# Transit tax campaign



Continued from page 1A
Political
Caucus.
"I think
they may
have a fighting chance,
but that's
predicated
on a lot of
things," he
said.
The Caucus hasn't staked
out an official position
after meeting last week,
Collins said, but will host a
town hall meeting next town hall meeting next month where opponents and foes can lobby voters. The caucus' concerns,

exclusivity and economic development. Current plans call for light rail in plans call for light rail in north and south Mecklenburg, leaving the east and mostly-black west Charlotte with bus lines. Streetcars are proposed for those areas, but skeptics question whether lines will be developed or whether they'll provide an economic boost for neighborhoods.

"How many times have African Americans been promised something only to have, as (poet) Langston Hughes said, a dream

deferred?" Collins said. "We not only look at num-bers, but the lens of history and how we've been treated in Charlotte."

If and now eve beta treated in Charlotte."

Mumford believes the tax will survive with aggressive lobbyng. A comprehensive transit program that includes light rail is necessary for the region's economic benefit.

"We have five months to hopefully bring together a successful campaign that will keep a critical part of transportation funding in place," he said. "We can't continue to grow without addressing this."

### School once at crossroads marks turnaround in academics, attitude

Continued from page 1A some family issues and they helped me get through it," she said. "I know they are always going to be there for

aways going to be inere for me."

Like when she was prepar-ing to take the SAT. Watkins scored 1,200 on her first try, but wasn't satisfied. Crossroads teachers helped

Crossroads teachers helped Watkins prepare for the test again, and she scored 1,440. "I tell the folk that I left behind in (Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools) that they have to see the young people we have here," said Simmons, a retired CMS teacher and administrator. "This is one of the finest schools that I have worked in, in my 30 years in education."

dents and one of the school's goals for the year was to increase the number of graduates, Simmons said.

or graduates, simmons said.
While every graduate is not on the traditional college path, Simmons said many will further their education at Central Predmont Community College and technical schools in the southeast.

technical schools in the southeast.

Last fall, the state of North Carolina
Crossroads' high school charter, which gave the school certification for the next 10 years.

Officials from the N.C. Department of Public Instruction have praised the school and its administration.

In an e-mail, Jack Moyer of the North Carolina
Department of Public
Instruction said, "Mr.
Simmons has done an outstanding job in turning the culture and attitude 180 degrees. It was evident as soon as I entered the door that the atmosphere had changed to a very positive and friendly environment." Simmons said the change comes from teachers who

Simmons said the change comes from teachers who balance love and discipline, which lets the students know everyone at the school cares about their future.

"We do a lot of focus on character," he said. "Every month we have an old fashioned assembly where the students come in and they are involved in celebrating good character."

Watkins, who gave the keynote address at Monday's graduation, said she wants people to know that students at Crossroads aren't bad kids.

aren't bad kids.

"A lot of students come to Crossroads for a second chance," she said. chance," she said.
"Everybody here is treated
equally and the teachers
watch out for us just like we
are their own."

#### Breaking local news is now available online

## The Charlotte Post



**GREATER CHARLOTTE** TUSKEGEE-ALUMNI **CHAPTER'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT** 

1st Annual Greater Charlotte Tuskegee Alumni Scholarship Golf Tourna funds for current and future Tuskegee University students

EVENT DATE: Thursday, June 21, 2007

TIME: 8:30 AM Shotgun Start PLACE: The Tradition Golf Club FORMAT: Best Ball

HOLE SPONSORSHIP \$200

Opportunity to promote your business or give Corporate Recognition

PRIZE PACKAGE WORTH over \$4,000:

1st Ace on specified hole wins a "Carolina Trails Platinum Membership" Free Golftee 1 Hour Lesson w/Video Swing Analysis \$10 off Coupon per player towards future round of golf at any of the Carolina Trail Clubs

Awards Ceremony following the Tout

GIFT PACKAGE VALUED @ \$25 FOR EACH GOLFER

3800 Prosperity Church Road
Charlotte, NC 28269 • 704-503-7529
Opened in 1996, this scenic golf course was cut of dense hardwoods and is located on the beautiful, rolling terrain of North Mecklenburg County. Strategic shot making is the key to scoring at The Tradition, with its winding, tree-lined

COST\*\*: \$400 per foursome team • \$100 per individual golfer

Total value including Box Lunch: \$82.00 Registration Deadline: June 1st, 2007 "The Tradition Golf Club"

Payment by "Check or Money Order" made payable to: GCTA

Need More Information? Contact: Derrick Hall • 704.494.4942 dhall@dialcorp.com



# **SAVINGS & VALUES START TODAY**

## ETERNITY 2-PC. SET ONLY \$60, AN \$89 VALUE



19.99 CLUB ROOM Only at Macy's. 50% off

Reg. \$42.



**SALE 29.99** DESIGNER DRESS SHIRTS

Perry Ellis Portfo
 Geoffrey Beene
Regular fit or fitted
in stripes, solids

or patterns. Reg. 39.50-\$45







WATCHES FOR HIM B. Black ionic-plated with square dial and diamo accent. #G10610G. \$105. C. Large stainless steel with square black dial and diamond accent. #G10184G. \$100. Mary's pass/card discount does not apply. FATHER'S DAY SALE SHOPPING PASS

EXTRA 20% OFF storewide sale & clearance merchandise



FOSSII ® IP COLLECTION WATCHES

D. Smoke ionic-plated chronograph with silver round dial. #F\$4250, \$125. E. Smoke ionic-plated chronograph with oblong dial. #F\$4251. \$115. F. Smoke ionic-plated with diamond accent. #F\$4258. \$105. G. Smoke ionic-plated multifunction with silver dial. #ME1012, \$125. Mary's passyfard dissount does not apply.

2-Day Specials Friday, June 15 & Saturday, June 16 only shop all day both days



His Day, His Gift Card

Say thank you Dad, Sunday, June 17th.

