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A STUDENT AND A SOLDIER

High schoolers taking advantage of program that allows them to complete Army training

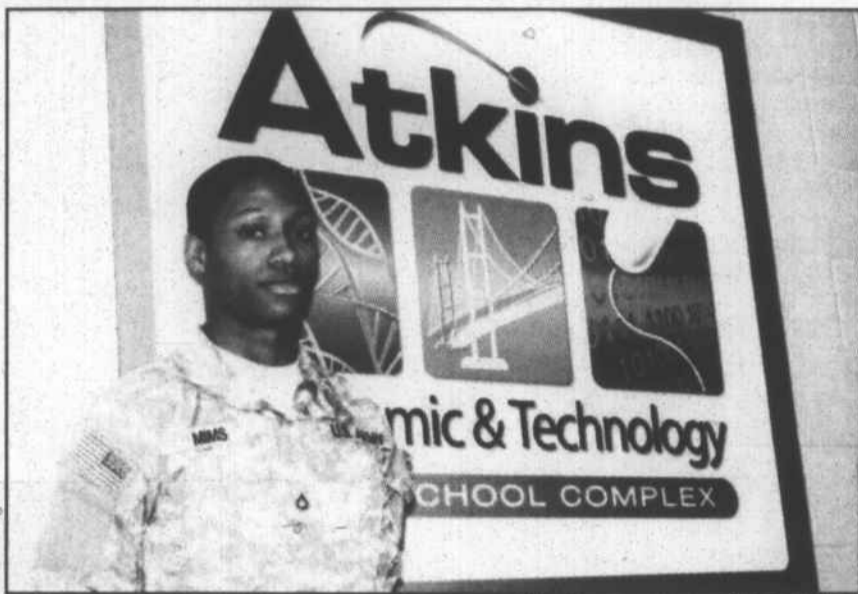
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Private First Class Quinten Mims is the newest member of the Army Reserves, having graduated from basic training this summer. But after that, he returned to another type of training: classes at Atkins High School.

Mims, 17, is one of many high school students taking advantage of a program that allows them to complete military basic training between their junior and senior years. He did the split option training, which allowed him to either join the Army National Guard or Reserves.

This year, nearly 4,000 high school students who enlisted in the Army Reserves came through split option training. Once Mims graduates from Atkins next year, he'll spend his summer doing Advanced Individual Training in his specialty before attending college in the fall.

Sgt. 1st Class Lillian Acevedo, station commander for the local



Pfc. Quinten Mims attends the new Atkins High School.

Photo by Todd Luck

Army recruiting station, says the option is very popular among high school students.

"Most of them already have it in mind that they want to be in the military as a career option, and they see

this as a way of getting in their quicker," said Acevedo.

Normally basic training is done back-to-back with Advanced Individual Training. Those who wait until after high school graduation to begin training often find that it lasts into the fall, causing them to start college late.

Mims trained at Fort Jackson, S.C., where he was an honor graduate. His goal is to be a doctor in the Army. Taking the biotechnology tract at Atkins, a magnet school that focuses on science and technology, got him interested in medicine. He said the Army Reserves was a good way to see if the Army was right for him. Mims said after boot camp, he was sure he made the right choice.

"When you go to basic, it's a whole different thing than what you see in the movies and what other people tell you," he said. "It helped me really narrow my decision down to 'Ok, this is what I really want to

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Photo by Layla Farmer

Jimmy Boyd

NAACP to be led by Boyd

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A retired Winston-Salem Police Department sergeant has been elected as the next president of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the NAACP.

Jimmy Boyd, 59, is a well-known local resident. Besides his years on the police force, in 2005, he narrowly lost a seat on the Winston-Salem City Council.

It was Boyd who was the victor in the recent NAACP election. He beat Diana Williams-Cotton, the only other contender for the seat. He will be officially sworn in at the chapter's first meeting in January 2009.

Boyd, owner of Boyd Bail Bonding Company, succeeds outgoing President Stephen Hairston. Hairston, also a former member of the WSPD, has led the organization since 2000.

"In a way, I'm sad because I believe I just started putting my feet in some solid contacts in the city," Hairston related in an interview with The



Hairston

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Future of MLK Drive debated

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The room was abuzz with creativity Monday night as professional architects, designers and everyday folks put their heads together to dream big. The

Community Concept Charrette drew more than 75 local residents to United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. A charrette (shu-ret) is a fancy name for an "intense creative session." The intent of the meeting was to gain insight and ideas about the future of a key area of East Winston from the people who live, work and play in the community every day.

Groups crowded around tables with large aerial maps spread before them. They pointed and gestured and spiritedly debated the pros



Photos by Layla Farmer

Albert Porter, Jane Milner and James Grace (all standing) survey a map.

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YOU GO GIRL!



Photo by Kevin Walker

"Miss Pam," the owner of Dance with Me Studios, shows that age is nothing but a number as she shimmyes her way down Liberty Street during Saturday's Christmas Parade. The crowd responded to her enthusiasm with loud applause and cheers. Read more about the parade on page B8.

READY TO RUMBLE

American Indian heroine taking on the U.S. government

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Elouise Cobell, an American Indian activist and lead plaintiff in the biggest class action lawsuit in U.S. history, shared her story at the Wake Forest University School of Law last Thursday.

Cobell sued the U.S. Government in 1996 over alleged mismanagement of trust accounts it holds for American Indians. In the late 1800s, American Indians were granted land by the federal government. According to the law at the time, American Indians were incompetent, so the government became the trustee of the land - managing it and then giving the revenue generated by the land to its American Indian owners. But owners say they have received little or nothing.

See Cobell on A4 Elouise Cobell speaks at Wake Forest University.



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