



A view of Wake Forest Biotech Place.

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Medical Center opens eye-catching downtown facility

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Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center has opened the doors to Wake Forest Biotech Place in downtown Winston-Salem.

The new state-of-the-art, world-class 242,000-square-foot biotechnology research and innovation center is designed to allow more growth of Wake Forest Baptist's many renowned research departments and create incubator space to promote start-up companies generated by researchers' discoveries and space for established biomedical research companies.

The facility is located at the corner of Fifth Street and North Patterson Avenue and is comprised of two completely restored former tobacco facilities once owned by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and donated by the tobacco giant to PTRP. Baltimore-based Wexford Science & Technology, LLC, completed the careful restoration and retrofitting of the buildings, creating a unique structure in only 18 months at a cost of more than \$100 million, making Wake Forest Biotech



Dr. McConnell

Place the largest capital investment for a construction project in the history of downtown Winston-Salem.

Biotech Place is Wake Forest Baptist's newest research facility and its sixth building in the growing Piedmont Triad Research Park (PTRP), a large section on the eastern edge of downtown that has seen low utilization for decades.

Medical Center and city leaders officially open the facility on Tuesday.

"The opening of this modern, high-tech research and innovation center represents a major milestone in Wake Forest Baptist's development and growth of a new biotechnology-based econo-

my in Winston-Salem designed for the 21st Century," said John D. McConnell, chief executive officer of Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center. "We are heralding a new era of social and economic progress for current and future generations that will bring new jobs, new businesses, and medical breakthroughs to the people of Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, North Carolina and beyond."

The new Wake Forest Biotech Place features a 7,500 square foot glass atrium that illuminates the building's center, is five stories tall on the south side and three stories high on the north side. The south end of the building was originally constructed in 1937 and features a distinctive glass block exterior that was painstakingly restored. The northern end of the building has a brick facade and was completed in 1962.

Wake Forest Baptist will host tours of Biotech Place for its employees and the public on Friday, Feb. 24, from 2 to 5 p.m. The last tour will end at 4:45 p.m. that day.

Holder

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Holder became the nation's first African American AG when he was sworn in on Feb. 3, 2009. Before that time, Holder was a litigation partner at Covington & Burling LLP in Washington. From 1997 to 2001, Holder served under President Clinton as the Deputy Attorney General, the first African-American named to that post.

The New York City native has a long and distinguished law and public service career. He graduated with an American history degree from Columbia College in 1973. He graduated from Columbia Law School in 1976. While in law school, he clerked at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Legal Defense Fund and the Department of Justice's criminal divi-

sion. Upon graduating, he moved to Washington and joined the Department of Justice as part of the Attorney General's Honors Program.



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He was assigned to the newly formed Public Integrity Section in 1976 and was tasked to investigate and prosecute official corruption on the local, state and federal levels. In 1988, Holder was nominated by President Reagan to become an associate judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. In 1993, he was selected by President Clinton as the U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia.

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Carolina, there are only 33 rental homes per 100 households that are both affordable and available to low income renter households, those earning 30 percent or less of the area median income. Nationally, the data shows that while there are 9.8 million extremely low income renter households, there are only 3 million rental homes affordable and available to them, leaving 6.8 million American households without access to decent housing they can afford. No state in the nation has an adequate supply of affordable, available rental housing, the analysis found.

"This gap is more than just numbers on paper," said

Chris Estes, executive director of the North Carolina Housing Coalition. "These are families in North Carolina sleeping on couches, skipping meals, living one illness away from total disaster. It's a recipe for homelessness."

State advocates say a stronger investment in the North Carolina Housing Trust Fund is one of the solutions. Over the last 25 years, the award-winning Trust has financed nearly 25,000 homes and apartments, most for very low income families, and created more than 16,000 construction jobs and generated millions in local and state tax revenue. Nationally, advocates are calling for funding of the National Housing Trust Fund, which would

provide communities with funds to build, preserve and rehabilitate rental homes that are affordable for those households impacted by the affordable housing shortage. Signed into law in 2008, the National Housing Trust Fund has not yet been funded. President Obama included \$1 billion for the National Housing Trust Fund in his new budget.

