

BUSINESS FOCUS

Briefs

CCC receives grant

Consumer Credit Counseling of Forsyth County, Inc., has been awarded a \$54,339 grant by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust of Winston-Salem, Kathy Banks, Senior Financial Care program director, said today.

The grant will be used for operating funds to enhance the ability of Senior Financial Care to serve low-income minority clients, according to Banks.

"Our organization has served the elderly of Forsyth County with personal money management assistance in the home since 1987," Banks said. "The grant from Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust will give us additional resources to reach out to seniors of under-served populations, particularly the African-American community, to offer budgeting, bill paying assistance, medical insurance counseling, and credit and debt counseling."

Consumer Credit Counseling of Forsyth County was founded in 1972 to address the increasing rate of personal bankruptcy filings. Lynn Thrower is chairman of the board of directors. The agency received the prestigious George L. Maddox Award in 2001 from the NC Division of Aging in recognition of Senior Financial Care as a creative and innovative program serving older adults.

White man wins discrimination lawsuit filed against school system

PITTSBURGH (AP) - A federal jury awarded a white art teacher more than \$28,000 after finding that a western Pennsylvania school district discriminated against him by hiring a black man for a new teaching job.

The Pittsburgh jury deliberated for about two hours last week before ruling in favor of Matthew Colaric, 42, in his lawsuit against the Pine-Richland School District and its former superintendent, George Szymanski. The jury ordered Szymanski to pay \$5,000 in punitive damages, while the district is to pay \$23,548.

Current Pine-Richland Superintendent Jim Manley was not in his office Wednesday and did not return a phone call seeking comment. Susan Roberts, who represented Szymanski and the district, also did not return a phone call for comment.

Colaric, who has since become a teacher in another suburban Pittsburgh school district, said he was satisfied by the verdict.

Local lawyer is named chairman of N.C. Bar section



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R. Harper Heckman, a member with Adams Kleemeier Hagan Hannah & Fouts PLLC, has been named chair of the Construction Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association. Heckman received his B.A. degree and J.D. degree, with honors, from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Since joining the firm in 1991, he has practiced in the areas of lien, bond, construction law and civil litigation.

Morris Brown College prepares for reduced enrollment this fall

ATLANTA (AP) - Morris Brown College, which lost accreditation in April, will open this fall with a staff of just 21 faculty members and an enrollment of about 225 students, school officials said.

"If you do not have enough students, you cannot support the faculty," Leroy Frazier, interim president of the financially troubled college, said Monday.

"Morris Brown has the same quality of education," Frazier said, "as it did before the accreditation questions came about."

Last year, the 122-year-old historically black school saw its enrollment slip from 2,547 students to about 1,130 as word of the school's financial problems spread.

By attending a non-accredited school, Morris Brown students cannot qualify for federal financial aid. About 90 percent of Morris Brown students relied on that aid to help pay for their education, including about \$10,000 a year in tuition. Federal aid accounted for more than 70 percent of Morris Brown's income.

Salemtowne has new CEO

The Salemtowne board of directors has appointed Joseph P. Lydon to the position of chief executive officer. Lydon succeeds Kay McGee Phillips, president and CEO since 1996, who is retiring after 19 years of service. Phillips will officially step down on Dec. 1.

Lydon comes to Salemtowne having simultaneously served as the administrator/CEO for St. Catherine's Nursing Center in Emmitsburg, Md., and as a long-term care consultant for its corporate partner, Ascension Health in St. Louis, Mo.

Prior to then, Lydon served as the executive director of the Kendal at Longwood Continuing Care Retirement Community (Kennett Square, Penn.).

Lydon is a licensed nursing home administrator in Maryland and Pennsylvania. He holds master's degrees in gerontology from the University of Southern California and in American History from Temple University. He earned a bachelor's degree from Niagara University.

Lydon has been active in a variety of professional and civic organizations including the Mid-Atlantic Non-Profit Health and Housing Association (MAN-PHA); Catholic Health Association; Catholic Charities USA Assisted Living; Senior Housing Work Group; and Elderly Housing Coalition.

