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**Primary Color**

*African-Americans running countywide confident despite lack of successes for blacks in Forsyth*

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If you count Dean Rutledge, Fred Bauer and Tim Nugent, Denise Hartsfield faces three challengers in the Sept. 10 primary. If you throw in black voter apathy, local political history and racism, Hartsfield, who is trying to succeed Judge Roland Hayes on the 21st District Court bench, faces a varied slew of hurdles.

Hartsfield and two Democratic candidates for sheriff, John Polite and Jim Bob Campbell, are on track to do something that has seldom been done by



Hartsfield

African-Americans in Forsyth County: win seats voted on countywide.

"Forsyth County is a very conservative county," said Winston-Salem State University political science professor Larry

Little, explaining one of the reasons he feels black candidates have had a tough

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Lt. John Polite campaigns at a community event recently.

Photo by Kevin Walker

**Officials hand out awards to leaders**

*Several honored by black commissioners for standing up for African-Americans*

BY PAUL COLLINS  
THE CHRONICLE

The N.C. Association of Black County Officials, at its annual awards luncheon Saturday, honored five people who have helped better the lives of African-Americans. William "Bill" Martin, state senator, received the Outstanding Leadership Award; Rev. Dr. William Walter Finlater, civil rights activist, received the Humanitarian Award; Bridget Wall, assistant to the secretary for N.C. H.U.B. (Historically Underutilized Businesses) Outreach, received the Service Award; G.K. Butterfield, associate justice of the N.C. Supreme Court, received the President's Award; and Ben Ruffin, past chairman of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors, received the Frederick Douglass Leadership Award.



Ruffin

Patricia Ferguson, president of The N.C. Association of Black County Officials, presented the awards.

Martin, who has served with distinc-

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N.C. A&T State University junior Thurston Davis III shows off the brick he bought to help the school raise money for its foundation.

**A&T looks to students to help grow university**

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**GREENSBORO** - The N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University campus is a different place than it was just five years ago. The school has a new tennis and athletic facilities, newly paved parking lots, refurbished buildings, a Goliath of a new state-of-the-art dormitory and even new benches and street signs.

The university is making an all-out effort to let students know that the new amenities they enjoy were not free. A&T is among a growing list of historically black institutions driving home to students, even before they graduate, the importance of alumni giving.

Earlier this month, freshmen not only got an orientation about the layout of the campus, but also a lesson about the effects that philanthropy can have.

Obre Smith, the president of the school's foundation, which two years ago spearheaded the construction of Aggie Suites, a multimillion dollar privately run dorm on campus, said it is never too soon to start telling students the importance of giving back, even if it is just a few dollars.

"Some, if not all, will blow \$10 to \$40 a week on some of the things they want," said Smith, who said the university must drastically increase the level of alumni giving in a very short time if

it wants to remain competitive. "We feel that if the students don't become involved in giving at the stage when they set foot on this campus, it will almost be too late when they graduate and receive the oath from the president of the national alumni association."

Only about 7 percent of the school's 37,000 living alumni contribute to A&T, a figure that Smith and others call deplorable.

Last week the school announced two efforts aimed at spurring giving by alumni and friends of the university. First, the school's foundation is offering people a chance to become permanently connected to A&T through a brick campaign. For \$50 each the names of contributors will be carved in red bricks that will lead to the entranceway of Aggie Suites. The bricks can also be designed to memorialize deceased family members.

The school has already gotten good response from early efforts promoting the brick campaign. Several bricks have been purchased and have been laid.

James Dickens graduated from A&T in 1941. Today when he travels around the campus, he doesn't recognize much. "It is a totally different place," he said. "That makes me proud that it has been able to grow so much."

School officials say that Dickens and others like them are part of the rea-

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**Black freshmen adding to Wake's diversity**

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
THE CHRONICLE

Joseph Martinez and Clifton Granby were among 73 black freshmen who began class yesterday at Wake Forest University. All told, 143 minority students are among the school's crop of 1,012 incoming freshmen.

Both Martinez and Granby say they are interested in studying science. Martinez likes veterinary medicine, and Granby is leaning toward psychology. They both also were lured to the school thanks in no small part to the efforts of Wake Forest's Office of Multicultural Affairs, which was formed 16 years ago to help give the Wake campus a little color, among other things.

Martinez's parents, Ismael and Laura, helped their son move into Johnson Hall on Moving Day last week. The Martinez family recently returned from a nine-year stint in Okinawa, Japan, where both parents were

on active naval duty. Now that Martinez's parents will be stationed at Camp Lejeune for the next couple of years, their youngest daughter, a sophomore in high school, will keep them company while her older brother is away at college.

Joseph Martinez, who went to a Department of Defense high school on the Okinawa Naval Base, explained that he wanted to attend a college in North Carolina. He and his father first visited the WFU campus in February, and he says that he was taken aback by the "beautiful and nice atmosphere."

"At my (high) school there were kids from every background - black, white, Mexican, Filipinos ... everyone - and the fact that (WFU) is predominantly white didn't really have any weight on my decision," said Joseph Martinez, who said he researched the statistics on the ethnic makeup of the students at Wake Forest.

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Photo by Courtney Gaillard

Wake Forest freshman Joseph Martinez gets help from his sister, Alyssia, and mom, Laura, on move-in day.

More than 300 guests gathered at the mansion of Dr. Charlie L. and Willie M. Kennedy on Saturday night to party for the cause of education. Marilyn Baldwin Richards, North Carolina director of United Negro College Fund, thanked all who contributed to the grand total of \$215,000.



Kennedy

Richards recognized Mayor Allen Joines; Benjamin Ruffin, past chairman of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors; Dr. Angela Fryar of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools; Dr. Melvin Johnson, provost of Winston-Salem State University; the corporate sponsors and presidents of member colleges who came out; members of the Kennedy/A Mind Is Society; and other special guests who participated in rewarding the students who receive scholarships from

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