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the student body.

*Transgender students who identify as women be considered for admission.

*A new system of faculty evaluations be set up to hold staff members accountable for their actions in classes.

Ed Jones, director of communications and public relations, said the administration offered to sit down with students but they declined that offer and continued their protest.

"We offered to meet with the students to discuss the contents of the document. They have advised us that they prefer to continue their sit-in until action is taken. We respect their rights to express themselves in a peaceful manner."

According to protesters, minority students daily are met with racist comments and hate rhetoric from fellow students and

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professors. Senior Alex Harris said although students have been through all the proper channels to make their complaints known, in the past those cries have fallen on deaf ears and nothing has changed.

"We've been trying to fix these issues for years now, so we've been to the meetings yet nothing has changed, so now we feel the need to take direct action and make sure that they listen to us," Harris said.

Sophomore Lorina Morton said while the student body is expected to uphold an honor code, staff and administration at Salem College aren't held to the same

standards.

"We are bound by an honor code that we sign at the beginning of every school year but that code isn't applied to the faculty, staff, and administration. That's a big concern that we have. If we are bound by the contract, why aren't they also required to do so," asked Morton. "If you expect us to be respectful and treat everyone the same, we should expect the same from you."

As if dealing with professors that refer to black students as "those people," and tell Hispanic students they will never succeed in life isn't enough, students also have to deal with unfit living quarters and

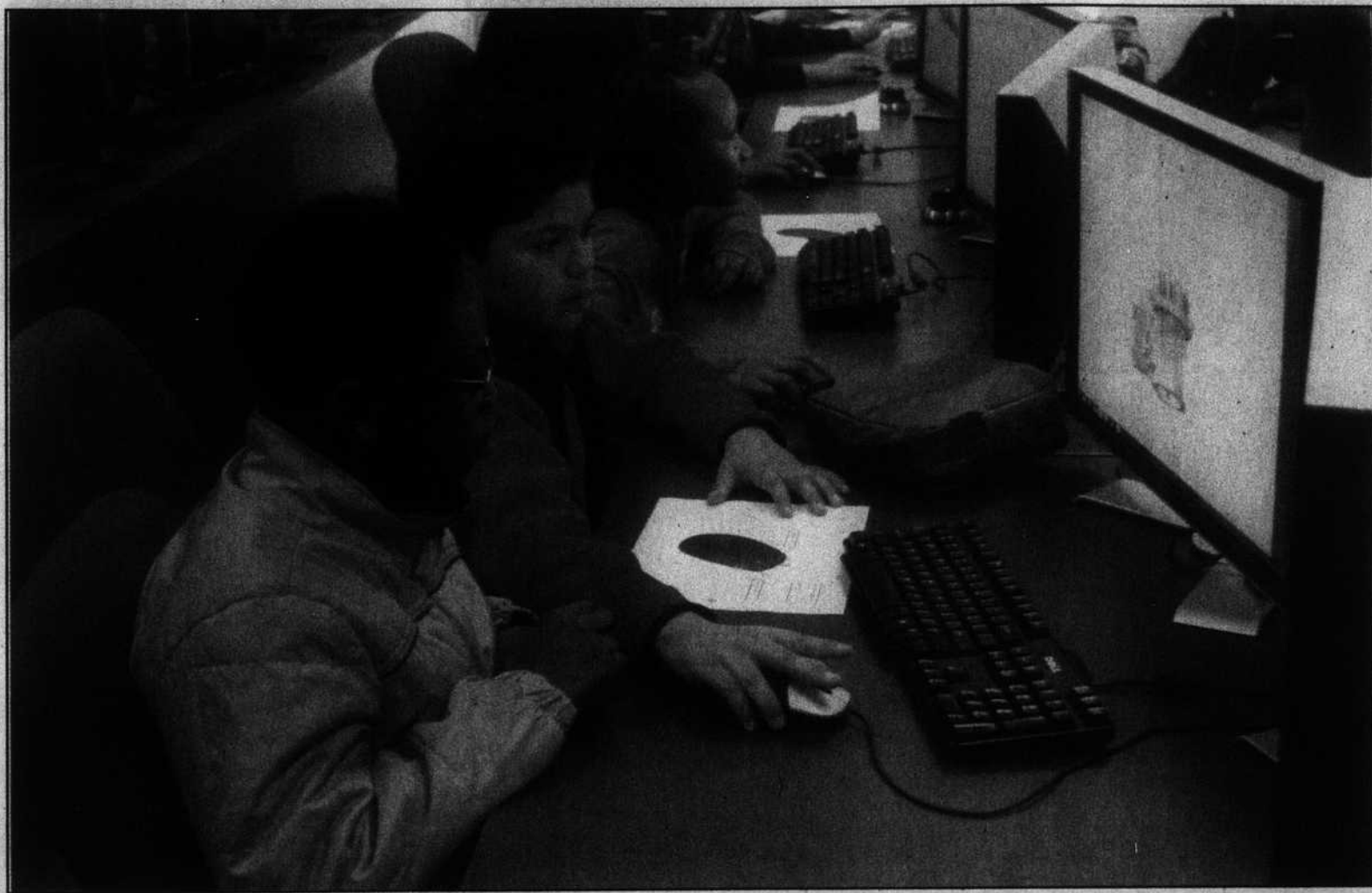
inedible food in the cafeteria, they say.