A Woman's World

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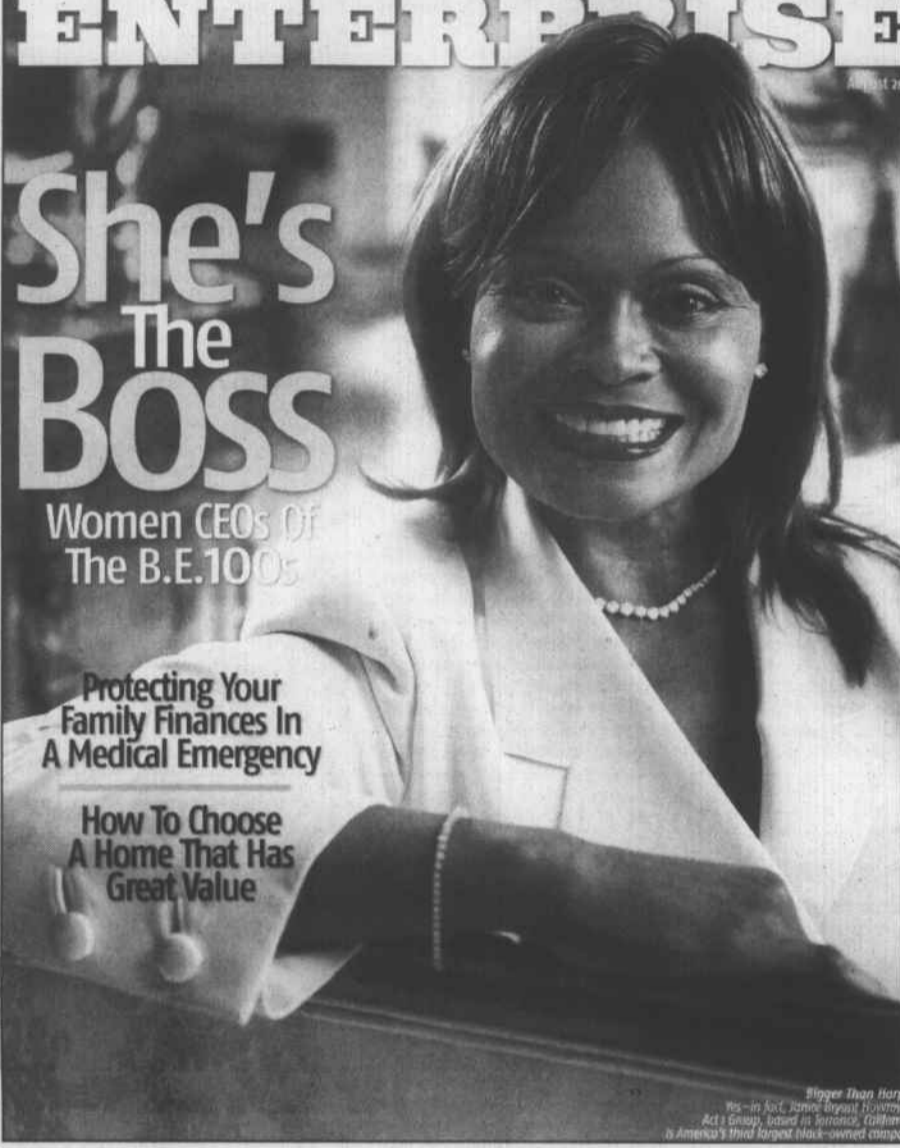
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CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Analysts say women-run companies are now the fastest growing segment in entrepreneurship. Ten years ago when Black Enterprise unveiled its annual list of the nation's top black-owned industrial/service companies, the number of women-led businesses could be counted on one hand. Fast-forward to 2003 and the numbers look a bit different. Of the women-owned companies on this year's industrial/service list, three are in the top ten. In addition, not only are there more women-owned companies on the list (eight) than the previous year, but they are also

steadily climbing toward the top spot on BE's private equity and advertising agencies lists. Among these enterprising women is Act 1 CEO Janice Bryant Howroyd, who attended N.C. A&T State University before hitting big in the business world. Howroyd appears on the cover of the current edition of BE. Her Torrance, California-based staffing and professional services business is America's third largest black-owned company. She's one of several women CEOs profiled in "She's the Boss," an in-depth look at women business owners who are setting a new standard of excellence and success.

