

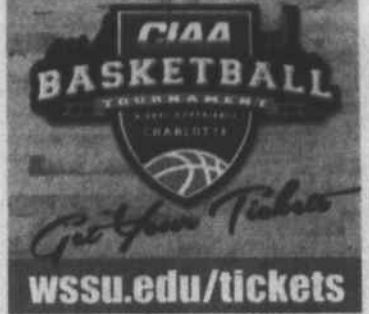
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Photo by Todd Luck

On Feb. 1, Winston-Salem City Council voted 5-3 to grant Southeast Plaza's owner \$825,500 to make improvements it says will help attract higher quality businesses.

W-S bond issue funds to generate police department improvements

District office, funds for homes and businesses are scheduled for East Winston

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

The impact of the recently approved bond issue on East Winston was the topic of a town hall meeting held by City Council Member Derwin Montgomery last week at Parkview Church of God.

He told his constituents that money will be coming to the ward to help fix up homes and businesses. Numerous other projects, such as expansion at Winston Lake Park, renovations at Happy Hill Park, a new gym at Sedge

Garden Recreation Center, and a new police district office are in the planning stages. Montgomery said some projects may see construction begin in as little as six to eight months.

Assistant City Manager Ben Rowe said that a Citizens Bond Oversight Committee will soon be appointed and a website should launch in late March that will let citizens track bond projects.

"You'll actually see a map of the city with all eight wards," said Rowe. "You can click on any ward

and it'll bring up all the projects that have been authorized for that particular ward and then the individual can actually click on a specific project to see how much money has been authorized for the project and the status of the project: whether it's still in the

design phase, whether it's under construction or, eventually, if it's been concluded.

In November, voters approved five bond issues totaling \$139.2 million for economic development, housing/neighborhood development, public safety, recreation and streets/sidewalks. One big change coming out of the bond issues is the creation of three district offices for the Winston-Salem Police Department. The department is currently housed in



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HBCUs must exist, panelists at WSSU say

BY CHANEL DAVIS
THE CHRONICLE

Students from 11 historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) across the state descended onto the campus of Winston-Salem State University last week to talk about how they could contribute to making sure the doors of those institutions remain open.

The 2015 North Carolina HBCU Political Action Summit was hosted by WSSU Student Government Association along with the Young Invincibles and the UNC Association of Student Governments.

The summit kicked off on Feb. 11 and lasted through the remainder of the week. Students participated in sessions on the local and statewide impact of N.C. HBCU's enrollment, recruitment, programs, and funding; and

advocacy training along with meetings with legislative aids and state legislators.

"We felt that we needed to start creating spaces so that we could talk about the issues that HBCU's face, to celebrate the good things about us, work through some of the issues that we have and to tap into some of the power we have as students," said WSSU SGA President Olivia Sedwick. "We are going to Raleigh, not expecting anything immediate, but to start conversations because clearly these conversations aren't being had. This is about having discussions around HBCU relevancy and how we determine what things are important to them based on what's important to us."

The summit also included a panel presentation on Thursday, Feb. 12, that discussed funding

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Photo by Chanel Davis

WSSU SGA President Olivia Sedwick welcomes everyone to the 2015 North Carolina HBCU Political Action Summit that was hosted by WSSU Student Government Association along with the Young Invincibles and the UNC Association of Student Governments.

Appeals court judge urges law students to 'go against the grain'

BY CHANEL DAVIS
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"It's so important that young lawyers understand what justice is and how to go about making it possible for everyone," said Judge Roger Gregory of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit.

He was the keynote speaker at the Wake Forest University Black Law Students Association's

(BLSA) 30th annual Scholarship Banquet on Friday, Feb. 13, at the Milton Rhodes Center for the Arts.

Gregory joined the court in 2001 after being nominated by former President Bill Clinton, and renominated to the seat by President George W. Bush. He received his bachelor's from Virginia State University before receiving his law degree from Michigan Law School in 1978.

Gregory was the first judge nominated to the Fourth Circuit by Bush. He is also the first black judge

to serve on the Fourth Circuit.

In 2014, he joined the majority opinion with Henry Franklin Floyd in the historic *Bostic v. Schaefer* case that declared Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage unconstitutional. That decision led to the legalization of same-sex marriage in Virginia and other states in the Fourth Circuit, which is based in Richmond, Virginia.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit hears appeals from the district courts in the states of Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and West Virginia. There are nine federal district courts located within the Fourth Circuit.

Gregory charged students and professionals to remember that it's not



Gregory

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Photo by Donna Rogers

No doubt about it: It's winter

On Presidents' Day, Monday, Feb. 16, not only did the holiday keep people away from downtown Winston-Salem, but the snowy weather did, too. Forecasters are predicting more cold to come this week. Energy companies are reminding people to wear extra layers of clothing and use extra blankets on the bed so that you can set your thermostat as low as comfortable. Law enforcement officials urge caution on the roads because of the black ice that might be under the snow on the road. Remember, it's winter now.

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