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Upward Bound to hold reunion

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"Upward Bound has a rich heritage. We have not had all successes, but during the early years of the program, before the government said we had to go co-ed, we exposed the young men to various experiences in hopes that somebody would catch the spirit and keep going upward bound wherever they would go," said the late Dr. W. Archie

Blount. Having served as the first director of Upward Bound program from 1965-1971, Blount addressed Upward Bound alumni at the first reunion held in 1994 to celebrate the years 1965-1993. When Dr. Kenneth R. Williams

called Blount into his office in 1964 to tell him about this new program from the Office of Economic

Opportunity (OEO) under the authority of Title IV of the Higher Education Act, Winston-Salem State University was the only state college with an Upward Bound program.

Following the tenure of Dr. Blount, Pansy Reddick, Biffie Watts and Addie Hymes served as directors of the WSSU Upward Bound program. Addie Hymes directed the WSSU program from 1975 to

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Robinson: police lowering bar to recruit more blacks

Chief says allegations "unfounded"

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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The most controversial member of the City Council is stirring emotions again. Vernon Robinson drew swift condemnations last week from the police chief and his colleagues on the council after he alleged that the police department was lowering the bar in order to recruit more black officers.

Robinson's allegations were aimed at a 60-year-old man who was among a group of mostly twenty-somethings

who graduated from Basic Law Enforcement Training Friday. Robinson claims the man, who is black, did not meet firearm handling standards, but was given a break because the department is desperate to add more minorities to its ranks.

Robinson - who is also African American - made the allegations as he is in the middle of a campaign to replace Rep. Richard Burr in the U.S. House. Robinson is among several Republicans who hope to win the party's nomination before the November 2004 general election.

As a member of the City Council, Robinson has been adamant about his disapproval of any type of affirmative action program. He regularly argues to strike down city efforts to include minority and women-owned businesses in

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Vernon Robinson works the crowd at annexation public hearing at the Lawrence Joel Coliseum.

Web site redesigned with readers in mind

New Chronicle site developed by Wake students

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Over the past several months, The Chronicle's Web site - www.wschronicle.com - has reshuffled and fine-tuned. It is now up and running and begging for visitors and reader feedback.

The new Chronicle site has been up for about month and already receives hundreds of visitor hits each week. The site is winning praise for its simplified design. The main page of the site is actually an electronic, interactive version of the newspaper's front page. Readers can not only read the week's top stories but also see much of the paper's design and layout.

"When people go online to read The Chronicle, we want to give them just that - The Chronicle," said T. Kevin Walker, managing editor. "We did not want to present our stories and important community announcements in a format that our readers were not familiar with."

The Chronicle first went online last year as part of nationwide network of African American newspapers. This year, The Chronicle decided to leave the network

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to explore options that would allow the paper to have more control over the look and content of its site. The Chronicle also wanted to work with a local company to design the site. The company that

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Cuttin' Up



Photo by Kevin Walker

Darrel Scales was one of the many volunteers at Saturday's Lantern of Hope event, which was held in Corpening Plaza. While other volunteers helped young people design colorful lanterns and manned a variety of activity stations, Scales made sure that there was enough sweet watermelon to go around for the hundreds of people who came out. Scales sliced more than a dozen melons on Saturday. Lanterns of Hope is an annual racial solidarity event. See more pictures from the event on page C1.