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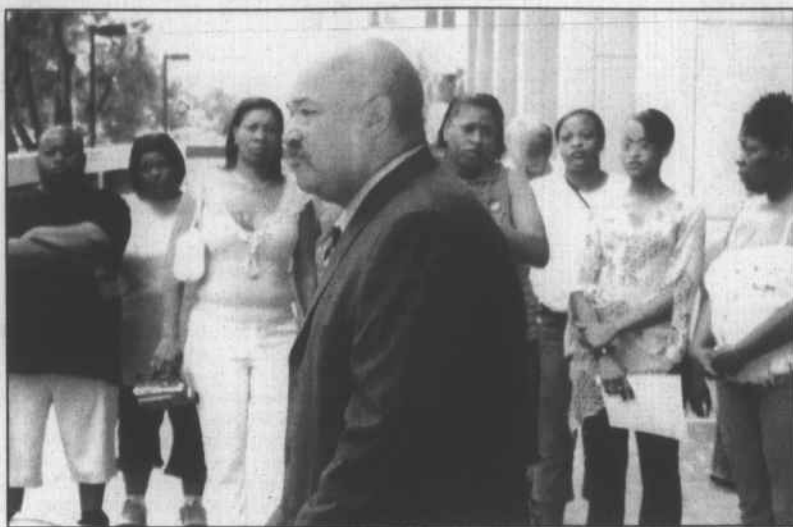
Members will select new officers on Tuesday

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

There will be new elections for the Winston-Salem Branch of the NAACP on Tuesday, nearly six months after a local woman complained that the branch's previous election violated the civil rights organization's policies.

JoAnne Allen filed a complaint with the N.C. NAACP in November, days after she came up short in her election bid to unseat Winston-Salem Branch President Stephen Hairston. In the complaint, she claimed that people who were not good-standing members of the NAACP were allowed to vote in the Nov. 23 election and that Hairston openly used the branch's roster to call members to ask for votes. No one is allowed to use the roster for campaigning purposes. Hairston has long

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File photo
Stephen Hairston speaks at a news conference last week in support of tenants who filed a lawsuit against their former landlords.

HAWS board gets new chairman

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Housing Authority of Winston-Salem Board of Commissioners this week elected a new leader.

Retired educator James A. Rousseau II was unanimously elected chairman of the board Tuesday. Rousseau had served as interim chairman since January, when Ernie Pitt, the publisher of The Chronicle, left the board citing personal reasons and a conflict of interest he had in a HAWS land deal.



Rousseau

Rousseau is set to lead the agency over the next year, a period that will see HAWS relocating its headquarters from Cleveland Avenue to a downtown building on Fourth Street and further development of a HOPE VI revitalization project in Happy Hill Gardens.

Rousseau was appointed to the HAWS board in December 2001, soon after he retired as Forsyth Technical Community College's vice president, community relations and development.

A native of Adah, Penn., Rousseau for many years was a science teacher in the local school system. He was also the principal at Philo Middle School and Paisley High School (now a middle school) before taking the job at Forsyth Tech.

Rousseau is an active member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity and Grace Presbyterian Church. He has served

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AN EYE-CATCHER



Photo by Kevin Walker

John Rogers, a High Point artist and a burgeoning art collector, admires a unique piece by emerging artist Chakaia Booker. The piece is made of wood and rubber tires. It is one of nearly 100 works of art owned by former NBA player Darrell Walker and his wife, Lisa. The Walkers' art is on display at Diggs Gallery. Darrell Walker was at the gallery Saturday for a kickoff reception. To read more about the event, see page A10.

A SUMMER THEY WON'T FORGET

Students will bring back more than memories from African trip

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Seventeen students are getting the opportunity this week to learn lessons that can't be taught from a textbook and gain experiences that they could never get working a summer job or lounging on the beach.

Today marks the halfway point of the students' two-week stay in Kenya. The students - all of whom live in the city or have local connections - are the first-ever crop of young people sent to Africa to represent the Amani Children's Foundation.



Jane Stephens

The foundation was founded by Chad and Jane Stephens last year to raise money for New Life Homes in Kenya, a widely praised orphanage that mostly takes in children left parentless by the AIDS epidemic.

Another mission of the foundation is to make the ocean and thousands of miles that separate the United States from Africa a little closer through education, cultural exchange and even the arts.

The students on the trip, known as the Amani Scholars, are part of that latter mission. While this is the first

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Safe-sex efforts seeing some results

Shops offer free condoms, literature to customers

BY STEPHANIE M. MOSER
THE CHRONICLE

The Forsyth County Department of Public Health and various barbershops and beauty salons are continuing a partnership that was developed several years ago to help fight the spread of syphilis and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) in local neighborhoods.

Kawanna Glenn, syphilis elimination project coordinator for the Forsyth County Department of Public Health, and her staff have been recruiting salons and barbers to offer condoms in their establishments.

"The condoms are distributed in the barbershops to prevent the spread of syphilis and other sexually transmitted diseases, like HIV and so forth," said Glenn.

The shops that have been targeted are mostly in the eastern and southeastern parts of the city, which the Health Department



Photo by Stephanie Moser

Monte' Edwards keeps condoms for his customers by his barber supplies.

says are high-risk areas for STDs. Condoms are also offered at other sites, such as the central offices of apartment complexes, The Hispanic Action Center, and even some nightclubs, such as Tony's Lounge.

The project began when North Carolina

had a resurgence of syphilis a few years back, according to Glenn. Forsyth County was one of the counties in the state with particularly high rates. The county has been deemed a syphilis elimination project area

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