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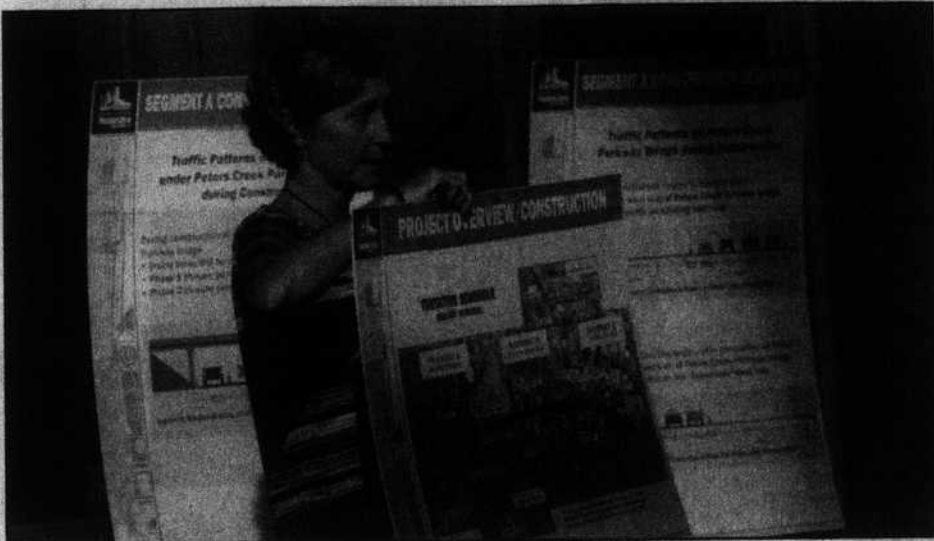
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Karen Simon, N.C. DOT division construction engineer talks about the Business 40 project that will close the entire highway in fall of 2018.



Council Member Derwin Montgomery addresses the crowd during a town hall meeting held at Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy on Thursday, Sept. 28.

Impact of closing Bus. 40 on E. Winston

East Ward town hall sheds light

BY TEVIN STINSON
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Throughout the year, Council Member Derwin Montgomery, who represents the East Ward, and owns part of The Chronicle, has held town hall meetings to keep residents in his ward up-to-date with what's going on. During the third town

