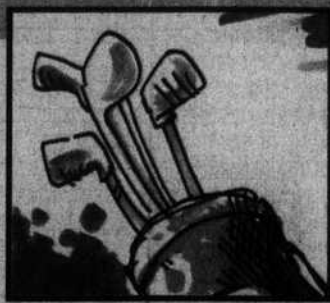


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Trump makes HBCUs wait

BY CASH MICHAELS
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When over 80 presidents and chancellors from historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) left Washington, D.C., last week after first meeting with President Donald Trump at the White House, and then taking part in a Republican-sponsored fly-in conference at The Library of Congress, convened by conservative U.S. Rep. Mark Walker (R-NC-6), some, like Chancellors Harold Martin of N.C. A&T University in Greensboro, and Elwood Robinson of Winston-Salem State University, were hopeful that the visits would ultimately be manifested in a stronger relationship, yielding greater federal public policy and funding support.

"With the national spotlight shifting to other topics, it will be important for this dialogue to continue with both the execu-



President Trump

Photo by CNN

utive and legislative branches," Chancellor Martin, in an open letter to the N.C. A&T campus, wrote afterward.

"Clearly, there is much still to learn

about our institutions from key government officials, and we accept our role in providing this education," Martin continued. "I look forward to continuing the con-

versation around needs of particular importance to our university, other campuses, and the nearly 300,000 students (from over 100 HBCUs across the country) we collectively serve."

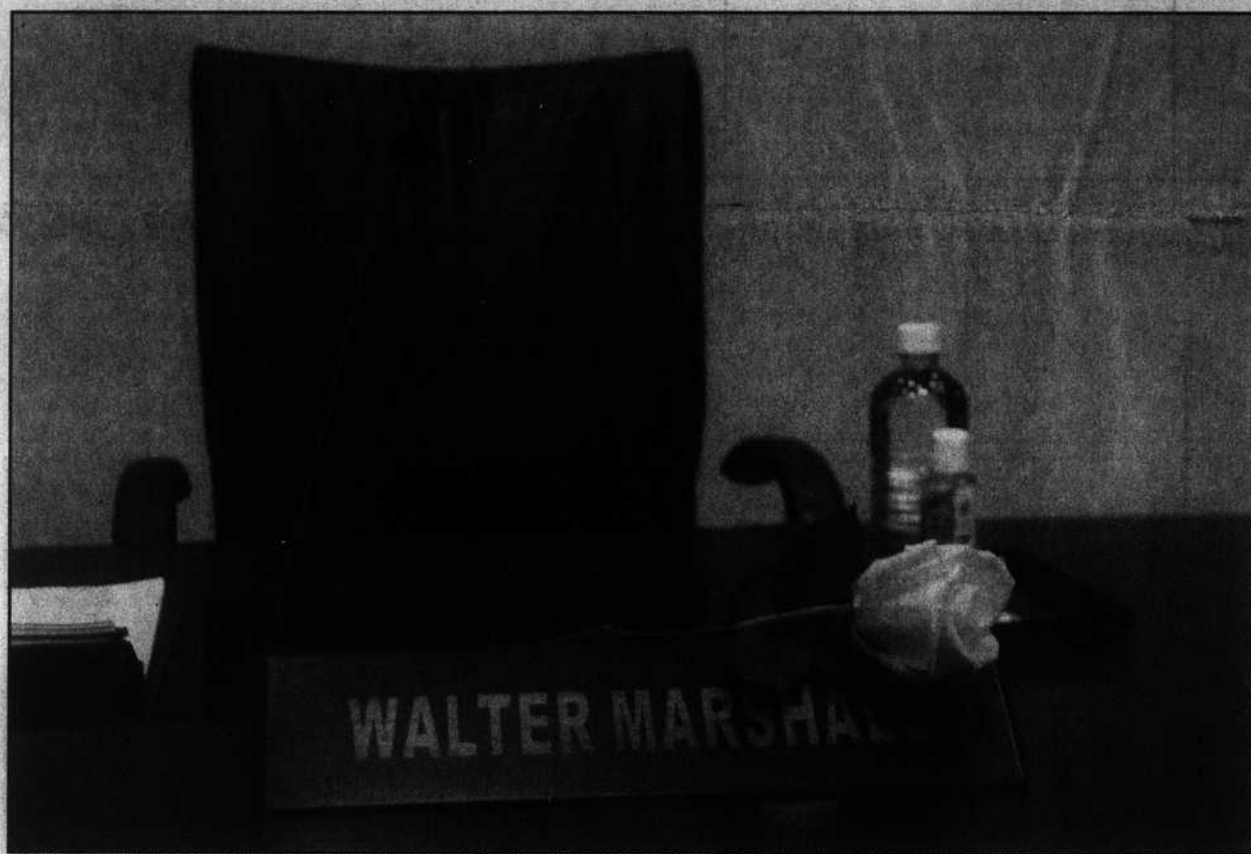
WSSU's Chancellor Robinson echoed his colleague's response.