Williams elected to chair Carolina Board of Trustees

Greensboro native is first black chair at UNC-Chapel Hill

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

CHAPEL HILL - Richard T. "Stick" Williams of Charlotte, a long-time university advocate and vice president of diversity, ethics and compliance for Duke Energy Co., has been elected chairman of the University of North Carolina at



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Chapel Hill Board of Trustees. He is the first black chair in the school's history.

Trustees elected new officers July 24 to one-year terms on the 13-member board responsible for governing the university.

Also elected as vice chairman was Nelson Schwab III of Charlotte, managing director of Carousel Capital. Re-elected as secretary was Jean Almand Kitchin of Scotland Neck, president and chief executive officer of Almand's Drug Stores in Rocky Mount.

Williams joined the UNC board in 1999, and his current term continues until 2007. He said his goals as chairman will focus on guiding the board's activities in support of the university's long-term aspirations for excellence in teaching, research and public service to the people of North Carolina and beyond.

"I know from my own personal experiences why Carolina is such a special public university," Williams

said. "The Board of Trustees and the university community continue to reflect upon the qualities that distinguish Carolina as a leader in American public higher education as well as a tremendous asset for North Carolina. I want to help drive, along with my board colleagues, successful results for this important work," he said.

Hill Foundation, he has served on the Chancellor's Advisory Committee on the Black Cultural Center and the search committee that recommended James Moeser as chancellor.

The former long-time Chapel Hill resident is well known for community volunteer service and ongoing work on town-gown issues



This famous well sits in the heart of the UNC campus.

A native of Greensboro, Williams graduated from Carolina with a bachelor of science degree in 1975. He has devoted himself over the past several years to a wide range of causes at Carolina, serving as chair of the UNC Board of Visitors, which advises the chancellor, and trustees on university issues, as well as chair of the General Alumni Association Board of Directors. A board member of the UNC-Chapel

including serving on a mayor-chancellor panel formed in 2000 that successfully developed a process leading to the town's approval of the university's development plan. Most recently, Williams joined another joint town-university committee examining issues related to proposed modifications of the university's development plan. He also serves as a trustee of Brevard College.

Patel named interim dean at Babcock

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'Ajay Patel has been named interim dean of Wake Forest University's Babcock Graduate School of Management. Patel has been a faculty member at the Babcock School for 10 years and has served as associate dean for faculty and alumni affairs since 2002.

Wake Forest Provost William Gordon announced Patel's

appointment last week. Patel will begin his new responsibilities Aug. 1. He will replace Dean Charles Moyer,



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who announced last fall that he will step down from that position July 31 and will return to the Babcock School's faculty. A national search to find a permanent replacement for Dean Moyer is in progress.

Patel joined the Babcock School faculty at Wake Forest in 1993 after a previous faculty appointment at the University of Missouri. In 2001, he was appointed as the first Babcock Research Professor of Finance. The professorship was endowed through pledge gifts from investment counseling firms and Babcock School alumni Raymond F. Bourne and Bryan Somerville.

During his tenure at the Babcock School, Patel has won numerous professional awards and teaching honors. He is the recipient of the 2001 Kienle Teaching Award, presented annually to a Babcock School faculty member who represents the highest standards of teaching excellence. Babcock alumni select the winner in a survey taken two years after their graduation.

In both 1997 and 2000, Patel was honored with the Outstanding Faculty Award for the Babcock School's Charlotte program. Patel's work has been widely published in scholarly journals, and he has won several awards from academic and practitioner associations. Patel received a bachelor's degree from St. Josephs College, a master of business administration degree from the University of Baltimore and a doctorate from the University of Georgia.

Black Capitol cops expected to take more legal action

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WASHINGTON, DC - African American Capitol Police Officers were expected to announce yesterday (July 30) a second class action lawsuit alleging the United States Capitol Police department's systematic uses efforts to intimidate them and retaliate against them. The officers are currently suing the department in United States District Court for a wide range of discriminatory practices.

The officers claim a pattern of filing excessive and unfounded disciplinary charges against prominent members of the class action, as well as a pattern of harassment including exclusion of class members from the U.S. Capitol Complex and a series of auto tampering, break-ins and vandalism of class members' automobiles.

Officers Regina Bolden-Whitaker and Arnold Fields, both of whom are named class representatives in Blackmon-Malloy v. United States Capitol Police Board, have recently filed complaints with the Congressional Office of Compliance challenging discriminatory and retaliatory disciplinary actions.