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NO	YES	N/A
<b>James Taylor</b>	<b>Derwin Montgomery</b>	<b>Vivian Burke</b>
		<b>DD Adams</b>

## Objections remain as coliseum sale passes

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem City Council voted Monday to go forward with the sales of Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum to Wake Forest University and Bowman Gray Stadium to Winston-Salem State University.

The Joel Coliseum vote was 5-2. (Council Member DD Adams was not in attendance due to medical issues.) The Bowman Gray vote was unanimous. The asking price for the coliseum is \$8 million. WSSU will fork over \$7.1 million for the stadium. Neither sale is automatic. Since Wake Forest is a private entity, the LJVM sale will be open to upset bids. Once a bid stands unchallenged for 10 days, the sale will be final. WSSU will have to get approval from the state legislature; if lawmakers give their approval, the deal would come back before the City Council for final approval.



Photo by Todd Luck  
**Cynthia Joel speaks at the meeting at Parkland.**

The sales have been a source of controversy. Many object to selling publicly-owned venues, while others have objected to WFU being able to sell the naming rights for LJVM, which the university has indicated will help offset losses it expects to inherit with the property.

City Council Members James Taylor and Derwin Montgomery voted against the LJVM sale, hoping to delay the vote while other alternatives were sought.

"I don't think we've exhausted all our measures to run the coliseum the way it needs to be run," said Montgomery, who also opposed changing its name.

Montgomery, a WSSU alumnus, said he supported the Bowman Gray sale because with only two types of events held there, WSSU football games and drag racing, it's less of a public venue than LJVM, which in addition to hosting WFU basketball games is the site of concerts, religious gatherings and other events.

Wake Forest has agreed to maintain the "Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial" language on the facade and marquee of the coliseum. Under sale terms, the school will also be required to maintain the property's veterans' memorials, which will be renamed the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Lobby and Plaza.

Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke said it was enough to ensure that the legacy of Joel, an African

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Photos by Layla Garms  
**Sandra Miller-Jones (left) and former Sen. Carol Moseley Braun greet Dr. Maya Angelou (right).**

## Tomorrow's doctors hear from Angelou

BY LAYLA GARMS  
THE CHRONICLE

The Wake Forest University School of Medicine Chapter of the Student National Medical Association honored some of its rising stars Sunday evening.

The 19th Annual SNMA Medical Excellence Banquet attracted a crowd to the downtown Marriott. It is an annual send off for graduating minority Medical School students, who in the months ahead will begin residency programs at hospitals across the nation.

Dr. Maya Angelou, a Winston-Salem resident and Wake Forest University professor, delivered the keynote address. Prior to her formal remarks, Angelou greeted a small cadre of students and dignitaries, including former U.S. Sen. Carol Moseley Braun, who made history as the first black female senator in the 1990s when the people of Illinois elected her.

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Photo by Layla Garms  
**Banquet Co-Chairs Jahanett Ramirez (left) and Jennifer Udom.**

### Doctorate for Ifill



WFO Photo  
**Gwendolyn Ifill, moderator and managing editor of "Washington Week" and senior correspondent for "PBS NewsHour" smiles as she receives an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters at Wake Forest University Monday. Read more on page A3.**

## UMMBC wants to ease pain of divorce

BY LAYLA GARMS  
THE CHRONICLE

When Spring Hope native Andre Crawley and his wife divorced in 2010 after two decades of marriage, he was bombarded with a host of emotions.

The longtime Wells Fargo employee said there were few places to turn for help.

"Emotionally, for men, we don't discuss it," said the father of two. "We suppress, we suppress, we suppress and we deal with it, and it is a time of extreme emotional discord."

Crawley said he is hoping to help others who find themselves in similar situations, through the DivorceCare ministry at United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church.

Crawley, who has been a member for over a decade, will serve as one of four facilitators for the DivorceCare divorce recovery support group, which is slated to begin Sept. 16.

"It has to come out. You can't keep it bottled up because it's a

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Photo by Layla Garms  
**Rev. Prince Rivers with Delores Lassiter and Cornelious Flood.**

## Winston-Salem State graduates overcome, excel

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

Among the 1,100 Winston-Salem State University graduates who heard from famed poet Nikki Giovanni at Saturday's Spring Commencement was George Banks, who graduated alongside his wife, Kathleen, after overcoming great challenges.

The 52-year-old earned his business administration degree in less than four years while running two businesses with his wife and fighting cancer. The 33 rounds of radiation treatments and chemotherapy to battle the tumor on his tongue did not keep him from attending

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**Kathleen and George Banks overcome the odds to graduate together.**



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