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Robinson: 'Nonsense' won't deter WSSU

Chancellor speaks at The Chronicle's 30th banquet honoring servants in the community

BY DONNA ROGERS
THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) has a lot of good things going on, and will continue to thrive despite talk of possibly closing the university, its chancellor said.

Elwood L. Robinson called such talk 'nonsense' when he spoke to those gathered Saturday, March 21 for The Chronicle's 30th annual Community Service Awards Banquet at the Benton Convention Center.

"I'm proud to stand before you

today representing the number one university in the state of North Carolina whose graduates are now employed," Robinson said, referring to a study by the N.C. Department of Commerce that was released Friday at the WSSU Board of Trustees meeting. The report covered the 16 or 17 universities in the University of North



Robinson

Carolina system.

Robinson also said that WSSU is the No.1 university in the UNC system whose undergraduates make the most money when they find a job and the No. 2 university — behind UNC-Chapel Hill — whose graduate students earning master's degrees earned the most money after graduation, more than \$62,000.

Some members of the UNC Board of Governors, which governs the schools in the UNC system, have

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Scovens



Pender



Photo by Erin Mizelle for the Winston-Salem Chronicle

Solomon V. Gore hugs Pastor Barry Washington as Gerald Green & Rev. Kenneth Holly look on.

'Blessed': First veteran moves into Homes 4 Our Heroes

BY CHANEL DAVIS
THE CHRONICLE

Solomon V. Gore is finally home.

Not a place that's he's sharing with someone else or a place that requires him to do maintenance work to live there, but his own home.

"I'm just blessed," he said as he sat on the couch and looked around his new apartment. "It's a great opportunity to live here."

The Vietnam veteran has been looking for permanent housing since the home where he rented a room on West 26th Street burned down, due to a space heater, in November

2013.

"Someone came from up the street and told us that it was on fire. We didn't smell any smoke or hear the smoke alarm. I just sat in the driveway and cried," Gore said.

Since then, the 69-year-old Army veteran has been staying in some apartments at Polo Road and Cherry Street, in trade for acting as a handyman around the complex. He will no longer need to do that in order to have a place to stay.

"I've been struggling for at least a year and a half to get a decent place to stay," he said. "Sometimes I would get frustrated, give



Photo by Erin Mizelle for the Winston-Salem Chronicle

Solomon V. Gore holds the key to his newly finished home on Cameron Street in Winston-Salem on March 19.

up and have to go back at it again." Homes 4 Our Heroes, a

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WINSTON-SALEM POLICE

1st Amendment videotaped audit of police leads to investigation Episode with officer posted to YouTube

BY CHANEL DAVIS
THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Police Department's Professional Standards Division has been busy investigating an officer's behavior that was videotaped in February and released, last week, during Sunshine Week, a movement that promotes transparency and open government.

The video was posted to YouTube by Walkertown resident Richard "Rick" Goins, who was videotaping the rear area of the Winston-Salem Public Safety Center when he was confronted by Lt. R. B. Rose, who asked what he was doing.

Kimya N. Dennis, assistant professor in Salem College's sociology and criminal studies department, said that she felt the officer did the right thing by asking what was going on.

"In terms of asking the man questions and even asking the man not to randomly videotape the police department. This is understandably suspicious based on potential threats to law enforcement agencies," she said.

Rose, a 26-year-veteran can be seen on camera insulting Goins calling him names and asking if that was the only way he could get women, if his children would be proud of him and whether or not he was on medication.

A media release says that the WSPD is worried about the comments that were made to Goins and has referred the matter to the WSPD Professional Standards Division (its version of Internal Affairs) for an administrative investigation to determine if any of the city's or department's policies were violated.

"As we are in the preliminary stages of the administrative investigation, it is inappropriate to make conclusions at this time or speculate on any corrective action that may be taken against Lt. Rose," the release stated.

Dennis, who watched the video, feels that they should be worried about those statements.

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Proclamation dedicated to the ones they love

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

With a dozen family members of the "5" Royales at the Hanesbrand Theatre, Mayor Allen Joines dedicated Thursday, March 19, as a day to honor the legendary band that will be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame next month.

"What a great day it is to be mayor of a city that can claim the '5' Royals as part of our heritage here in Winston-Salem," said Joines before

reading the proclamation at the Thursday event, emceed by WXII morning traffic reporter Busta Brown.

The "5" Royales, started in the 1940s as the Royal Sons Quintet, a popular local gospel group.

They changed the group's name to the "5" Royales when they decided to switch to secular music. Their mix of gospel and blues would produce seven top 10 R&B hits in the 1950s and become a tremendous influence on

other artists. They were inducted into the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame in 2009 and have a local street, 5 Royales Drive, named after them.

Both historical nonprofit Vintage '04 and Friends of the Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center pushed for the proclamation. Bobby Ray Wilson, Vintage '04 founder and president, called the "5" Royales "unsung singing sensations." Despite their R&B

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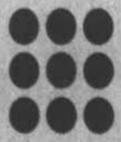
Attendees look on as the mayor reads the proclamation.

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