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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle" — Frederick Douglass

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## Race Relations Improve, But Views Vary Widely

### ▲ Some community leaders say Winston-Salem is still racially divided

By JOHN HINTON  
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Local elected officials, business people, and community leaders believe that race relations are improving, but racial harmony has yet to be achieved in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County.

"Racism will always be with us in Winston-Salem," said Nigel D. Alston, the assistant vice president for employee/community relations for Integon Services Co. "Race relations are good, but they need improvement."

Underlying tension between blacks and whites recently came to the surface on such issues as the \$94 million school bond, the school board's redistricting plan, and the city's Citizens' Police Review Board, Alston said.



Pete Brunstetter



Nigel Alston

"You can't legislate a change in racial attitudes," he said. "The black community can adjust to racial intolerance. We have always had to deal with it in Winston-Salem."

More contact is needed between white and blacks to bridge the gap between the races, but divided housing patterns in the city further isolate the races.

The country is more focused on race relations now than it has been since the late 1960s. Events such as the Million Man March in Washington, D.C., media speculation about Colin Powell running for president, and the not guilty verdict in the O.J.

Simpson murder trial have polarized blacks and whites nationally.

Local occurrences, including the two trials for Darryl Hunt, reports of workplace discrimination, and the controversial deaths of Carlos Colon Stoner and Shelia Epps McKellar remain divisive issues between blacks and whites.

"There has been an effort to bridge the gap between the races," said Bill Tatum, president of the Winston-Salem chapter of the NAACP. "Improving race relations here have a long way to go."

Despite the gains made under affirmative action,

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## Workforce Development May Lose \$147,000 in Federal Funds

### ▲ Agency to reduce services, shifts focus

By MAURICE CROCKER  
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Winston-Salem's Workforce Development program is preparing to experience severe cuts from the federal government, and residents should expect a decrease in skilled services.

"With the recession cuts, we will be able to serve more people, but there will be a limited number of people we can serve in the skilled and technical programs," said Martha Jo Campbell, director of Workforce Development.

Campbell said the lack of funds is forcing officials to decrease the number of people who receive technical and skilled training.

Skilled training programs are designed to teach a person specific skills for different tasks.

The programs take more time and money than other services that are offered by the department.

"We're not going to cut these services out, but we will have to limit the number of people who use these services," she said.

Workforce officials are expecting a loss of \$147,000 in federal monies.

"The cuts are going to affect all of the department's activities, especially our tuition assistance and on-the-job training programs, she said."

According to Campbell, the majority of the cuts are coming from the 2C programs, which

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## Crime, Arrests Jump in East Ward

### ▲ Community safer than a year ago

By JOHN HINTON  
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Reported crimes and arrests have increased in the city's East Ward since the beginning May over the same six month period in 1994, according to statistics from the Winston-Salem Police Department.

Police received 18,573 complaint calls from May 1 to Oct. 31, 1995, a three percent increase from the same period last year. Officers made 6,465 arrests in the period, a 13.5 percent increase from 1994.

Capt. Mike McCoy explained these statistics to about 30 people who attended the East Ward Town Hall Meeting last Saturday at City Hall.

Alderman Joycelyn Johnson led the meeting. The residents heard city officials discuss housing, public safety, recreation, and public works projects in their ward.

"We want to empower everybody in the ward," Johnson said.

McCoy said that the East Ward is safer today than it was a year ago. "There has been a reduction in murder, kidnapping, and crimes against persons in general," he said.

The number of murders has decreased from five to four, and the number of rapes have decreased

from 20 to 14, statistics show. Reports of robbery dropped 4.7 percent, but calls for assault increased 6 percent.

The number of drug offenses increased 6 percent. Reports of breaking and entering in homes increased slightly - 1.8 percent, but break-ins at businesses decreased 8.6 percent. The number of larcenies increased 10.3 percent, and calls for auto theft were down 21.2 percent.

A resident who asked not be named said that she felt safer in her neighborhood, but crime was still a problem. "Too many people are still causing too many problems," she said.

Police arrested six people on murder charges, compared to eight a year earlier. Likewise, the number of arrests for rape decreased 66.7 percent. However, arrests for robbery and aggravated assaults have jumped nearly 49 percent and 39 percent, respectively. Arrests for burglary, larceny and auto theft decreased an average of 34 percent.

"Our officers are doing a good job of arresting folks when they are breaking the law,"

McCoy said. More crime prevention programs are needed, especially for young people, he added.

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## Health Care Issues

### Benefits Great for WSSU Intern

By MAURICE CROCKER  
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A Winston-Salem State University student was chosen as one of 95 minority college students from across the country to participate in a health services training program.

Rahsaan Moorman, who is majoring in physical therapy, was recently given the opportunity to gain some valuable experience at one of the nation's leading hospitals.

"I never worked in a hospital before, so I learned a lot while I was at Evanston Hospital," Moorman said.

Moorman completed a 12-week internship at the Evanston Hospital, located in Evanston, Illinois.

The intern was part of the National Program to Promote Diversity in Healthcare Management. The program gives minority students who are interested in health care management careers an opportunity to work alongside senior health care administrators. Students also attend classes in health policy and health care delivery.

The program is sponsored by the Atlanta-based Institute for Diversity in Health Management.

Moorman served in the division of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Evanston



Mary Doran, director of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Evanston and Glenbrook Hospital, looks on as Rahsaan Moorman adjusts machine.

Hospital.

"The experience helped me confirm that physical therapy is the field I want to go into," he said.

Moorman said he plans to apply to physical therapy schools and eventually pursue a master's degree.

During his time at Evanston Hospital, Moorman participated in many activities and meetings, including department head meetings. He also met with hospital and

divisional vice presidents, and observed physical and speech therapy sessions.

Moorman developed a list of pediatric equipment needed for a new hospital program and researched pricing information. He also helped organize managed care contracts.

Moorman also had the opportunity to attend a week-long seminar on health services administration at Northwestern University.

## Blacks Underrepresented on FTCC's Faculty

### ▲ President Wallin vows to increase minority hiring at school

By JOHN HINTON  
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The student body of Forsyth Technical Community College is 25 percent African American, but its faculty is only 10 percent black.

Dr. Desna L. Wallin, the new president of FTCC, stated in a letter to State Rep. Larry Womble, D-Forsyth, that the school is seeking qualified African Americans as teachers and administrators.

"Our goal is to have the proportion of African American administrators and faculty approximate the percentage of African American students," Wallin said in the letter. "We would greatly appreciate any help you might be able to give us in locating individuals with an interest and commitment to community college education."

Wallin's letter was in response to an inquiry Womble made about the minority presence at FTCC at a recent legislative breakfast Wallin conducted for the Forsyth

County delegation to the N.C. General Assembly.

"I was satisfied with the report but not with the results," Womble said. He referred a prospective African American instructor to the school, he added.

There are 3,414 whites and 1,141 blacks enrolled as students at FTCC for the fall term. The school has nine African American

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November 20-25, 1865

Blacks held protest convention in Zion Church in Charleston and demanded equal rights and repeal of the Black Codes.



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### Our Holiday Schedule

The Winston-Salem Chronicle is changing its deadlines for the Thanksgiving season. The newspaper will be printed on Tuesday, Nov. 21 and delivered to its subscribers and news stands on Wednesday, Nov. 22.

The deadline for community news will be noon on Monday, Nov. 20. The Chronicle is moving up its printing schedule and deadlines so our readers can enjoy the newspaper during the Thanksgiving holidays.

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