinger said a good program is developing, but he is concerned about start-up problems and said the racial makeup should better reflect the community.

The reasons for the student transfers are not all clear.

Some students may not have liked the military atmosphere and longer days. There were also problems with buses and many uniforms and textbooks arrived after the school year began.

Violence was one reason Debbie Sawa of North Charleston and Cheryl Patrick of West Ashley said they withdrew their children last week. They also worried about academics.

## Parade for a hero



PHOTO/GWEN PLUMMER

Salisbury native and Denver Nuggets rookie Bobby Jackson signs autographs Saturday during a parade in his honor. Jackson, who starred at the University of Minnesota, was hailed as a role model for his community work.

## Salisbury honors its native son

By Malcolm Plummer  
FOR THE CHARLOTTE POST

**SALISBURY** — Salisbury native Bobby Jackson turned an overcast Saturday afternoon into a bright and sunny day.

The NBA rookie, riding gallantly in a dark-green pickup truck, greeted thousands of fans and well-wishers at a parade in his honor. Heading Bobby Jackson Day, the parade started at Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church and ended at Salisbury High School. There, in front of a packed auditorium received all of the honors fitted for a king. And the people loved him.

Reading a proclamation officially recognizing Saturday as Bobby Jackson Day, city officials presented the Salisbury native with the key to the city.

Thunderous applause and shouts from the audience served as ample evidence of Salisbury's appreciation and respect for the Denver Nugget rookie. "I'm just glad to be home to see my family, cousins, and friends," said Jackson.

Salisbury's first professional

basketball player, who was dressed in an understated brown tweed jacket and slacks, seemed to know everybody's name. And they sure knew him.

A procession including everyone from Salisbury High's Marching Hornets to Little Miss

Black Salisbury-Rowan seemed to be not only a warm tribute to a native son coming home but also a reflection of ideas that Jackson, according to those who know him best, epitomize; discipline, hard work, and knowledge of where you came from.

"We used to fight all the time," said Jackson's twin sister Barbara. "I'm so proud of him. I cannot begin to tell you how happy I am for him," she said outside of Soldiers Memorial waiting for the parade honoring her brother.

If anybody knows about Jackson's journey from the low-income housing of Brookview to the NBA courts it would have to be his mother Sarah.

"He listened to what I said," she said. "He's got a good head on his shoulders and he's very determined."

Talk about Jackson's discipline with his friend and Livingstone basketball coach Andrew Mitchell and he'll tell you about Jackson's regimented schedule.

"Early this morning, actually earlier than I planned to get up," said Mitchell, "Bobby called me up wanting to know if I could get the keys to the gym at Livingstone because he wanted to work out. So I got up, got the keys and met him at the gym

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PHOTO/GWEN PLUMMER

The Salisbury High School marching band took part in the parade honoring Bobby Jackson.

## Rowan Events

Oct. 2

• 10 a.m. — Zeta Phi Beta Health Fair, Livingstone College, Old Trent Gym, 801-W. Monroe St., Salisbury.

• 6 p.m. — Ju jitsu, Paul Laurence Dunbar Center, 820 S. Long St., E. Spencer. Committed to the development and strengthening of mind, body and spirit through fitness training. Instructor: Sensei Craig Harrison. Eight years to adult. Tuition \$15 per month. For more information, call 647-0054.

• 6 p.m. — Junior Toastmasters, Miller Recreation Center, 1402 W. Bank Street, Salisbury. This program is designed to improve public speaking and writing skills. For boys and girls, grades 6-8.

• 6 p.m. — Girls Club, Miller Recreation Center, 1402 W. Bank St., Salisbury. Fun and games for ages 9-14. Discussions on various topics. Every Thursday 6 to 8 p.m. Registration ongoing. For information call: 638-5297/5298.

• 6 p.m. — Youth Night, Miller Recreation Center, Hall Gym, 1402 W.

Bank Street, Salisbury. Seven to 14 years olds will compete in 3-point shooting, around the world, dribbling, 21, 3-on-3, and 5-on-5. Each Thursday until Oct. 23. Register each Thursday from 5 to 6 p.m.

• 6 p.m. — Over 35 Basketball, Paul Laurence Dunbar Center, 820 S. Long St., E. Spencer.

• 6 p.m. — Cultural Film Festival, Dunbar Family Resource Center, 820 S. Long St., E. Spencer. Thursdays, 6-8 p.m. Hosted by retired actor Greg Curlee. For information, call 637-0054.

• 6 p.m. — Volleyball game, Livingstone College, New Trent Gym, 801 W. Monroe St., Salisbury. Livingstone College vs. Johnson C. Smith University.

• 7 p.m. — NAACP meeting, Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church, 306 N. Church St., Salisbury.

Oct. 3

• 6 p.m. — Park Avenue Neighborhood Meeting, Tower of Power United Holy Church, 601 E. Cemetery St., Salisbury.

• 7 p.m. — Bible Study, Jerusalem Baptist Church, North Long Street, Spencer.

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• 7:30 p.m. — Football game, Salisbury High School, 500 Lincolnton Rd., Salisbury. Salisbury High School vs Lexington High School.

Oct. 4

• 9-10 a.m. — Interspersory Prayer line, Jerusalem Baptist Church, N. Long St., Spencer. Call in prayer requests each Saturday morning. Call 637-3447.

• 10 a.m. — Story Time, Miller Center, 1402 W. Bank St., Salisbury. For 4 to 6 year olds, who will hear stories and participate in an art activity. Cost: \$2, residents; \$4, non-residents. For information, call 638-5297.

• 10 a.m. — Autumn Jubilee, Dan-

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