

Oakes Named New Director at Wake Forest

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Dr. Barbee M. Oakes has been named director of the Wake Forest University Office of Multicultural Affairs.

Oakes, a 1980 graduate of Wake Forest and former assistant professor of health and sport science, has served as the interim director of the office since August 1995.

"Dr. Oakes made significant contributions to the Office of Multicultural Affairs during her interim appointment and we are delighted to have her as director," said Harold Holmes, associate vice president and dean of student services. "She is wonderfully effective with students and has an excellent rapport with all groups within our community."

Oakes said her new appointment would allow her to continue helping students in their career development.

"From being a student and being on the faculty here, I know Wake Forest has a lot to offer

each student," Oakes said. "I want to see students from all cultures have the opportunity to get a degree and excel to the level they're capable of achieving."

The Office of Multicultural Affairs promotes the academic and personal growth and development of multicultural students and encourages awareness of cultural diversity among faculty, staff, and students.

"She is an excellent choice," said Dr. Dolly McPherson, an associate professor of English at WFU. "She is highly qualified."

Oakes inherits an office that made significant contributions to the university under the leadership of Dr. Ernest Wade, McPherson said.

"Dr. Oakes will continue that outstanding trend," McPherson added. "She serves as an excellent role model."

Oakes worked as the coordinator of the undergraduate program in Wake Forest's health and sport science department for six years. Oakes began teaching at

Wake Forest in 1989.

She was an assistant professor in the Department of Physical Education at Arizona State University and an assistant professor in the Department of Exercise and Sport Science at Pennsylvania State University.

Oakes has received research grants to study coronary heart disease among women from the Wake Forest University Alumni Council Fund, the William C. Archie Fund, and the Research & Creative Activities Council.

She worked as the director of health and nutrition services for the St. Peter's World Outreach Center in Winston-Salem for four years.

Oakes earned a bachelor's degree in health and sports science at WFU in 1980. A year later, she graduated with a master's degree in exercise science at Wake Forest. She completed her doctorate in exercise physiology and nutrition at the University of Tennessee in 1984.

Oakes is chair of the exercise



Dr. Barbee M. Oakes

committee of the Association of Black Cardiologists, where she is also a member of the Nutrition and Obesity Committees; Southeast American College of Sports Medicine, and the American College of Sports Medicine.

She has written about health and fitness issues in several publications. She has also presented her research at conferences in North Carolina and nationwide.

WSSU Receives \$50,000 Gift for Psychology Majors

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Winston-Salem State University has received a \$50,000 endowment to benefit psychology majors at the school.

The endowment will honor the late Gene A. Bass, a psychologist who had a passion for his profession, higher education and the Winston-Salem Urban League.

Chancellor Alvin J. Schexnider announced the Gene A. Bass Endowed Memorial fund last week at WSSU's spring semester assembly for faculty and staff at the Anderson Center.

Marshall B. Bass, chairman of the WSSU Foundation Inc., endowed the fund with a \$50,000 check, which he presented to Schexnider. Beginning with the 1997-98 academic year, psychology students with at least a 2.5 grade point average who demonstrate a financial need can get assistance from the fund for books, fees, tuition and board for up to two academic years.

"I am honored to stand before you today to recognize the contribution Marshall Bass has made - and continues to make - to this institution and to accept this gift in honor of his brother Gene," Schexnider said. "This endowment will go a long way to ensure a place for students majoring in psychology here."

Gene Bass, who died on Dec. 16, 1994, spent 10 years with the Urban League, where his commitment to his job-seeking clients earned him the respect throughout the community. He retired in 1993.

"Gene's legacy deserves to be recognized because of the work he accomplished over his lifetime," Marshall Bass said. "I can

think of no better way to do that than to establish an endowed fund in education at WSSU."

The school must be committed to increasing the number of African American males seeking postsecondary education, Schexnider said.

"Higher education is a positive alternative to the judicial system," he said. "There are more black men in our state prisons than in our colleges and universities. Equally important, the gender imbalance in our student body, which is 65 percent female, must be corrected."

The chancellor also spoke about the goals and priorities of WSSU.

"You will find the success of our students at the top of the list of my priorities for this academic year," Schexnider said.

