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## Robinson challenges Malloy, Merschel and Terry

men, Robinson wants to unseat three of his colleagues, Wanda Merschel, Fred Terry and Nelson Malloy. "Fred, Wanda and Nelson are far more liberal than their districts," Robinson said as he watched the returns pour in last Tuesday at the Ramada Inn on University. When he spoke to his supporters, he reminded them of a meeting months ago where



Terry



Merschel



Malloy



Robinson

he pushed for the removal of the ban on concealed weapons on city property.

"Wanda Merschel said she would be more comfortable with a professional bank robber with a gun than you citizens with concealed weapons permits," Robinson said.

Comments like that, he added, will cost many of his colleagues the election in 2001.

Robinson said his actions

during board meetings, which include tabling several crucial votes and proposing an alternative city budget, make the other aldermen want to "do something stupid."

"My duty as an alderman is to win," Robinson said. "I don't have the votes to do that. I need five votes to win."

Merschel said what Robinson is trying to do is inappropriate.

"I would not presume to tell the

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## Wrestling neighborhood

League to men together's issues

o, the Winston-Salem Urban women to help heal racial bridges of understanding. is called "Sister to Sister."

League says more than 300 the first session of "Sister to

from the conference and the women in attendance were members of that initial group with one another after the over and continued to discuss es - openly and honestly. League is bringing the group at more women will benefit fellowship.

at women are the teachers of and, as such, can shape the in," Smith said. "Consequent-diverse backgrounds commitment of racism can join forces ds of racial inequity." wed "Sister to Sister" in 1997 similar conference in Florida ether women of various ages. of mine in Tampa shared with ister conference. It was older n women counseling younger n women," she said.

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## Mr. Excellent



By T. Kevin Walker  
Daniel Fritz, also known as "Mr. Excellent," poses in front of a local wrestling ring. Fritz's day job is teaching math at Parkland High School; he spends his weekends as a wrestler in a local circuit.

## Math teacher 'wrassles' bad guys on weekends

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

On most days, he's known as "Mr. Fritz," a popular math teacher and track coach at Parkland High School.

On weekends, he's "Mr. Excellent," a death-defying professional wrestler in a local circuit.

Daniel Fritz says his two loves don't conflict. In fact, he says, they both require discipline, knowledge and determination.

"It's challenging," Fritz said of teaching, not wrestling. "You have to be called by God to help kids learn and become better people."

It was Fritz's sense of adventure and athleticism that led him into the world of professional wrestling. The Philadelphia native has always been a fan of the sport, worshipping pioneers like Rick Flair and Hulk Hogan.

After receiving a degree in architectural engineering from N.C. A&T University, Fritz, who is in his

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## WSSU hits Joyner jackpot

Fund-raising drives net \$100,000 for scholarships

BY JERI YOUNG  
THE CHRONICLE

When Naomi Jones joined with members of her graduating class to donate a check for more than \$1,000 to her alma mater last fall, she never thought it would end as part of a \$100,000 windfall for the school.

"That's a lot of money," she said. "One hundred thousand dollars is a whole lot of money."

Jones, a 1954 graduate of Winston-Salem State University, was one of the hundreds of alumni who participated in a massive national fund-raising drive to benefit the school's scholarship fund.

The drive was part of ongoing efforts by The Tom Joyner Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the popular "Tom Joyner Morning Show," to help the nation's historically black colleges and universities. Last October, WSSU was "the college of the month." Each morning, the school's merits were touted during the nationally syndicated show, and alumni and friends of the university were encouraged to send donations, which would be matched by the foundation.

The drive culminated with a live broadcast of the popular drive-time show in Greensboro hosted by Joyner, a graduate of Tuskegee University, a historically black college in Alabama. Hundreds of alumni attended and donated more than \$22,000 during the four-hour event.

Last week, the university announced the drive had netted a whopping \$100,000, which is already earmarked for students in need.

The money will be paid to the school in installments by the foundation beginning this week.

"(The amount) is far more than we expected," said university spokesman Aaron Singleton. "We actually hadn't set any goals. It's nice to see an amount so high come in."

