



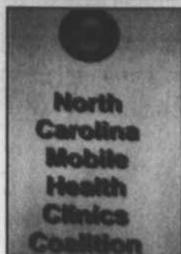
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Photo by Layla Farmer

Sgt. William Penn (left) with Officer Micheal Perkins.

WSPD hitting HBCUs for new recruits

BY LAYLA FARMER
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When it comes to increasing diversity among its officers, the Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD) is putting its money where its mouth is.

Three years ago, with the support of the City of Winston-Salem and City Council, the WSPD launched a comprehensive scholarship program designed to entice African American college students to join the Department after graduation. The program was initially offered at five historically black colleges or universities in the state: Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina A&T State University, North Carolina Central University and Winston-Salem State University.

The WSPD is currently almost 81 percent white, roughly 14 percent African American and four percent Hispanic. The Department

believes increasing diversity within its ranks would allow it to better serve the community, said Sgt. William Penn, who has led the WSPD's Recruiting office since January.

"In our ongoing efforts to create a department that reflects the citizens we serve, we were trying to come up with ideas for how to recruit more diversity and they came up with this scholarship," he explained. "We're not where we want to be as far as diversity within the Department, and we're trying to get there."

The WSPD Justice Studies Scholarships require recipients to maintain a 3.0 grade point average, meet initial eligibility requirements and complete a summer internship with the Department. In return, the Department covers the cost of tuition, books and fees for up to three years (from sophomore year on) and guarantees recipients a job as an officer once they have com-

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Hairston

Male breast cancer survivor takes on visible role

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Sixty-eight year-old Rudolph Sullivan is a self-described "macho" man, and a breast cancer survivor.



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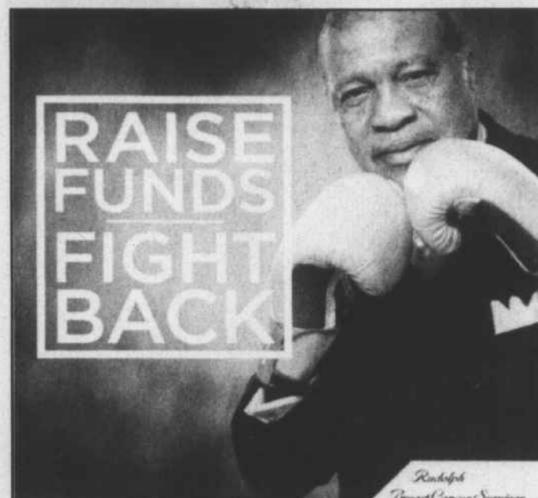
At first, Sullivan, a retiree who has spent the bulk of his life in Winston-Salem, said he found it difficult to reconcile his masculinity with the diagnosis he received in August 2008.

"Me and the doctor, we had some differences," related the grandfather of 16. "I told him I don't have a breast."

The diagnosis came on the heels of a series of unexpected events, beginning with the moment he was awakened from a deep sleep almost a year before.

"At about two or three in the morning, I woke up because a voice was calling my name," said the retired RJ Reynolds employee. "This voice told me to check my chest ... I felt

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Rudolph
Breast Cancer Survivor

COMMUNITY SERVICE ALL-STARS



Photo by Jason Pitt

More than a dozen individuals and organizations were honored for their good community deeds on Saturday evening at The Chronicle's 27th Annual Community Service Awards Gala. Meet each winner on Page B1.

Statewide honor goes to Parkland student

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

A Parkland High School senior has been picked for a statewide award for her dedication and contributions to the local community.

Seventeen year-old Tai Hensley was tapped for the North Carolina Association of Educators' 2012 Human Relations Award. Tai, a city native and the eldest of three children, was lauded for her work on a variety of volunteer service projects, including Wake Forest University's Transforming Race initiative, a collaborative partnership



Photo by Layla Farmer

Tai Hensley is being lauded for her dedication to service.

between the university's art students and high schoolers from across the county that explores issues of race and race relations through art. Tai represents Parkland in the

project, which will unveil a new traveling exhibit this spring.

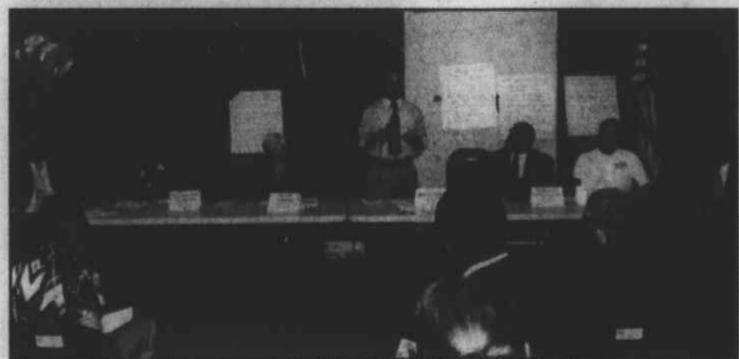
Tai, who is multiracial, said participating in the project has been an enlightening experience for her.

"It's opened my eyes to how bad the experience is for some people with race relations issues," she said. "I personally didn't realize how bad it was until we had the initial discussion (for the project)."

Tai said her IB (international baccalaureate) art teacher, Melissa Moore, was

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Democrats warm-up to Hispanics at Primary Election forum



Photos by Todd Luck

John Gladman speaks as (from left) Ed Hanes, Earline Parmon, Delmas Parker, James Taylor, David Moore and Everette Witherspoon look on.

BY TODD LUCK
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More than a dozen Democratic candidates spoke at a forum held during a meeting of the Hispanic-American Democrats last Thursday night at Democratic Party Headquarters.

The candidates are seeking offices in the N.C. General Assembly and U.S. Congress as well as on judicial benches. A diverse but largely Hispanic standing-room-only crowd came to hear from the candidates during what was the first Democratic forum of the primary season.

Due to the amount of candidates that showed up, most got to only give a brief statement about their candidacy. They each spent time trying to appeal to Hispanic voters.

Jimmie Lee Bonham, a candidate for the N.C. House seat for District 72, began his speech in Spanish. Rep. Earline Parmon currently represents the district, but is running for N.C. Senate this year. Bonham, owner of Hair by Jimi and an employment consultant for the N.C. Division of Employment Security, promised to fight economic, educational



Candidate Matt Newton

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