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## Lecturer: Students must reach for the stars

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Most of us look to the stars and view them in awe. However, one recent WSSU lecturer has seen them perched between heaven and earth.

In the final lecture celebrating Black History Month activities, Major General Charles F. Bolden Jr. of the U.S. Marine Corps spoke to an audience at Dillard Auditorium in the

Anderson Center. Bolden spoke mainly on opportunities and letting them take you on the journey of life. He also spoke about the importance of Black History Month.

"It is very important for all of you to understand what happens when people take advantage of opportunities. Everybody is afforded opportunities every single day of their lives," said Bolden. "But most of us fail to recog-



Argus photo by Keith Caesar  
**Charles Bolden (left) and Chancellor Harold Martin**

nize that there is an opportunity to do something."

A native of South Carolina, Bolden encouraged students to reach for their goals and ask for the things that will help them achieve their goals along the way.

"Think about why we have this observance," he said. "Because people took advantage of opportunities."

Bolden has flown in

four space missions. He was on the mission that deployed the Hubble space telescope in orbit back in 1990. He has flown on the shuttles Discovery, Columbia and Atlantis. Prior to that, Bolden had flown combat missions in North and South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

Bolden also led the first

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**Police chief Linda Davis' role in Winston-Salem goes beyond law enforcement.**

## WSSU works out seven-year strategic plan

**By Claresa Simmons**

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With so many projects in development, students at Winston-Salem State University are questioning the new direction in which the university is headed.

In February, the administration at WSSU implemented a strategic plan for the next seven years to produce graduates who will be resources to drive economic development in the future.

The new direction will focus on creating learning opportunities, strengthening academic programs and enhancing the University's image.

In a recent interview with the campus radio station WSNC, Chancellor Harold L. Martin said the primary goal of the strategic plan is to restore the University's image to a national level, as when it was called Winston-Salem Teacher's College. At that time, the university had the capabilities to recruit a large number of students, and offer them an abundance of educational resources, making them productive in society while giving the school a positive reputation.

This was all done in accordance with the university's heritage as a Historically Black University.

According to the executive summary of the strategic plan, the emphasis is on five

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## Winston-Salem police chief Davis fights more than crime

**Nicole Ferguson**

ARGUS NEWS EDITOR

Winston-Salem's chief of police is appointed by the city manager with the consent of the Board of Alderman. The chief directs, plans and evaluates the operations of the Police Department. He is responsible for - wait a minute - He?

This passage is used to describe the responsibilities of the city of Winston Salem's Chief of Police. It may be found on the city's Web site.

The only problem with the passage is that all "he's" should be replaced with "she's."

For the first time in the city's history, there is a female chief, Linda Davis. Davis operates the Police Department with a positive outlook on her colleagues, responsibilities and most importantly, her community.

A native of Winston-Salem, Davis describes her job metaphorically.

"Well, I have often said that

I'm the equivalent of a CEO of a \$ 40 million corporation," said Davis. "Basically I am responsible for assuring that this city is safe."

Davis' role as chief involves the directing and evaluating of all other departments to include administrative, legal and recruitment. She attributes success with her job to strong resources.

"Obviously, I have to have

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