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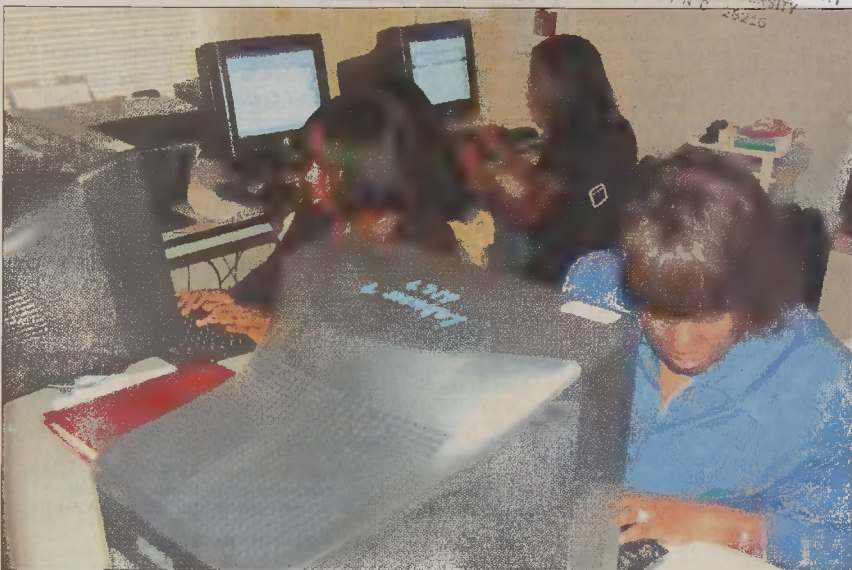
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Barber-Scotia College students Sondra Chavis (right) and LaMonica Boyd work on a class project on the Concord campus.

**About Barber-Scotia College**

**Location:** Concord.  
**Founded:** 1867, as Scotia Seminary by the Rev. Luke Dorland, a Presbyterian minister. Name changed to Scotia Women's College in 1916. Merged with Barber Memorial College of Anniston, Ala., in 1930. Took its present name in 1932.  
**President:** Carl Ramer.

**Noted alumni:** Mary McLeod Bethune, founder of Bethune-Cookman College in Daytona Beach, Fla.; Katie G. Cannon, first African American woman to be ordained in the United Presbyterian Church.



Bethune

## In the end, faith

Barber-Scotia College measures success by surviving

By Erica Singleton  
FOR THE CHARLOTTE POST  
**CONCORD** — Everybody at Barber-Scotia College has a story to tell.  
"From 'I ran away from home to come to college' to 'I came with the clothes on my back,' or 'I came because my grandmother attended,'" said Adalea Howie, special events coordinator with the Concord Alumni Chapter. "They have a passion for Barber-Scotia and they have come home now to see what they can do to help."  
In 2004, Barber-Scotia lost

its accreditation, and with it federal dollars that allowed for student enrollment.  
"The loss of accreditation resulted from failure to provide accurate information to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the regional accrediting agency," said former president Gloria Bromell-Tinubu, who took office July 1, 2004. She cited the college's awarding of degrees to nearly 30 students who SACS determined hadn't met requirements. The loss of accreditation makes the col-

lege's students ineligible for federal aid, which an estimated 90 percent of the school's students depended on.  
It was a devastating blow to the 139-year old institution, and its alumni. So was the decision to close its doors last year, which meant no homecoming.  
"I think a lot of folks were disappointed," said Elisa Hodges, chairman Barber-Scotia's board of trustees.  
Among the disappointed was Donald Smith. The for-

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Barber-Scotia Concord Alumni Chapter special events coordinator Adalea Howie

## Council OKs new boost for corridors

Development of business park in Smallwood may be start of long-term projects

By Herbert L. White  
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The next phase in Charlotte's drive to boost economic development along inner city neighborhoods got a boost this week.

On Monday, City Council voted to support a business park on Rozzelles Ferry Road near the Smallwood community as part of its business corridor revitalization plan. A \$9 million program that would support projects along West Boulevard, Rozzelles Ferry, and North Graham Street over the next four years is also being considered. Council is expected to vote on the plan next month.



Foxx

"The city has gone in fits and starts with inner city development," council member Anthony Foxx said. "What's happened is this subject has fallen through the cracks."

The revitalization plan would create new businesses by making inner city neighborhoods more attractive to businesses. The city would remove economic barriers to development by purchasing dilapidated commercial buildings and improving infrastructure. City staff dedicated to the corridors would recruit new development and corporate partners.

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NEWS, NOTES & TRENDS

## Conference focus on affordable housing

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A forum planned for next week will address the future of affordable housing in Charlotte.

Housing Charlotte 2007, a forum that will be held Feb. 22 at the Charlotte Convention Center, will bring political, non-profit and corporate leaders together to discuss issues and solutions.

"The participants so far have been from banking, community and political folks and community groups," said Stanley Watkins, director of Charlotte Neighborhood Development. "We're going to talk about affordable housing in Charlotte and what kind of solutions we can bring to bear for the future."

Living in Charlotte isn't getting cheaper. By 2010, according to estimates, more than 17,000 households earning less than \$16,000 won't be able to afford a place to stay. Finding financing solutions as well as options for

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## Life-saving drive rallies Montessori campus

10-year-old's best chance of marrow transplant is another African American

By Brandi Woodson  
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Adrian Oates is in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant.

Last Thanksgiving Day, the 10-year-old's mother noticed Adrian was sluggish and didn't want to eat. A doctor's examination found that Adrian's blood count was low and he needed an immediate blood and platelet transfusion. That was followed by a full bone marrow biopsy.

"I figured it to be just a little virus going around," said Adrian's mother, Daphne.

But there was more at stake. Oates was delivered the devastating news that Adrian's bone marrow was no longer working, the result of aplastic anemia. With a low white blood cell count, Adrian takes 14 pills daily and receives frequent blood transfusions.

"Ever since Thanksgiving it has been nothing but transfusion after transfusion," said Oates. "It has just been a roller coaster."

Adrian, a student at Park Road Montessori School when he became ill, is unable to attend classes and is provided a home tutor by Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools. "He is a great kid and student," said Park Road Montessori teacher Reg Britz. "We were hoping that he could come back before school was over, but now we just want him to feel better."

On Monday, Park Road Montessori and Community Blood Center of the Carolinas held a blood drive and a bone marrow donor registration to find a match for Adrian. Because Adrian is African-American, finding a match for Please see CAMPUS/3A



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Adrian Oates is flanked by his grandmother Sylvia Sadler and mother Daphne Oates at Park Road Montessori School Monday. Adrian needs a bone marrow transplant to counter aplastic anemia.



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