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## Residents say 'no' to housing units

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Summer came two days early at the Board of Aldermen meeting Monday night, causing voices to rise, brows to sweat and tempers to flare to record highs -- a preview of the heat to come.

The cause of the ruckus was a seemingly routine proposal by M.B. Corporation to build two apartment complexes for low-income families. Members of the Board of Aldermen's Finance Committee had been conversing with the company for about six weeks -- hammering out agreements for the projects totalling \$1.4 million. The committee had even agreed, during its June 12 meeting, to sell M.B. Corporation 4.4 acres on which to build the 44 apartment units, and to finance two second mortgage loans on the project totalling \$532,422. (The total project cost and loan amounts slightly decreased from original figures presented by M.B. Corporation to the committee because of a reduction in the number of three-bedroom units requested by the Housing Advisory Committee, proposed for one of the complexes. Project costs went from \$1.5 to 1.4 million, and the loans decreased from \$532,422 to \$531,862.)

However, members of the Kim-

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## Everything's Coming Up Roses

Laverne Gray of Winston-Salem tends to the roses that she and her husband, Milton, have grown in their yard along with other lovely flowers.

## Will black voters support Wood?

Newell, Womble still mum on whether they will run

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Some white people consider Martha S. Wood the fifth Afro-American on the Board of Aldermen because of some stands she has taken on so-called "black issues." Some Afro-Americans maintain no white person can effectively respond to their concerns with less talk and more action.

Naturally, with Mrs. Wood's announcement June 17 to run for mayor of Winston-Salem comes the question: "Will the Afro-American community support her?" The Northwest Ward Alderman thinks so.

"A number of people in the black community have already called and told me I could count on their support," Mrs. Wood said. "My theme is, 'Together We Can Make a Difference,' and that's what I'm hoping, for us all to pull together."

About 100 supporters gathered in the Mountcastle Forum Room of the Sawtooth Building at 2 p.m.

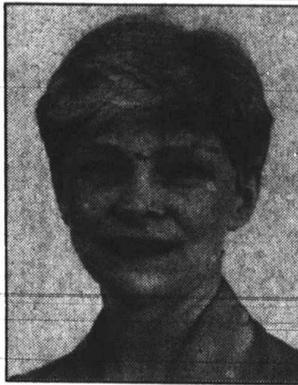
Saturday to hear Mrs. Wood's announcement.

"I will be a candidate for mayor of Winston-Salem," she said. "I commit my efforts to what our citizens want most: the best possible police protection and drug enforcement, an economic development program that builds jobs, homes and community; and a government that encourages and welcomes participation from everyone."

Although she says her most recent decision has nothing to do with Mrs. Wood's announcement, Alderman Virginia Newell said Tuesday that the chances of her running for mayor are now very slim. Mrs. Newell added that she thinks Mrs. Wood has the potential to draw sizable political support from the Afro-American community.

"I think she has made some good moves," Mrs. Newell said. "She basically has the same ideas and concerns for people, regardless to their color."

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Alderman Martha Wood

## Task force hears jail proposal; group takes no position for now

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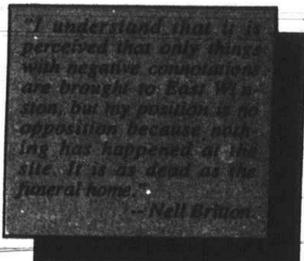
Perspective, semantics and perception were the key words as the East Winston Development Task Force reacted to two presentations Tuesday night.

As a result, the task force agreed to take a tour of areas proposed for development, the proposed location for the county jail off Patterson Avenue, a site of proposed road improvements, as well as the soon-to-be completed jail in High Point.

Chairman Ernest H. Pitt, who had to leave early to attend another meeting, said that it is important that any development plan the task force adopts is feasible. "We want to make sure that what we finally put on the table makes sense and is affordable. And I think we should consider the posi-

tion of this group as one of advocacy."

The county officials' visit to the task force is part of an effort to rally support for the new jail and



possibly a sheriff's department. Since they announced plans for the \$35 million project May 12, the commissioners have faced opposition from Afro-Americans in the Eastern portion of the city -- particularly from those who are

members of Goler Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church, located near the proposed site.