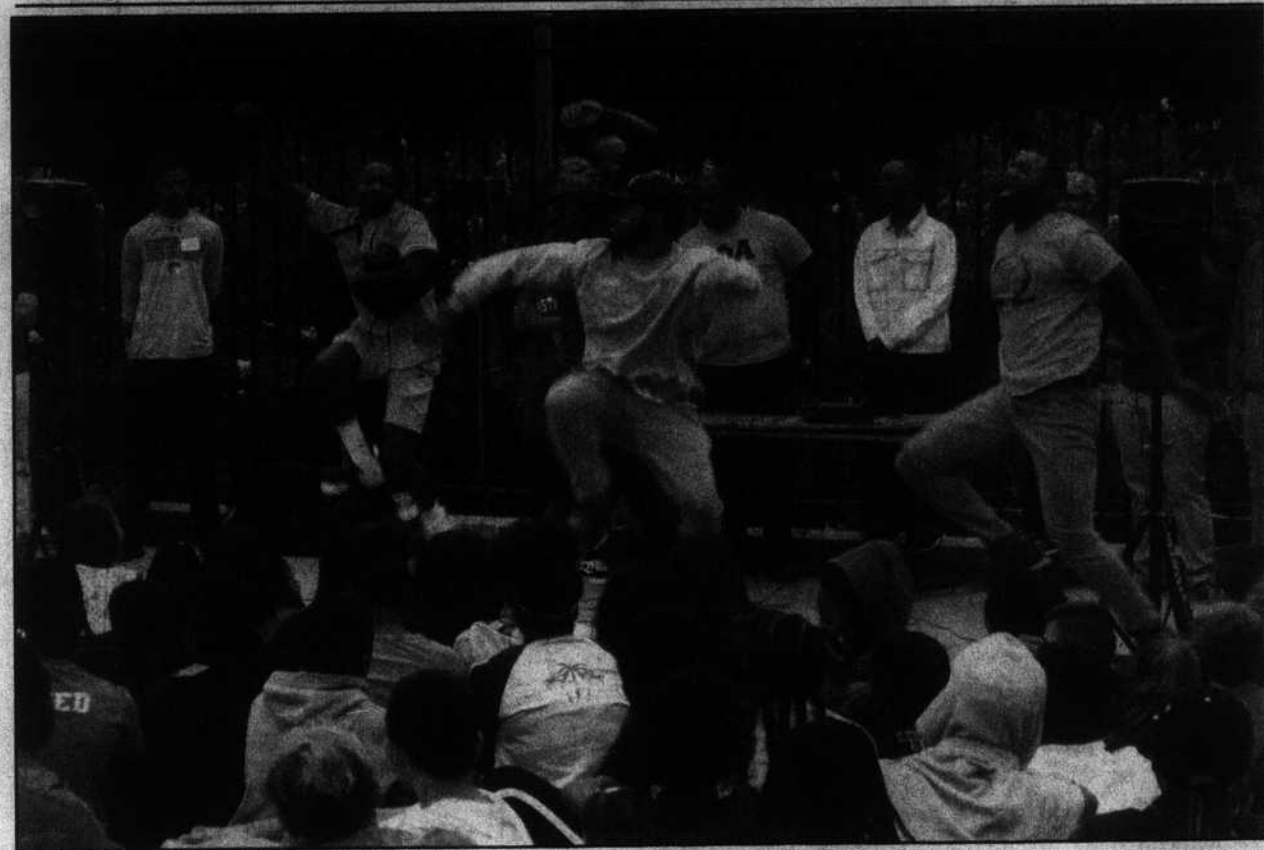


Montgomery

hall held at Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy on Thursday Sept. 28, Montgomery invited representatives from the North

Carolina Department of Transportation (N.C. DOT) to discuss the closing of Business 40 and its impact on the East Winston community. Karen Simon, N.C. DOT division construction engineer, said residents should start to see large equipment begin to roll in later this month. Construction on "Segment A," which includes the Peters Creek Parkway interchange near BB&T Ballpark, is first on the list.

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Members of the Mu Epsilon Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity perform for local middle school students during the Winston-Salem Classic on Friday, Sept. 29.

WSSU celebrates 125th anniversary

BY TEVIN STINSON
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The campus of Winston-Salem State University was filled with fun and excitement last week as faculty, staff, students, and alumni celebrated the university's 125th anniversary.

The festivities began on Thursday, Sept. 21, with the Career Internship Fair held inside the Donald Julius

Reeves Student Activity Center. More than 75 employers and college graduate programs were on hand to connect with WSSU students.

The celebration continued Thursday Sept. 28 when students and staff came together to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Simon Green Atkins with an original production, "I Dream A World: The Life and Dreams of Simon G. Atkins." The production used music, song,

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Walter Marshall's name will live on with building

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Forsyth County commissioners voted during their Thursday, Sept. 28, meeting to rename the Social Services building after the late Walter Marshall.

Marshall was a county commissioner, former school board member and former local NAACP president who was a longtime member of the Social Services board. He passed away earlier this year.

The resolution, which commissioners passed unanimously, was initiated by Commissioner Fleming El-Amin, who was appointed to fill Marshall's seat. It authorizes county staff to look into how the name change will take place.

Before the vote, several community members spoke in favor of naming the building. Charles Wilson called Marshall a man of "principle and personal integrity."

"Naming the Department of Social Services in honor of Walter Marshall would be a form of a monument in remembrance of his contributions to this community and his 27 years of elected public service on the local school board and the county commissioners."

Alfred Harvey said the 14th Street Elementary School Alumni Association supported the naming, calling Marshall a "champion of the people."

"He truly loved Winston-Salem and the people," he said.

Fred Terry, a former City Council member, said it was

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Marshall

Bishop Barber leaves N.C. NAACP in best shape ever

Editor's note: Last of two parts.

BY CASH MICHAELS
FOR THE CHRONICLE

For Bishop Dr. William J. Barber II, president of the N.C. NAACP, the last 12 years of leadership have indeed been challenging, but as he steps aside this week during the 74th annual N.C.

NAACP Convention in Raleigh, where a new president will be elected, he looks back humbly. He knows that he's leaving the state conference — which was \$80,000 in debt when he took over in 2005 — in better shape than he found it.

"The one thing that people need to know about the NAACP is that it's multi-faceted, and not a one-issue organization," Dr. Barber said during a recent exclusive phone interview. "When

you are a servant-leader, you have to be nimble; you have to work with a lot of personalities and issues all at the same time. Which is why one of the things I've shared with people running for president of the state conference ... though it is a volunteer position, though you do not get a salary, you really better be in for full-time work, and full-time service. Especially in a state like North

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