"Solving the shortage of affordable rental housing is the most important homelessness prevention measure we can undertake," said Sheila Crowley, president and CEO of the National Low Income Housing Coalition. "Investing in the National Housing Trust Fund is our best chance of ensuring affordable housing for all Americans."

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She received a BS degree from Brown University, a MS in nursing from Yale University and MPH from Columbia University. She began her career as a public health nurse in New York City. She married Dr. H.M. Dillabough, who is now deceased, and had two children, Deborah and Edward, and two grandchildren. She was president of the Winston-Salem Branch of AAUW from 1959-61. Recently, she was active with the Focus on Reading Excellence (F.O.R.E.) project and is still active in the



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Miller Pointe community, where she lives.

The local branch of AAUW meets on the second

Tuesday of each month to promote the mission of AAUW. Branch members study current legislation and topics affecting women and girls and support the mission by being active in legislative issues, supporting women through giving to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, and helping to fund scholarships (through the Educational Foundation) for women students pursuing graduate degrees. Janice Imgrund and Marilyn Cardwell are the co-presidents.

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CIAA

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weren't like the way we were used to partying, I said before I completely walk away from homecoming, I wanted to see if I could throw a party and make it happen," Reed said.

This year, his CIAA party with rapper Biz Markie is the first time he's promoted an event during the basketball tournament. While Reed's party is an unofficial event, meaning during the promotion of the event he can't use the logo of the league or even say CIAA in party advertising, it doesn't mean that some of the profits from his event won't go back to a CIAA school.

"I always give back to Johnson C. Smith. I make some sort of donation. I always participate in some sort of Smith activity. Like the upcoming Arch of Triumph Gala (a fundraising event at Johnson C. Smith) I'm going to purchase a table," Reed said.

A request for an interview with a CIAA official for this story was not fulfilled by press time, but in the past, officials have expressed a desire to have more of a focus on the basketball and not the parties. In 2009, then-CIAA Commissioner Leon Kerry, who retired in November, told Charlotte's Creative Loafing the tournament made Charlotte the place to be and it was important to keep fans inside Time Warner Cable Arena watching the basketball games.

But there are a number of people who are there for the parties, not hoops. And promoters like Mike Kitchen, owner of The SoKitchen, target them. This year, Kitchen is hosting a number of day parties and several evening events in Uptown Charlotte with tickets costs ranging from free to \$35. But does he give back to the league?

He has. However, Kitchen admits that not enough promoters do it.



Maria Howell performs at a '11 CIAA fundraising party for WSSU.

"When I do stuff with the CIAA, you have to [donate to the scholarship fund]. You can't really make promoters donate unless it's a CIAA sponsored event. And of course you have to pay to use their logo, name and likeness. It's really kind of hard to say you have to donate when you're doing an event. I think it would be kind of cool if promoters did," said Kitchen. "At the end of the day, it's all about the scholarships for the HBCUs."

Reed said many of the promoters don't have loyalty to the schools and care more about spending money bringing in celebrities and renting pricey venues rather than giving to the scholarship funds or member schools.