Lee Hampton, vice chancellor for university advancement, said the university holds scholarship drives each year, but the national exposure on TJMS, coupled with the matching funds the foundation provides, pushed this year's effort over the top.

"We alerted potential donors to give money through the Tom Joyner drive and have it matched," Hampton

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## Church unveil plans for Liberty/Patterson corridor

The picture that was painted for them was one of a community with decent, affordable houses and apartments and sprawling office buildings, a stark improvement from the vacant lots and abandoned houses that many of them passed on their way to the church.

"This will not occur unless you believe in it," said Richie Brooks as he motioned to a blown-up area map of the proposed improvements.

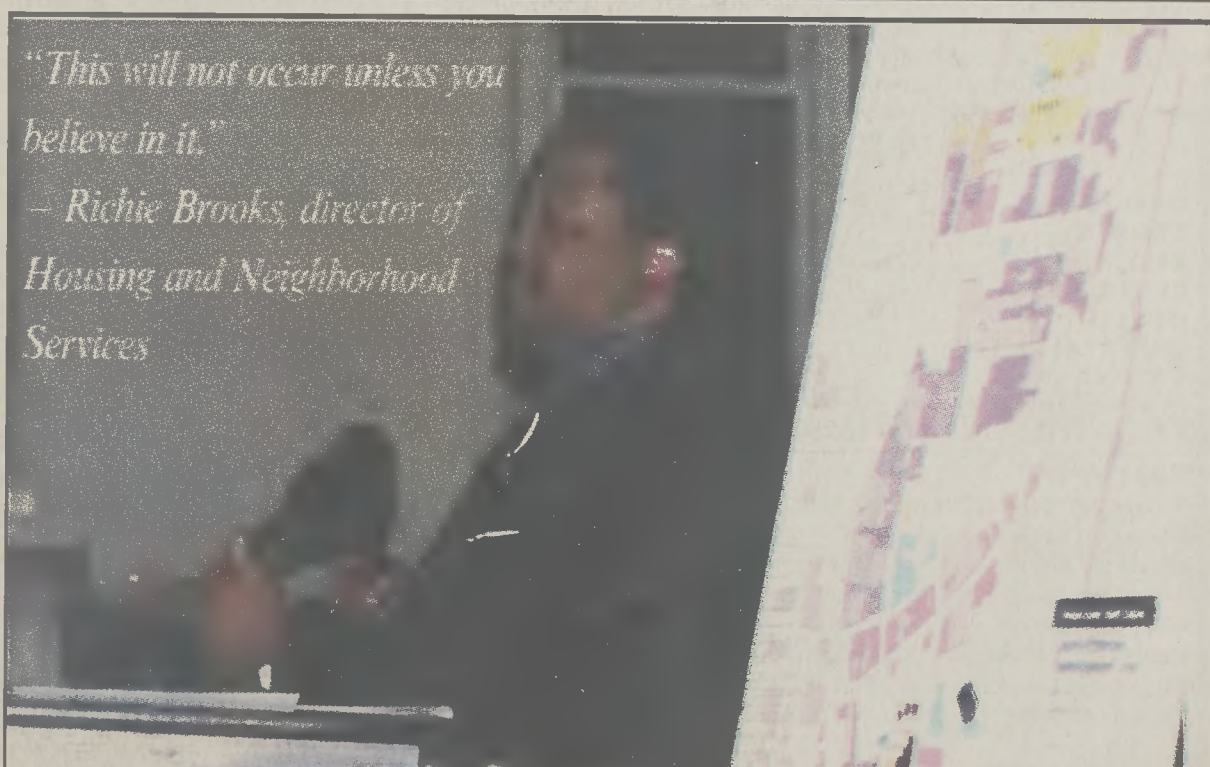
Brooks is director of the city's Housing and Neighborhoods Services. The city has joined the bandwagon of those who are trying to improve the

Liberty/Patterson area. The forerunner in the effort is the Goler-Depot Street Renaissance Corp., a community development corporation the church started to spearhead revitalization.

The Goler CDC already plans to build an enrichment center and new sanctuary in the area. The church is negotiating to buy property so that new seniors facilities can be constructed.

Habitat for Humanity has been working to revamp the area. The nonprofit group has constructed several new low-

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