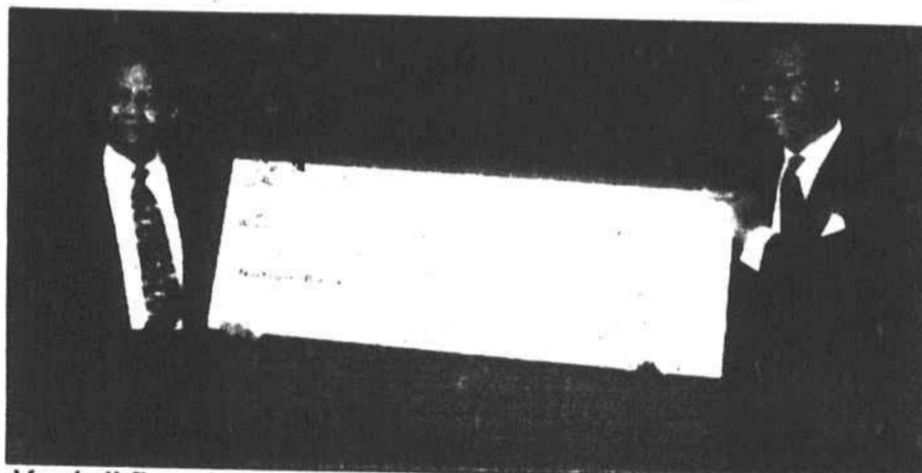
The school's ability to ensure competitive salaries for faculty and staff, to maintain and expand the physical plant, and meet the needs of business, government, and other organizations requires that WSSU affirm its commitment to excellence and student success, he added.

WSSU must also simplify its curriculum to expand course offerings.

"More work needs to be done in this area, especially in ensuring that our offerings are on the cutting edge of their disciplines or professions, and that required courses are available for students to complete degree programs in a timely manner," Schexnider said.

He warned that cuts in the federal student loan program could hurt WSSU.

"Many of our students require substantial assistance to finance their education," Schexnider said. "Drastic cuts in



Marshall Bass, left, chairman of the WSSU Foundation Inc., presents a \$50,000 check to WSSU chancellor Alvin J. Schexnider as an endowment fund for psychology students.

student loans can be devastating to students and their families and, therefore, to us as well."

WSSU must improve its ability to retain students.

"There is little time to exalt in freshman-class enrollment only," Schexnider said. "We also must improve transfers; encourage more graduates of community college to pursue baccalaureate degrees; and we must keep more of the students who are here already and academically qualified to continue."

The university must also strengthen its computer networking to increase communication among campus units, Schexnider said that the school must incorporate modern voice/video data technology into its instruction and administration.

He also committed the school to more research among its faculty members and improve the holdings and services of the library.

The chancellor also addressed the lack of state funds.

"State funds cannot adequately support our needs now or in the future," Schexnider said. "We must seek and secure private support for new scholarships that

keep the doors to higher education wide open and that keep us competitive in attracting top students."

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Wilson Named Chairman of Boys' State Committee

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Henry A. Wilson of Winston-Salem has been appointed chairman of the Tar Heel Boys' State Committee, the first African American named to this position.

The committee will host the 57th Session of the American Legion Tar Heel Boys' State on June 9-15 at Wake Forest University. About 500 high school seniors will learn about government operations. "We have already formulated our plans," said Wilson, who served as a staff assistant for 10 years. David Desmond, commander of the legion's North Carolina Department, appointed Wilson to the position. A veteran of the U.S. Army, Wilson is a member of American Legion Post 220 of Winston-Salem. He is a retired employee of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

The American Legion

founded the Boys' State program in 1935. The event concentrates on North Carolina state government and politics. Its objectives include developing civic leadership and pride in American citizenship, to arouse an interest in the study of government, to develop in the young citizens of Boys' State an understanding of American traditions, to establish a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation, and to safeguard and transmit the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.

The participants will hear from leaders in state government in sessions where they will present insights into the political institutions. The American Legion, the largest veterans organization in the world, was founded in 1919. It has more than three million members in 50 states, the District of Columbia, and seven countries. Party conventions at the county and state



Henry A. Wilson

levels permit citizens to sharpen their political skills and experience in parliamentary procedure. City officers to be selected include mayor and alderman. State officials will include the governor, lieutenant governor, members of the council of state, justice of the supreme court, speaker of the house of representatives and others.

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