

# Foundation designed to help police communicate more with citizens

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The new Winston-Salem Police Foundation is part of Chief Barry Rountree's three-year plan to create organizations that will provide tools, training, and technology programs for citizens as well as the police department, The Chronicle has learned.

The Winston-Salem Police Foundation (WSPF) was founded in May of last year and is designed to provide funding that can be used for mentoring programs and community outreach events, as well as a police athletic league.

The foundation will also provide funds for recognizing police achievements and provide additional training for officers that will focus on public safety.

The WSPF held its first official board meeting recently.

WSPF President Scott Sewell said that when Rountree approached him with the opportunity last year, he was excited to help.

Sewell is the vice president for technology acquisi-

tions and development at Cook Medical, a medical device manufacturer. He also serves on a number of boards, including the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, Winston-Salem Alliance, and N.C. Chamber of Commerce, to name a few. According to Sewell, the foundation will have a positive impact on the community and also the police department.

Sewell said, "Community partnerships are critical to enhancing relationships between residents and the police."

"In today's world, this is something very positive in our community," he continued. "Police officers, firefighters and first responders have a tough job; they put their life on the line every day."

During an interview with The Chronicle, Sewell mentioned the foundation has already received high praise from a number of elected officials, including Mayor Allen Joiner and Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke. Sewell said he is excited and ready to get to work improving the lives of the people in the community.

Assistant Police Chief Catrina Thompson, who is a familiar presence at community meetings held throughout the city, said police officers can't do their jobs without the



help of the community. "We have to work together," she said during a promotion ceremony held last month. "That's why we have to communicate with the people in the community as much as possible to build that relationship." For more information on the foundation, contact Scott Sewell at [scott.sewell@cookmedical.com](mailto:scott.sewell@cookmedical.com) or PO Box 24011, Winston-Salem, NC 27114.

# 3 win oratorical contest for study-abroad students

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Chapter of The Links Inc. partnered with Winston-Salem State University (WSSU) to highlight the importance of international experiences to its students.

The chapter's International Trends and Services Facet sponsored an oratorical contest for study-abroad students on Jan. 26 at WSSU. Each contestant delivered a prepared oration titled, "Today's global society requires an appreciation of all cultures. How have you prepared yourself to benefit from a travel abroad experience and how will you use it in your life?"

The students will be studying abroad in Kenya this spring. The students will also take school supplies with them for school children in Kenya.

WSSU student Michelle Martinez won first place, Byrina Lomax won second place and Ashley George won third place. All winners received

a monetary prize.

The Winston-Salem Chapter has partnered with WSSU for over a decade to provide access to international networking, internship possibilities, scholarships, and travel opportunities for students at Winston-Salem State.

Gloria Jackson serves as the chairperson of the International Trends and Services Facet, and Linda Jackson Barnes serves as the president of the Winston-Salem Chapter.



Submitted photo  
Back row pictured (L to R) are: Joti Sekhon, Director of International Studies at WSSU; members of the Winston-Salem Chapter of The Links Inc.: Toy Beaty, Kay Clark, Gloria Jackson, PJ Williams, Monica Aaron, Jacqueline Pettiford and Doria Stitts. Seated are: contest winners Michelle Martinez, Byrina Lomax and Ashley George.

# Former Carver band director dies at age 82

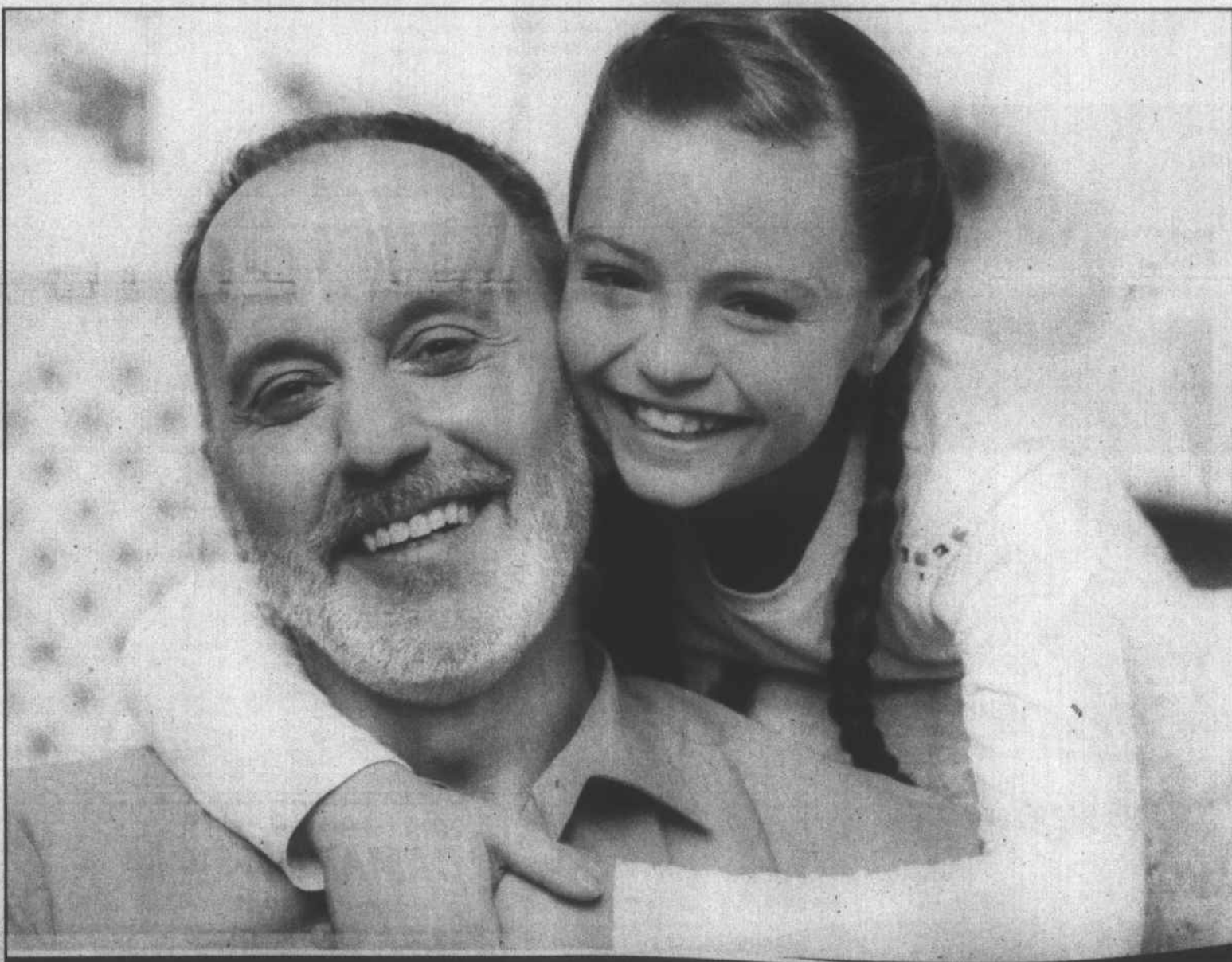
CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Rolland W. Greene, 82, a former band director at Carver High School and an insurance representative for 43 years, was funeralized on Wednesday, Feb. 10, at St. James United Methodist Church, Rural Hall.

Rudolph V. Boone Sr., retired music educator and second band director at Carver High School, said Greene was at Carver prior to the integration of the schools and that he also taught at Atkins High School and other schools in the system.

Greene died Feb. 3 from injuries received in an attack at his home. The Forsyth County Sheriff's Office is investigating the attack.

More information is forthcoming in the next issue of The Chronicle.



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