## Friday starts year of change for CMS

student performance and is funded by a \$21 million Gates funded by a \$21 million Gates Foundation grant. Garinger's smaller schools will start with 100 minth-graders and add 100 annually. "This initiative was not only an exciting and challenging

process, but a total rebirth for the school," Garinger princi-pal Jo Ellen Farrell said "My students, staff and parents pai Jo Ellen rarrell said. My students, staff and parents have completely embraced the small-schools concept, so there is a lot of positive ener-gy buzzing around campus." Garinger will add three gy buzzing aroun Garinger will

more specialized schools in 2007-08, then shut down its

traumona program.

Garinger, along with West
Charlotte, Waddell and West
Mecklenburg, were spared
the possibility of closure by
Wake County Judge Howard
Manning, who threatened to

least five consecutive years of pass rates below 55 percent. The state turn a round director reported that the CMS schools had plans in place that went beyond N.C. standards.

• The drive to bring more men into students' education is picking up momentum. More than 80 men attended a rally last Saturday at Greenville Memorial AME Zion Church. The goal is to encourage men to volunteer for school activities as well as take an active role in academics.

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For information on the program or to volunteer, call Blanche Penn at (704) 890-4101 or Dwayne Collins at (704) 777-4313.



The Rev. Dwayne Collins leads a drive to recruit more men into Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools as volunteers at Greenville Memorial AME Zion Church.

## Initiatives boost enrollment

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"We are pleased that U.S. News & World Report has recognized our outstanding academic programs and students by including JCSU on their list," university President Dorothy Cowser Yancy said.

Smith's freshman boost is

attributed to improved marketing and programs designed to prepare high school students for the transition to college.

"They've been working with students to fill out their financial aid a lot sooner," Benny Smith said And preparens like our Freshman. Benny Smith said And pro-grams like our Freshman Academy is helping prepare them. All those little things

are adding up"
Advertisements placed in
Ebony magazine have also
been particularly effective at
spreading the JCSU story
"Apparently we're getting a
lot of students who've seen
the ad beganse it's a national

the ad because it's a national ad," Smith said.

On the Net

## AIDS scourge 'outpaces' cure

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chair of the recently-concluded International AIDS
Conference here, put it this
way. "Today, 25 years into
this epidemic, we have a real
opportunity to deliver like
never before We have more
resources than ever, more
knowledge than ever, more
political commitments than
ever Still, the epidemic continues to outpace us."

Another set of figures illustrates Gayle's point. The
number of people living with
HIV/AIDS – 38.6 million – is
double the total for 1995. In
2005, an estimated 4.1 million people became newlyinfected with HIV, including
540,000 children. During
that same year, 2.8 million
people died of AIDS-related
illnesses.

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Dr. Peter Piot, UNAIDS
executive director, stated without equivocation: "Tragically, the end of AIDS is

without equivocation:
'Tragically, the end of AIDS is nowhere in sight.'

HIV stands for Human Immunodeficiency Virus, the disease that causes AIDS It destroys certain blood cells necessary for the normal functioning of the immune system, the mechanism that defends the body against illness. AIDS stands for Acquired Immunodeficiency. It occurs when a person's immune system is so weakened by HIV that cancers and diseases develop

Vaccines to prevent HIV infection or strengthen the immune system's ability to defend itself are being tested around the world. Under the most optimistic projections, a successful vaccine is still years away.

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Absent an effective vaccine, those hoping to curb — or at least make a dent in the HIV/AIDS pandemic — are relying on more aggressive prevention programs and better delivery systems, especially in rural areas around the world.

As Phill Wilson, executive director of the Black AIDS Institute in Los Angeles, said at this year's international convention: "AIDS is a Black disease." Globally and within the United States.

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Though it has only 10 to 11 percent of the world's population, the region has almost two-thirds of people living with HIV/AIDS — 24.5 million. Sub-Saharan Africa is home to 87 percent of the 2.3

with HIV/AIDS – 24.5 million. Sub-Saharan Africa is home to 87 percent of the 2.3 million children living with HIV/AIDS. In South Africa, 5.5 million people are living with AIDS, or almost 1 in 5. The Caribbean is the second-most affected region in the world AIDS is the leading cause of death among 15.

ing cause of death among 15-44 year-olds. In both sub-Saharan Africa and the Caribbean, addressing the

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problem is complicated by other factors, including poverty, discrimination, unemployment, stigma and gender inequality.

People of African decent face a similar fate in the United States:

• Although African-Americans are only 13 percent of the U.S. population, they represent 49 percent of all AIDS cases diagnosed in 2004,

• The AIDS rate among blacks was 10.2 times that of whites in 2004;

• Of new cases of AIDS

whites in 2004;
• Of new cases of AIDS reported among women, black females accounted for 67 percent of the cases, white women 17 percent and

Hispanics 14 percent and
Although AfricanAmerican teens represent
only 15 percent of U.S.
teenagers, they were 66 percent of all new AIDS cases
reported among teens
While there is no vaccine on
the horizon, the medical community is not standing still in
the face of those stark figures.
"We want to call on everyone here and around the
world to help speed up what
we hope will be the next big
breakthrough in the fight
against AIDS—the discovery
of a microbicide or an oral
prevention drug that can
block the transmission of
HIV," Bill Gates told delegates here.

Carolina Medical Associates Welcomes Dr. James McGhee

He joins Dr. Avinash Shah, Dr. Maher Agha, Dr. Jeanea Hundley and Dr. Susan Echterling.



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