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Federal court upholds voter ID law

BY TODD LUCK
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U.S. District Judge Thomas Schroeder ruled against the N.C. NAACP and other plaintiffs, upholding voter ID and other changes to North Carolina election laws.

Schroeder heard arguments on most of the provisions in North Carolina's election reform act, known as House Bill 589, last summer.

Lawyers with the N.C. NAACP, U.S. Justice Department and League of

"Common practices like boarding an airplane and purchasing Sudafed require photo ID, and thankfully a federal court has ensured our citizens will have the same protection for their basic right to vote."

—Gov. Pat McCrory

Women Voters argued that eliminating same day registration, out-of-precinct voting, pre-registration for

teens and shortening early voting discriminated against minorities and

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Hall



McCrory



Barber



Photo by Erin Mizelle

Sizing things up

Dr. Ronny Bell, co-director of the Maya Angelou Center for Health Equity at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center, is seen in a contemplative mood during The Chronicle's 31st annual Community Service Awards Banquet last Saturday at the Donald Julian Reaves Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University. Bell was awarded a tribute for the work he does in the community. SEE THE COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARDS BANQUET SPECIAL SECTION INSIDE TODAY'S CHRONICLE.

Hopkins leaving a legacy of service at Wake Forest

BY TODD LUCK
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Beth Hopkins said that after graduating from Wake Forest University in 1973 with Cum Laude honors, she planned to attend WFU law school, but was turned down because there were already two black law students. She said she was devastated.

"It just wasn't my time to be at Wake Forest, at the law school, it just wasn't my time," said Hopkins. "You could not have convinced me that 30 years later, that I would be teaching here and directing a program."

Professor Beth Hopkins, who leads the Wake Forest School of Law's outreach efforts, is retiring in June after more than 30 years at the

university.

Hopkins was born in 1951 and grew up in Petersburg, Virginia. Both her parents were educators with high expectations for their two daughters. Hopkins said it was a turbulent time in race relations in the South. She vividly remembered the White

Only signs and not being able to go to swimming pools and tennis courts on the other side of town. She said starting at the age of 12, she wanted to

become a lawyer so she could be an "agent of change" following in the footsteps of her heroes like Oliver Hill, Thurgood Marshall, Charles Hamilton Houston and Patricia Roberts Harris.

"I wanted to change things; I wanted to make it fair," she said. "I wanted to make the Constitution apply to people who look like me."

When she graduated high school, a friend told her Wake Forest University was looking for black female students, so she applied and was awarded an academic scholarship. In 1971, she was among the first black women to live on campus and later became the university's first black homecoming queen.

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Hopkins

S.G. Atkins CDC honored during annual housing event

Development corporation receives award for work in southeast portion of the city

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

Each year city officials and the planning committee for the Fair Housing Summit recognize a local community development corporation for their work in the communities that need it most here in Winston-Salem.

This year during the 11th Annual Fair and Affordable



Photo by Tevin Stinson

Executive director of S.G. Atkins CDC Carol Davis smiles with joy during the 11th Annual Fair and Affordable Housing Summit. The development corporation geared toward improving southeast Winston-Salem was honored for its hard work.

Housing Summit, city officials and the New Horizons planning committee recognized S.G. Atkins CDC for its hard work and dedication.

While standing in front of more than 100 community members, business professionals, elected officials and others, director of human relations Wanda Allen-Abraham said the committee decided to choose S.G. Atkins because of their dedication to ensuring that adequate housing is

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