"As this university's leader, it is my responsibility to ensure that our elected officials understand how crucial our mission is and to ensure ongoing federal support for our students, faculty, staff, research, and programming," Robinson said in an open letter to the WSSU campus on Facebook.

"We are keenly interested in policy and discussions around issues that impact our campus, including Title III funding, Pell grants, federal research grants, and HBCU-specific federal funding. The meetings this week in D.C. between more than

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Who will succeed Walter Marshall?



Photos by Todd Luck

Walter Marshall's chair sits empty with a white rose to honor the late county commissioner at last week's briefing.

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Who will be the next county commissioner from District A after the death of Walter Marshall late last month?

The Forsyth County Democratic Party (FCDP) will be deciding that question on Tuesday night as the executive committee elects someone to fill the seat. The local party's executive committee, which is comprised of the chairs and vice chairs from each precinct, will elect someone to fill the seat. The party's nomination will then have to be approved by the



El-Amin



Burton

county commissioners. Whoever is picked will have to run for re-election in 2018.

"We believe in open elections. We believe in democracy and that's how we're going to conduct that election,"

said FCDP Chair Eric Ellison.

Both Fleming El-Amin and Tony Burton plan to submit his name for consideration that night, though any Democrat who lives in the district could be nominated from the floor. Marshall wasn't planning to seek reelection in 2018, so both men were already planning on running for the seat in 2018.

El-Amin resigned from the Forsyth County Board of Elections (BOE) last month so that he could begin organizing his 2018 campaign. El-Amin, a retired educator who

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Organizations help 100 students with employment

BY TIMOTHY RAMSEY
THE CHRONICLE

Becoming financially independent and fiscally responsible are valuable skills for a teen to learn. The Initiative for African-American Males (IAAM) looks to teach local teens in Forsyth County just that by helping them obtain part-time jobs along with interview training and resume building skills.



Photo by Timothy Ramsey

The students were able to go to the computer labs at Goodwill and fill out as many as 18 job applications.

Close to 100 students came out to participate in an IAAM jobs event.

IAAM was started because of the low performance of African-American males throughout Forsyth County's school district. IAAM seeks to bring awareness to the issue by bringing together community agencies, parents

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'Julius and Vivienne' named NBTF celebrity co-chairs

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

Anna Maria Horsford and Obba Babatundé will serve as the celebrity co-chairs for the next National Black Theatre Festival scheduled for July 31 through Aug. 5. The announcement was made earlier this week during a press conference held at Embassy Suites Hotel.

The duo from New York who currently star together on the CBS day-

time soap opera "The Bold and the Beautiful" as Julius and Vivienne Avant. Horsford, who is best known for her roles as Thelma Frye on the 1980s sitcom "Amen" said the fact that she gets to shine a light on the importance of theatre is what excites her most.

"Theater was the first introduction to the place that was magic for me as a child. I remember the first

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