

from African Americans who say they were unfairly targeted by Winston-Salem Police officers

Former NAACP president Stephen Hairston, a retired Winston-Salem Police Department sergeant, took charge of the chapter's Incidents Department, which looks into such claims, last month. Hairston says he has turned many complaints away because the officers involved were simply following protocol, but there are more than a half dozen complaints that he believes warrant a deeper conversation.

He met last week with two families who have filed complaints with the chapter to discuss their qualms.

Vicki Moore says that on the morning of Feb. 11. 2011, she took her son, Semaj Moore, and her nephew,

Jerry Summers, to Burlington Coat Factory to purchase some new clothes for their gospel rap act. She says she noticed a police officer was driving closely behind, but thought little of it until the threesome arrived at the store on North Point Boulevard.

"As soon as I turned into the parking lot, 25 carloads of police cars came

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BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

District Court Judge Denise Hartsfield is used to being in the spotlight.

by Hartsfield

Judge Denise Hartsfield speaks at a

Community

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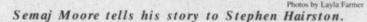
The charismatic city native with a penchant for fashion has made a name for herself outside the courtroom that rivals the status of her current

position as one of the county's two African American District Court judges. Hartsfield, a longtime member of St. Paul United Methodist Church, is a favorite for many event organizers across the city. who tap her for every thing from a keynote



Rev. Williams

speaker to Mistress of Ceremonies. But in recent months, the Wake Forest University alumna has unwittingly found herself the subject of media attention of another kind. In March, Hartsfield became the subject of media scrutiny after being accused of helping friends and acquaintances with parking and traffic tickets. Hartsfield will have a hearing in Raleigh on Sept. 7 Many in the community have rallied behind the judge, determined to support her in her time of need. On Sunday, a "Prayer Rally for Judge Denise Hartsfield" will be held at Hartsfield's home church, St. Paul United Methodist. The rally is organized by the Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity. "We are rallying to let everyone know that there's a lot of community support for Judge Hartsfield," said Rev. Dr. Carlton Eversley, pastor of the nearby Dellabrook Presbyterian Church and a former Ministers Conference president. "She's definitely somebody the community can be proud of and she needs the support of the people ...when the questions come up and the doubts come up - that's when it's important



See Police on A9 Former pupils feted at teacher's dinner

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

Former elementary school teacher Dr. Clarice Graham Carter reunited Saturday with some of the students she taught decades ago.

The city native held a dinner at the Embassy Suites Hotel to



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Photo by Todd Luck Dr. Clarice Graham Carter greets former student Curtis



Latham elementary schools between 1955 and 1986, when retired from teaching.

About two dozen of her former students were in attendance.

Carter, who relocated to Michigan after she retired, said she held the affair to thank the students for all that they taught her.

"I found I learned a tremendous number of things, not only about them, but about myself," said Carter, a Winston-Salem State University alumna.

Carter, who taught fourth grade at Diggs and was a reading teacher and coordinator at Latham, said she also wanted to thank her students for all of the kind cards, letters and words she's received over the years from them. Carter is proud that she has had such a lasting impact on so many.

As her former students - now professional adults - made their way into the banquet hall, Carter dents continue to tell tales about

warmly greeted each of them. Even after all these years, she still recognized them.

'When I look at my students, I can see it in their eyes, or I see a smile or something about them. You just know," said Carter.

Carter said some of her stu-

her and her classroom style and even share what they have learned from her in their business boardrooms and during public speaking engagements

"It makes me know they took to heart: the things that I said," said Carter.

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Reaves discusses the state of WSSU



BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

In a time of financial upheaval, Winston-Salem State University has been faced with many tough decisions. WSSU Chancellor Donald Reaves called a Town Hall Meeting Tuesday night to discuss the challenges the school is facing and give the community a clear idea of the direction the university is headed.

'My goal is for you to leave here knowing everything that I know about what's going on on campus,' Reaves said.

Reaves tackled what he calls "the 800-pound elephant in the room," the school's budget. The institution, which has been forced to shave more than \$21 million from its annual budget over the last three years, has sustained another blow: the state has asked it to take a \$10.1 million hit this year. Reaves didn't sugar coat the message. The school will suffer, he said.

"It's a pretty precarious situation that we're in and I think that it's going to remain difficult for quite



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Chancellor Reaves addresses attendees.

President Barack Obama gets some love from a little girl in July as he greets wounded soldiers and their families in the State Dining Room of the White House.



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