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research less daunting, Ms. Evans has compiled two handbooks that point entrepreneurs to references and services. The "Small Business Guide" not only includes a bibliography but a listing of agencies that assist entrepreneurs and a checklist for business success. The handbook, "Home-Based Business," responds to the growing interest in working from home. "A lot of women who stay home with young children are interested in home-based businesses," Ms. Evans observes.

For free advice and technical assistance, Ms. Evans refers entrepreneurs to the Service Corps of Retired Executives and the Small Business Technology Development Center at North

Must Reading for Entrepreneurs:

- *Who Says White Guys Have All the Fun* by Reginald Lewis
- *Sister CEO: Black Woman's Guide to Starting Her Business* by Cheryl Broussard
- *Gates: How Microsoft's Mogul Reinvented an Industry and Made Himself the Richest Man in the World* by Stephen Manes
- *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey
- *Working from Home* by Paul and Sarah Edwards
- *The Entrepreneur's Guide to Starting a Successful Business* by James Halloran

Carolina A&T State University. Both organizations, says Ms. Evans, "will give you a feel for whether your idea has promise."

Ms. Evans also has a few business ideas of her own. "I have wonderful ideas, but they take money," she chuckles. We won't divulge the specifics of her ideas. Suffice it to say that she would target the teen, minority or Christian markets with entertainment, restaurant or retail concepts.

She urges entrepreneurs to determine whether there's a niche for the product or service they propose to offer. "If you find that particular market segment and have done the research and have a good business plan, you can be successful."

Ms. Evans' efforts to help local

entrepreneurs succeed have gained her recognition from the business community. In 1996, she was nominated by the High Point Chamber of Commerce as Small Business Advocate of the Year. In

addition, she is involved with the Guilford Technical Community College Small Business Assistance Center and the Small Business Technology Development Center at North Carolina A&T.

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university and enjoyed refreshments at the hospitality suites of the hotel. On Saturday, the golden grads ate breakfast together and attended the graduation ceremony at the Lawrence Joel Memorial Coliseum. On Saturday night, they attended a formal banquet, and closed the reunion with a worship service together on Sunday morning. The theme for the reunion was "Leadership for a New Era."

"The reunion was the greatest sensation since graduation day," said Bernice Howard Davenport, the chairperson of the anniversary program committee. She was pleased that everything went as planned.

"I enjoyed the reunion immensely," said Lessie B. Williams. "It is heartwarming to see people you remember when they were so vivacious. Even after 50 years, it all comes back to you. It is something we will never experience again."

Chancellor Alvin J. Schexnider and Alumni Association President Beaufort Bailey inducted the classmates into the Golden Ram Society. Gregory C. Hairston, Interim Director of Alumni Affairs, was on hand to pass the plaques to honor the inductees. Mary Ann Mitchum, Chairperson of the Finance Scholarship Committee, presented a \$1000 check to Chancellor Schexnider for the WSSU Red and White Fund. The Red and White Fund is a new fund raising arm designed to provide scholarships for the athletic association and for scholar-athletes of the university. The fund was introduced during the CIAA reunion for the 1967 national championship basketball team, featuring Earl "The Pearl" Monroe.

Chancellor Schexnider offered greetings and remarks to the class of 1947, commending them for their continued support of the university. He reminded them that alumni support is one sure way to see results on the university campus. It is up to the alumni to be better stewards in providing funding for the school through scholarships and endowments.

Members of the golden class came forward to share historical information about the school. Margaret Norton Byers and Delois Judd Samuels discussed changes in the school over time in a presentation called "Through the Years." They discussed improvements that have been made to the school since it began with 25 students and one teacher. They described the name changes, identified the various chancellors of the university and the school motto "Enter to learn; depart to serve."

Founded in 1892 as Slater Industrial Academy by Dr. Simon Green Atkins, the name of the school was changed to

Winston-Salem Teachers College in 1925 by state authorization. It was changed to Winston-Salem State College in 1963 and to Winston-Salem State University in 1969.

The 50th anniversary, observed in 1942, did not permit such a big celebration due to pressures of war. Three men who had given fifty years of service on the trustee board were honored at this time: A. H. Eller, Henry E. Fries, and William A. Blair.

Following the history of the school, Wanda Hill and Elsie Coleman led the audience in the necrology, to honor the deceased members of the class. They lit a candle and led the audience in a special litany.

The instructors of the graduates who were able to attend the banquet were recognized. Mr. Clarence "Big House" Gaines, who taught Math and Physical Education during their tenure as students, was the only teacher present. He recalls that when he joined the faculty, the Class of 1947 was then in the junior year of matriculation. Mrs. Frances Coble, former Registrar at Winston-Salem Teachers College, was unable to attend the banquet. However, she sent a letter outlining a record of the university she has written called "History of Winston-Salem State University 1892-1995." Other teachers who were recognized were Mrs. Martha Atkins of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mr. George Hall, Class Advisor, of New York City.

The members of the program committee included Bernice Howard Davenport, chairperson and pianist, Parphinia Hannon Ford, Betty Leach Jackson, and Frances Davis Suber. Suber chaired the registration committee, working with Ruth Ballentine Ledbetter, who also chaired the Sunday worship service. Elizabeth Grinton chaired the hospitality committee, working with Wanda Hill and Frederick Douglas. Sarah Amos Ephraim and Howard Ward managed the photography, while Vinson Dewberry operated the video equipment.

The class officers were Elizabeth Grinton, president; Sadie Bynum, vice president; Bernice Davenport, secretary; Parphinia Ford, assistant secretary; Burleen Bullock, treasurer, and Mary Ann Mitcham, acting treasurer.

The audience joined in a gleeful rendition of the school alma mater "As We Go Forth from Old T.C." at the end of the banquet. M.C. Lessie B. Williams mentioned that the Class of 1947 holds so many fond memories for her. She has preserved all of her lesson plans from her teaching practicum at the 14th Street School from 1946. "After 50 years, sometimes I wonder where those years went. But I wouldn't take nothing for my journey," she said.



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