With the new jail could come some badly needed road improvements which would open up traffic in East Winston, commissioners have said. In an effort to prove the point, city engineer Curtis Bostian introduced alternatives to a 1955 Liberty Street-Main Street connector plan with which nothing has been done. He said that project today would cost \$12-15 million. He showed renderings of two connectors which would cost an estimated \$3-31/2 million combined.

The first, the "8th/Liberty" connector, would provide direct access from Main Street to 8th Street. The "Liberty/Martin Luther King Jr." connector would

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## MWBE report: Program a success

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The city's Minority and Women Business Enterprise program may have made some gains since it was adopted in 1983, but there's not enough teeth in it to really change things, said Alderman Larry W. Womble.

"We really don't have anything with any teeth in it," Mr. Womble told fellow board members Monday night after hearing a status report on the program presented by the M/WBE Advisory Committee. "We really don't have anything with any clout in it to open the doors for minorities or women ... to come into the public sector."

The M/WBE Program is a voluntary goal, one incorporating a "good faith efforts" test to ensure that discrimination doesn't exist in the city's purchasing/contracting program. As the report notes, "this M/WBE program is not a quota or set-aside program."

Clay Ring, a committee member, highlighted major points from the 21-page report. He pointed to the four major categories of city spending with M/WBE companies: materials and services, construction and demolition, subcontract activity and discretionary spending.

"The number of M/WBE firms increased in each

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## The times they are a-changing at WSSU

### Tough new standards mean fewer students

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Stricter academic criteria imposed by the University of North Carolina General Administration has made it tougher for freshmen to gain admittance to Winston-Salem State University. Those rigorous standards, however, also mean a higher quality of students, said Gwen A. Hill, assistant vice chancellor for Enrollment Management at WSSU.

Since 1984 the number of freshmen and transfer students admitted at WSSU has steadily decreased. In that year, 1,431 students applied to the university, 78 percent were accepted. In 1988, 1,878 students applied to WSSU and less than 59 percent were accepted.

While the number of students seeking admittance have increased, Ms. Hill explained, the stricter guidelines have prompted a funneling effect in the pool of applicants, therefore, those who may normally have been accepted aren't, and the total number of accepted students has decreased.

WSSU's "self-induced" admission improvements were edged on by Chancellor Cleon F. Thompson Jr., Ms. Hill said.

"One of his concerns was to increase the average SAT (Scholastic Aptitude Test) scores," she said.

Traditionally, students at WSSU have scored lower than 600 or in the low 600s on the SAT. The first university-authorized minimum score increase was by 18 points and subsequent increases have brought the minimum average SAT score up by 58 points. The change was good but neces-

sitated other changes, Ms. Hill said.

"In doing so (raising minimum SAT scores) we had to find ways of increasing the application pool," she said. "When we increased the quality of student that meant increasing the numbers we have to select from and seeing a decrease in the numbers of students who were selected and enrolled."

The number of students who actually enrolled decreased because the change in criteria placed WSSU in competition with other institutions which attract the "higher quality students," Ms. Hill explained.



Photo by Mike Cunningham

New admissions requirements will help increase the quality of students applying to WSSU, says Gwen Hill, assistant vice chancellor of enrollment management.

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### New development director to focus on fund raising

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Education at its best takes place in an environment where people of all nationalities and skin colors can learn and grow together, said Gerald L. Cooper, the new development director at Winston-Salem State University.

Usually a member of the majority community, Mr. Cooper will have the unique experience of being the minority in an Afro-American majority environment on the WSSU campus. He is one of nine whites in upper-administrative positions at the university. Whites account for nearly 17 percent of the total number of upper-level administrative personnel at WSSU.

"I believe one of the key ways of bridging gaps in our society is to allow people to learn together,



Gerald Cooper

especially at the college level," Mr. Cooper said. "This allows everybody the opportunity to be on equal footing and people are able to gain from it. Race could and should become a secondary

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