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Police chief forum tonight

Residents invited to question four finalists

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Residents will be given an opportunity tonight to pick the best man for the police chief job.



Thompson

After being led by two women for nearly the past decade, the next leader of the Winston-Salem Police Department will most likely be male. A nationwide search to replace retiring Chief Patricia Norris has netted four finalists, who combined have more than 100 years of law enforcement experience.

The finalists are former Cary Police Chief Scott Cunningham, Assistant Atlanta Police Chief Alan Dreher, Assistant Winston-Salem Police Chief Kevin Leonard and Captain Alonzo Thompson, also a veteran of the Winston-Salem Police Department. Thompson, who is African-American, is the only minority finalist. Norris became the city's first black chief when she was hired in 2004. Norris retired at the end of last year after a 30-year career with the department, but has contracted with the city to remain chief through June when her replacement is expected to take over.

The city says that it started off with 57 applicants that represented a diverse pool of law enforcement professionals from cities and towns throughout the nation. The remaining four were chosen by a process

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Bishop Vashti McKenzie is hooded before receiving her honorary Wake Forest University doctorate degree earlier this week.

Bishop asks grads to make some noise

Vashti McKenzie is in the A.M.E. Church's history book for her accomplishments

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

The first female bishop in the African Methodist Episcopal Church shared her wisdom with graduates Sunday as she keynoted Wake Forest University's Baccalaureate Service.

Bishop Vashti McKenzie, who became the first female bishop in the 200-year existence of the A.M.E. Church in 2000, spoke to a standing room only crowd in Wait Chapel. Those who couldn't fit in the chapel watched her speech outside on large screens from the grassy Hearn Plaza quad.

Plaza quad.

The Sunday service was for the school's nearly 1,000 undergraduate graduates. It was held the day before the school's larger commencement service, which features both undergraduate and graduate-level students.

Wake Forest President Nathan Hatch introduced McKenzie, describing her as "one of the best known preachers in contemporary American Protestantism."

"Her role in the church is nothing short of

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To Catch A Foxx

Carter putting behind close Democratic primary to focus on the ultimate hurdle

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Roy Carter will be the first to tell you he isn't a politician. He is more at home in front of a classroom or in the center of a huddle. For more than 40 years, he taught school and coached football. But since throwing his hat into the political ring earlier this year, Carter has been bracing himself for a game of hardball.

And that is likely what he'll get as he starts a campaign to unseat U.S. Rep. Virginia Foxx, a conservative Republican who has represented the Fifth Congressional District since 2004.

Carter has already gotten a taste of rough and tumble politics. He self described political "novice," just eked out a win over Diane Hamby in the Democratic primary, besting her by only about 475 votes out of the nearly 80,000 votes cast by residents of the Fifth, which includes part of Forsyth and 11 other counties.

Carter, who says he never backs away from a challenge, said the primary was a valuable learning experience.

"It's basically been one of the most wonderful experiences of my life," Carter said. "We felt very fortunate and humbled and appreciative of the win."

After the results of the Democratic primary were certified last week, Foxx's campaign released a statement congratulating Carter and expressing faith in Foxx's chances in the Nov. 4 General Election.

It is true that winning has not been a problem for Foxx in the Fifth, which, because of redistricting, has become a Republican stronghold in recent years. On top of that, Foxx's campaign account dwarfs Carter's, as does her political experience. But Carter is unruffled.

"The incumbent always has the edge," he remarked. "It's going to be hard; I will probably never raise as much money as my opponent. I don't think I have to."

Carter's folksy "people above politics" mantra has struck a chord with supporters, but he knows that a win will take more than his small town appeal and down-home persona.

"I think what I have to do is educate the people in the 5th district about the true differences between myself and my opponent," he said. "I really want to let the people know that the the 5th District belongs to them. I'm going to be responsive to the peo-



Roy Carter spent 40 years as a teacher.

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Tomorrow's docs get treatment for success

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Minority students who have successfully made it through the triumphs, turmoil, rigors and rewards of medical school were feted Sunday.

Each year, the Wake Forest University School of Medicine Chapter of the Student National Medical Association honors graduating members of the SNMA, the nation's oldest organization for minority medical students. This year's event took place at Forsyth Country Club, where graduates Natasha Fonataine, Dana Haydel, Kim Holmes, Jerona Lewis, Jaleema Nanton, Arika Peck, Mojabeng Phoofofo, Shani Smith, Holly Tyler and Bronwyn Young were honored.

"It's a way to celebrate their achievements," said Banquet Chair Juliana Robles, explaining the significance of the event. "It's hard to go through medical school and its just a great pride to all of us and to the organization to see them go through the program and graduate and do great."

Each graduate took a different path to Wake Forest Medical School, but they all ended up in a place called Success.

Phoofofo, a native of the Southern African nation of Lesotho, said that attending a medical school that is overwhelming white was a challenge. She credits the SNMA with helping her to feel more at home.

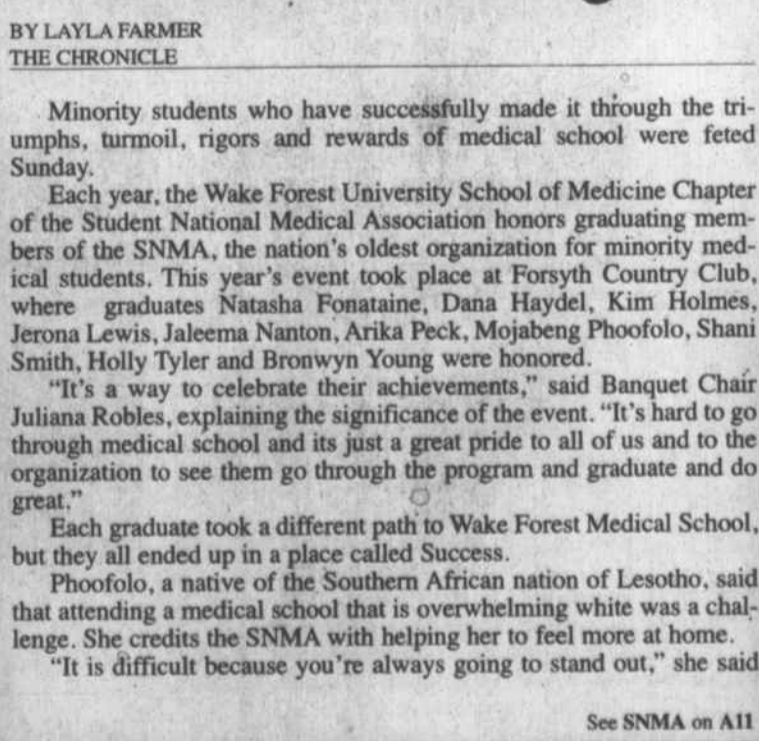
"It is difficult because you're always going to stand out," she said

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Photos by Layla Farmer

Dr. Nelson Adams, the head of the National Medical Association, delivers the keynote address Sunday at a banquet for local medical students.

Far Right: Dr. K. Patrick Ober presents an honor to graduate Mojabeng Phoofofo.



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