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## Finances, community top priorities for Martin

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and young son and daughter at a press conference soon after he was named to the post at WSSU in 1996. The pictures have been cleared away now, one of many subtle changes made at the school after Schexnider resigned last month. Unfortunately, other things that came to the university along with the former chancellor can't be done away with so easily. Years of animosity between Schexnider and his harshest critics has left a strain between the campus and the city that sur-

rounds it, and negative press has had an adverse affect on the school's enrollment and alumni support and contributions. They are problems that Harold Martin, WSSU's new chancellor, freely acknowledges and ones he says he will battle diligently over the next months. "It's my interest in being more effective at advertising to the broader community the goodness of what we do," Martin said last week from the conference room. "I have found a very enthusiastic group of people here who, for the

most part, are very excited about focusing on advancing this institution." Martin hit the ground running when he started the job last Monday, holding what he calls "very productive" meetings with his senior administrators and creating a list of eight top priorities for the school. High on the priority list is the issue of the school's finances. Martin said he is "positive" about the school's financial outlook and has faith in the school's financial officers.

Increasing enrollment also made the priority list. Positive promotion of WSSU will pay off with increased applications at the school's admissions office, he said. "My vision is that this institution, through the investments and decisions we make, can be viewed as one of the best education opportunities that any young person can make. That's not just words; that's a very serious perspective I have," Martin said. Reengaging school alumni



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## Celebrating a King

### Community goes all out for holiday

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Youths will be the focus of the first citywide Martin Luther King celebration of the century. Noon Hour Commemoration, which will be held Monday, will include a speech by Dr. Ernest Wade, an educational consultant who has worked with a number of area youths as well as most of programs aimed at teaching youths the significance of King's work as a civil rights leader. "Needless to say, the focus of this year's program is our youth," said Mütter Evans, founder of the event. "When Bill Tatum, Gene Williams and I got together to brainstorm and plan this year's observance we were in total agreement that our focus this year needs to be on how we could make Dr. King, his life and legacy more relevant for them." This year marks the 20th time Evans' group has held a citywide service. The event began in 1980 just as the activists around the nation began putting pressure on Congress to create a holiday for the slain civil rights leader. "There were too many people in Winston-Salem who didn't appreciate what he stood for," Evans said. "We didn't need to wait for it to become legislation to appreciate the work he did." The celebration, which has always been held at noon, was nomadic in its early years, traveling from the old NCNB Plaza on Third street to the parking lot of Mechanic & Farmers Bank on Martin Luther King Drive and Winston Square Park. Eventually, organizers settled on holding the service at the Benton Convention Center in the late '80s. As the years went by, more groups rallied behind the celebration and eventually, in addition to the service at noon, a youth breakfast, initially created by the Winston Lake YMCA, was added as well as an evening service led by



Dr. King's legacy continues to live on in the new millennium.

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## Adam's Mark loses key events

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Apparently bowing to pressure from supporters and community leaders, the local branch of the United Negro College Fund has yanked its upcoming benefit from the Grand Pavilion of the Adam's Mark Winston Plaza. The event - which will feature dinner, dancing, a silent action and a performance by Grammy Award-winning singer Peabo Bryson - was scheduled to be held at the hotel this coming Saturday night. The Chronicle has learned that Marilyn Richards, who heads the local chapter, finalized plans Jan. 5 to hold the event at Winston-Salem State University's Anderson Center. Officials at the local UNCF continued to be mum on the matter; last Thursday, the office wouldn't confirm or deny whether the event had been moved. Kent Beaty, a technical assistant at the Anderson Center, said plans to have the benefit at the facility had been finalized by Richards and Anderson Center officials. Beaty said it's his understanding that lawsuits against the Adam's Mark chain were the cause for the sudden venue change. Anderson Center staffers will put on their "best dress" for the mammoth event, Beaty said, even though they have less than two weeks to prepare for it. "We have a well capable staff...(Short notice) is not something out of the norm," he said. A spokesperson for the national UNCF office in Fairfax, Va., said it had nothing to do with the local branch's decision.