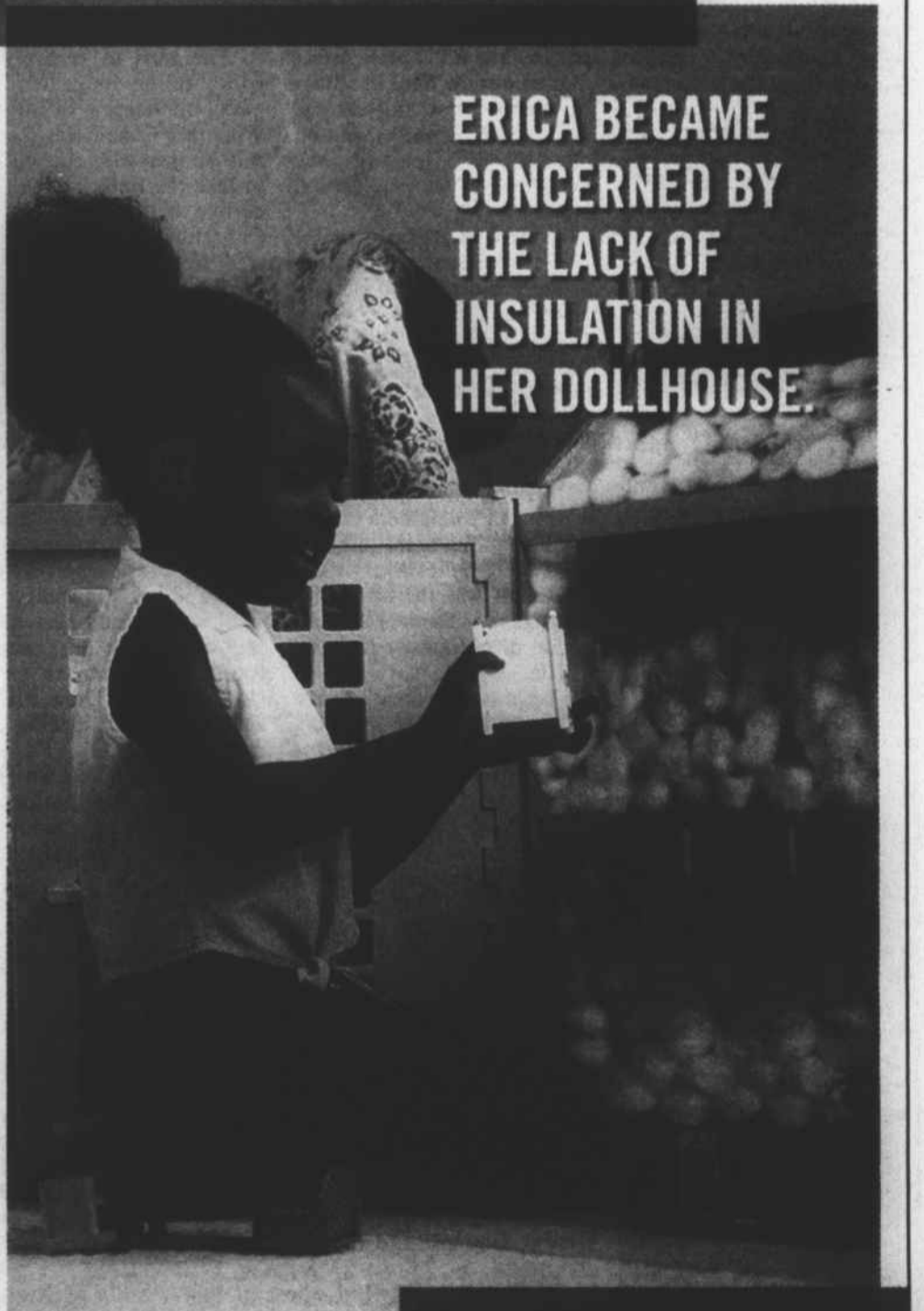
"I'm hoping and assuming when you see the official school parties, like the VSU or Winston-Salem State day parties that they are giving back to the schools," he said. "But you do see more people that don't give back than

those who do."

CIAA schools are getting in on the action. Winston-Salem State University Foundation is hoping to raise tons of money with its "The Love, Peace and Soul Party," slated to take place March 2 from 10 p.m. - 2 p.m. at the Marriott City Center in Charlotte. The WSSU Alumni Association will hold an event of its own, also at the Marriott, on March 1 from 10 p.m. - 2 p.m. WSSU alum Maria Howell will perform. Tickets to the Soul Party, which will feature the group Sugar Hill, are \$40. Alumni party tickets are \$25 in advance and \$35 at the door.

Go to www.wssu.edu/ciaa for ticket information. The 100th Anniversary CIAA Tournament will be played in Charlotte from Feb. 27 - March 3 at the Time Warner Cable Center. Go to www.ciaatournament.org for tickets and/or additional information.

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