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Forum looks into Winston's crystal ball

Economic and racial diversity are in the city's future

BY TODD LUCK
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Mayor Allen Joines presented a glimpse of what the next 20 years may hold for Winston-Salem in both the areas of economics and race relations during a forum held last Thursday at Joel Coliseum.

The forum took place around the same time that a local doctor, Anthony Atala, made national news after successfully growing human bladders using the patients' own cells. There are hopes that Atala's success will revolutionize organ transplants by producing organs that can't be rejected by the body. Joines' praised Atala's success as a boon for both health and the city. He said the city is in talks with Tengion, a company founded by Atala that will manufacture facilities for growing organs.

The mayor said technology will also play a critical role in Winston-Salem's future success. Joines said that plans are to unite local government and businesses in an effort to make the entire city wireless. Joines said the city will soon be looking at proposals to make that dream a reality.

Change in the years to come will come in all forms, said Nat Irvin, president of Future Focus 2020 and a Wake Forest professor. He gave a presentation on how the population is expected to grow and change in the next few decades. Future Focus 2020 works with groups and organizations to examine issues that are expected to effect urban communities by the year 2020.

Irvin's presentation on the changing trends of the future showed how change is happening faster now and how old concepts no longer applied.

"One of the things we always pick up about Winston-Salem is how tied we are to the past and

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Photo by Todd Luck
Nat Irvin addresses the crowd.

TAKING A STAND



Photo by Todd Luck

The fight over a proposed Congressional immigration bill that has been raging across the country came to Winston-Salem Monday as thousands of people, mostly Hispanics, held a rally at Corpening Plaza. Waving American flags, the rallyers called for immigration measures that won't punish the nation's millions of immigrants. To read more about the event, see page A13.

BASKETS OF LOVE

Agency helps families of newborns with gifts

BY SANDRA ISLEY
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Gift-giving has become more than a job for Phyllis Bonds. It's become a way to give back to the community.

In 2005, she formed Outreach Alliance for Babies, Inc., a grassroots nonprofit organization that tends to the needs of newborn babies whose families can't provide essential items needed to care for them.

"The reason that this organization is so helpful is that every now and then there are people that don't have friends or families who can give them a baby shower," said Bonds.

The idea for the nonprofit grew from Bonds' home-based business simplyelegant Xpressions, which sells gifts specially-created by Bonds. She was inspired to start Outreach Alliance for Babies after meeting a young couple in a grocery store parking lot. Bonds kept in touch with the couple and delivered a basket of gifts once their baby was born. Today, Outreach Alliance for Babies regular-

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Photo by Sandra Isley

Phyllis Bonds started Outreach Alliance for Babies last year.

Black Demon Deacons return to their alma mater

Alumni concerned about black enrollment, faculty numbers

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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After the reception and in between the continental breakfast and late-night dance, black graduates of Wake Forest University spent hours pondering ways to improve their alma mater.

On the surface, it would appear that Wake, one of the nation's most pricey and elite schools, needs little help in the improvement category. The school is regularly named one of the best in America and a degree from the school has been a passport for success for alumni.

Black alumni argued during a

weekend reunion that Wake's prestige and exalted reputation will be jeopardized if close attention is not paid to the campus' racial diversity.

"Life is multicultural. The world is multicultural. This can't be a white, elitist school," said Chris Leak, a local investment banker who graduated from Wake in 1985.

Leak and about 100 other African American alumni returned to the campus last weekend for the first-ever reunion of the Association of Wake Forest University Black Alumni. Association members had stayed connected over the years via get-togethers during homecoming.

Members thought the reunion would provide them with a more extended period to make connections and find ways to stay connected to their alma mater.

"We have alumni here from as far back as the '70s," said Faye Rodman, a '98 grad who serves as the association's vice president. "Some of them have not stepped foot on this campus since they left."

Some 2000 African American, mostly undergraduates, have left the Wake Forest campus with degrees since 1960s, when the school first opened its doors to blacks. The 100 or so who showed up for the reunion may seem paltry in comparison. Rodman said the attendance was stellar compared to the

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Wake Forest University alumni Marcus Ingram, right, and Omari Simmons chat after a panel discussion.

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