During an interview with The Chronicle earlier this week, Senior Leniece Linder, who serves as president of Salem College's Black Americans Demonstrating Unity (BADU) organization, said the dorms on campus are infested with termites, roaches and rodents and the food has caused several students to get sick.

"It has become routine here for students to be diagnosed with food poisoning," said Linder. "We are at the point where professors aren't even surprised when students get sick, that's how common it has become."

In an email sent to students, faculty and staff, Salem President Lorraine Sterritt and Vice President Susan Calovini said they were reviewing the list of demands.

"We care deeply about our students and we acknowledge the importance of the concerns that they have raised. We commit to working with students, faculty, staff, administration, and the boards in order to respond to the call to action."



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read proficiently by third grade are four times more likely to leave high school without a diploma.

The study also shows that one in six children who are not reading proficiently by third grade do not graduate from high school on time.

"I think it's wonderful that the students get to see firsthand what Forsyth Tech has to offer," said Rachel Bishop; a fifth-grade teacher at South Fork Elementary School.

"For a lot of the students, this is their first time on a college campus. It's important that they know that there are opportunities out there."

Photo by Tevin Stinson

Local fifth-graders got a taste of the college life last week when they visited Forsyth Technical Community College.



Photo by Todd Luck

N.C. Secretary of State Elaine Marshall presents the Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Walter Marshall's widow, Paulette, son Malcolm and daughter Krista (far right).

Marshall

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another building after him.

Commissioner Fleming El-Amin, who was chosen by the local Democratic Party to fill Marshall's seat, said he was standing on the shoulders of giants. He said Marshall was a walking encyclopedia of history and always spoke his mind.

"There are few men who are who they appear to be 24/7," said El-Amin.

County Commissioner Co-Chairman Don Martin said, before coming to Forsyth County, his background on diversity was "pretty thin," but Marshall educated him on the subject.

"My learning on diversity issues started with Walter," he said.

Commissioner Ted Kaplan also said he

learned a lot from Marshall over the years. Commissioner Richard Linville said that Marshall was always thinking about others and would ask how he was doing, especially when he was going through a difficult time. Commissioner Gloria Witherspoon said even though she and Marshall would sometimes disagree, they could still leave the room with a civil "goodbye."

Marshall's son, Malcolm, thanked the commissioners for their kind words. He said that though his father may have disagreed with the other commissioners sometimes, it was a relationship built on respect.

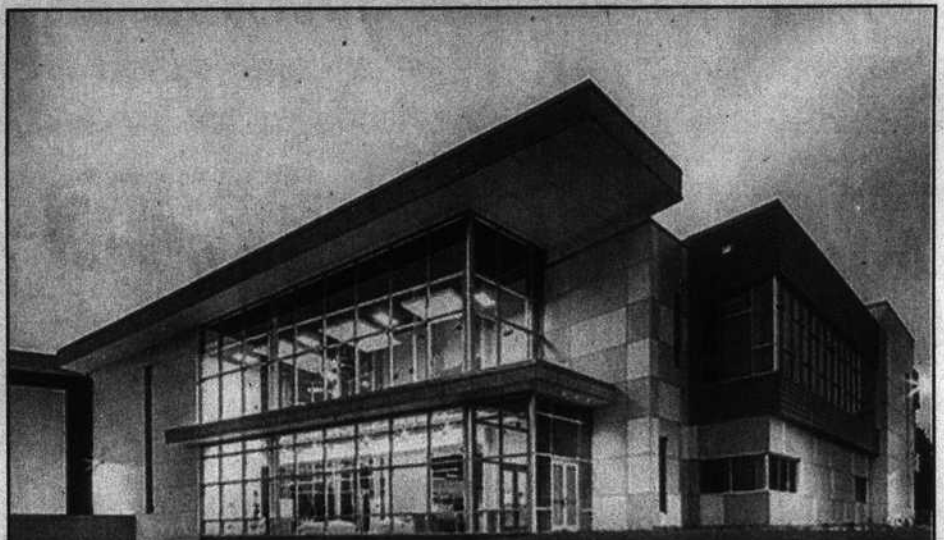
"He respected each and everyone of you," said Malcolm.

The county resolution honoring Walter Marshall was ratified during Monday night's county commissioners meeting.

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