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Rep. Virginia Foxx looks on as Sen. Richard Burr tests the new program.

## Center opens new lab to fight crime

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
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Mapping a neighborhood, monitoring abandoned buildings or vacant houses, and tracking crime statistics are now as close as the Transforming Communities Research Lab. Winston-Salem State University unveiled this week the new state-of-the-art computer lab on Fourth Street that will serve as a one-stop problem-solving resource and community development tool for neighborhoods around the city.

It will also provide training for local nonprofit agencies, community groups, businesses and students who want to examine ways to improve the social and economic infrastructure of their communi-

ties. "This will allow us to better understand the growing challenges and, more importantly, how to derive the solutions for addressing the most systemic challenges in our community," said WSSU Chancellor Harold Martin.

The computer lab, which is being funded by the Governor's Crime Commission and the Winston-Salem Foundation, boasts five desktop computers complete with an exclusive problem-solving technology called Geographical Information System (GIS). This system will allow residents to map and document a wide variety of data about their communities such as the pres-

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## Mayor to try for another four years

*Allen Joines has already assembled long list of supporters*

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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Mayor Allen Joines announced his plans to seek a second term yesterday during a multi-stop campaign blitz that included stops in all of the city's eight wards.

Joines worked as a city administrator for more than two decades before he was elected mayor in 2001. Joines, a Democrat, impressively beat incumbent Republican Jack Cavanagh, garnering nearly 80 percent of the vote.

Joines said he decided to seek re-election after meeting with several residents whom he respects. He said each of them encouraged him to run again.

"I gave it very serious thought," he said Tuesday. "But I wanted to get some fuel from folks."

Joines said he is proud of what has been accomplished in the city during his first term. When he ran four years ago, one of Joines' campaign promises was to bring city residents closer together, across racial and geographic lines. He worked to fulfill that pledge with things such as the Racial Healing Committee he formed in the wake of the

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Joines

## FLOWER CHILD



Photo by Kevin Walker

Karen Hauser gets help from her niece Evan Steele on Good Friday at the African American Graveyard at Old Salem. Members of St. Phillips Moravian Church put flowers on the graves of those buried at the cemetery. To read more about the event, see page C1.

## Kenyan student excels in and out of class

*Wake's Rebecca Cook was recently named a Rhodes Scholar*

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
THE CHRONICLE

Rebecca Cook looks and sounds like a typical American college student. But the Wake Forest University senior actually calls Kenya home.

Cook was born and raised in Kijabe, which means "Place of the Wind." The rural community, which is west of Nairobi, is home to many missionaries from around the world.

Before enrolling at Wake Forest four years ago, Cook was a student at Rift Valley Academy. The school for children of missionaries is what brought her parents to the country. Her mother is a teacher at the academy, and her father is the superintendent.

More than 30 nationalities are represented at the academy, so Cook is accustomed to seeing faces that don't look like hers. The chance to interact with people from so many different cultures during her impressionable years, she says, is one she remains grateful for.

"It was great just to be in an environment where I feel like I saw a different side of life than most people here in the States see," said Cook, who is majoring in biology and minoring in international studies at Wake Forest. Last year she was named a Rhodes Scholar. "Before I really noticed that people were different they were my friend."

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Photo by Courtney Gaillard

Rebecca Cook was born and raised in Kijabe, Kenya. The academically-gifted Wake Forest University student hopes to return to her homeland one day to practice medicine.

## CHANGE takes up cause of soldiers

*Organization pushes for more pay and benefits for vets and active duty personnel*

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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When his country called, Harry L. Smith answered.

Smith served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Cuba during the tail end of the Vietnam War. But the Smith who left home to serve was not the same man who came home.

Now more than 30 years later, after Smith has been diagnosed with a laundry list of mental illnesses, members of his family say their calls for help have gone unanswered.

"He receives no disability benefits - nothing," said Ciat K. Shabazz, Smith's sister. "I have

been waging a battle on his behalf for over 15 years."

Shabazz says her brother's story is not unusual. There are many veterans and even active duty military personnel who lack health care and other benefits, she says.

Shabazz has been appointed head of the Military Family Support Committee for Communities Helping All Neighbors Gain Empowerment (CHANGE). The com-

mittee will push for federal legislation that would increase pay for active duty soldiers, reservists and those in the National Guard.

"It is a shame when you have veterans coming home and they are in these kind of positions,"

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Shabazz



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