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## Audit shows LIFT shorted accounts

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An independent auditor's report for LIFT Academy said the school underpaid its retirement account by \$18,659 in the 1998-99 fiscal year, said Paul LeSieur, assistant director of the State Department of Public Instruction's Division of School Business, when asked to comment on some of the allegations that four former employees of LIFT Academy made against the school in a lawsuit filed Jan. 4 in Forsyth Superior Court. The audit report also said that employees' health insurance through the school was canceled because of lack of payment, LeSieur said. The report found that LIFT continued to withhold dental insurance payments from employees' paychecks for a time after the insurance was canceled, but the school paid some of the employees' medical bills, LeSieur said. LeSieur said LIFT should not have been withholding insurance payments from employees' paychecks if there was no insurance policy in effect. He also said that the school should not have made direct payments for employees' medical bills. Former teachers De'Shaundra A. Hampton, Anderson Noble and

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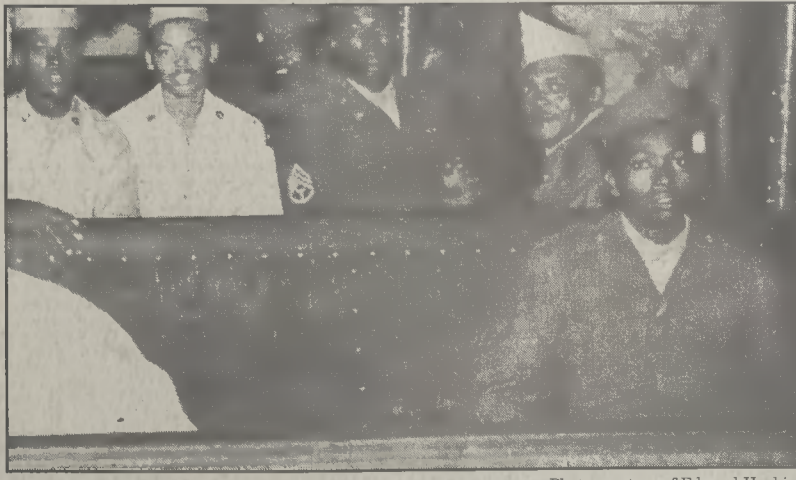
## Keeping track of stops Searching for a friend

### Bill forces officers to log race, gender

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After years of complaints from motorists about unjust traffic stops, the General Assembly is taking steps to see if the rumblings of racism are true. Senate Bill 76 was passed last week. The bill requires all state law enforcement agencies to record the race, sex and location of each on its officers stop. The North Carolina Highway Patrol, Division of Motor Vehicles, and other Law Enforcement agencies police in the state administered

community of Butner all have to keep statistics on the people they stop. Once the information is collected, it will be given to the General Assembly. The bill went into effect Jan. 1. According to Sgt. A.E. Morris of the Winston-Salem Highway Patrol office, keeping track of race has resulted in more paperwork for officers. The North Carolina Highway Patrol will be the agency using the forms the most. The Highway Patrol makes 90 percent of the traf-



A local man is searching for clues to the whereabouts of his old Army buddy. For full story, see page A3.

## Threatening letters sent to black colleges

BY CHERIS HODGES  
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An anonymous letter threatening the destruction of the African American race was mailed to several historical black colleges and universities around the state, including two in the Triad. North Carolina A&T University and Bennett College in Greensboro both received a threatening letter laced with racial slurs and violent threats. Johnson C. Smith University, North Carolina Central University, Livingstone College, Shaw University and Barber-Scotia College also received similar letters. The letters were mailed on Dec. 24, 1999. They were all addressed in the same way. The envelope had the university's name, city and zip code. The letters all bore a Fayetteville postmark.

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