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# The war over the war is neating up



Rev. John Mendez shows a group of Muslim women pictures from his trip to Iraq.



Terri Carter lifts a sign featuring pictures of her two sons. One of them is in Kuwait.

## Operation Iraqi Freedom has fledgling black support

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

The Black Leadership Roundtable of Winston-Salem took a stance on the war with Iraq last Thursday, a few hours after bombs began to drop on the Middle Eastern nation.

While supporting the efforts of American men and women who have been called to fight in the war, roundtable members adopted a resolution calling for the U.S. to stop its aggressive resolve toward Iraq. The roundtable's stance should not come as surprise. African Americans from coast-

to-coast have not embraced this war with open arms, a fact easily deciphered from black talk radio and statements made by African American leaders.

A recent poll by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies found that less than 20

percent of blacks supported the war. Double that number said they were firmly against war. The poll was conducted before fighting began last week.

Fleming El-Amin, co-convenor of the Black Leadership Roundtable, believes the legacy of unfairness that many blacks carry is one of the main reasons they are wary of the war.

"I think (because of) our history in this country, we have a stronger sensitivity to fairness," El-Amin said. "We

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## Vets: troops, Bush need support

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Terri Carter spent last Friday night making a sign to carry during a rally Saturday to show support for American troops fighting in the Middle East. The week-old war is personal for Carter. One of her sons has been deployed to Kuwait with his army unit. Her other son is a high school senior who will follow in his older brother's footsteps when he joins the military after graduation this spring.

Carter, who drove from Madison to take part in the rally, glued pictures of both her boys to her homemade sign and attached an American flag to the back of it.

"We need to support our

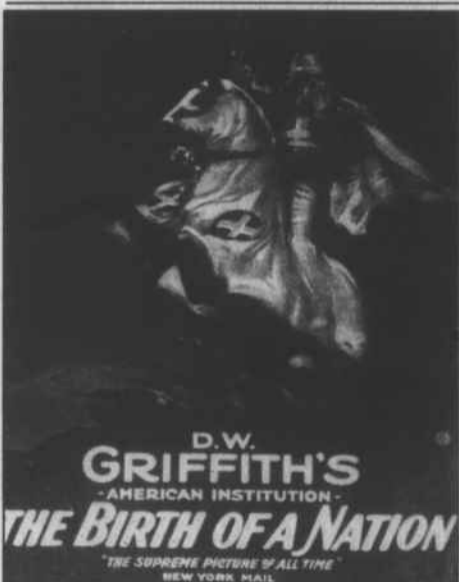


A man holds an American flag at a rally Saturday.

troops. They are doing a lot for the country," said Carter, who joined more than 200 others for a rally that started in the park-

ing lot at Joel Coliseum and turned into a parade that ended at Ernie Shore Stadium.

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## Infamous WFU alum's work to be used to probe racial attitudes

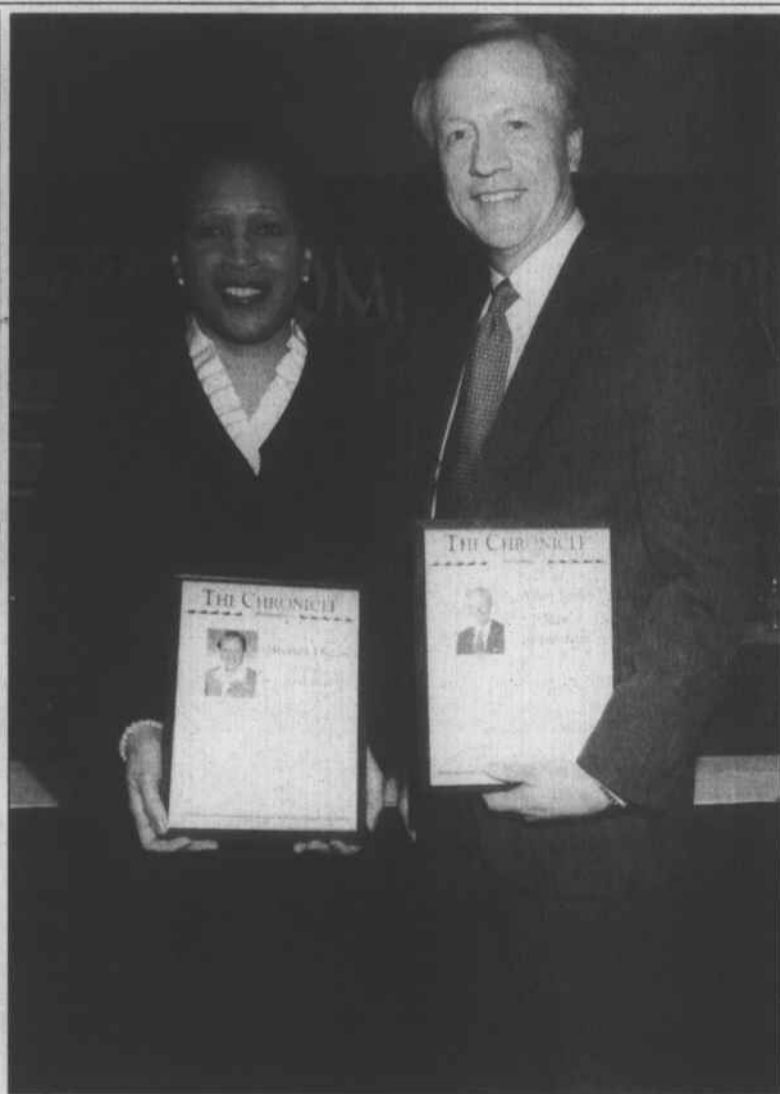
BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Don't look for statues of Thomas Dixon Jr. on the campus of Wake Forest University. There are no residence halls boasting his name either.

It is a little known fact that Dixon graduated from Wake Forest in 1883 - decades before the school relocated to Winston-Salem from Eastern North Carolina - and seemingly that is the way the school likes it.

During the first half of the 20th century, Dixon managed to turn ideas that many considered racist into a series of successful books, one of which, "The Clans-

See Dixon on A4



Brenda Diggs and Mayor Allen Jaines hold their awards for Woman and Man of the Year after The Chronicle's 20th Annual Community Service Awards banquet Saturday. More than two dozen people were honored at the event. A picture package of the banquet and award winners is featured on pages C1, C2 and C11.

Photo by Bruce Chapman

## Respected Iman focuses on faith, not war during talk

Son of Nation of Islam founder spoke at area universities last week

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD THE CHRONICLE

Imam W. Deen Mohammed gave a brief address on human dignity at Winston-Salem State University last Thursday. Mohammed was in town late last week for a series of lectures. In addition to his appearance at WSSU, Mohammed also spoke at Wake Forest University and Salem College.

Mohammed - a son of the late Elijah Mohammed who founded the Nation of Islam - is the leader and international spokesman for the American Muslim Society. He is also the leading member of the World Conference on Religion & Peace and the World Supreme Council of Mosques.

"The original dignity given to us by God, it's inherent. It's our property that we're born with. God says he made all the children of Adam honorable with dignity...that means every human being, according to my religion and your religion's inherently noble in (God's) creation," said Mohammed.

Mohammed said he can't help but to think about who has influenced his faith when talking about human dignity. He recalled how his father frequently preached that "Islam is freedom, justice and equality." Had his father not preached those ideals, said Mohammed, he may not have remained a Muslim.

"(Islam) appealed to my inherent dignity as a creation of God, as a human creation of God and that's



Deen Mohammed

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