

CAREERS

Briefs

John Radebaugh named Executive of the Year



Radebaugh

The Winston-Salem Chapter of the International Association of Administrative Professionals selected John Radebaugh, president and CEO of NC Credit Union League of Greensboro, as the 2009-2010 Executive of the Year.

The selection was announced at the Association's annual Executive of the Year breakfast meeting on Oct. 13, where the 2008-2009 Executive of the Year, Nancy Crouch of Wake Forest University, was the speaker.

Thrifts honored by UNC-TV

Former Salem College President Julianne Thrift and her husband, noted attorney Ashley Thrift, were among those honored last week for their longtime support of UNC-TV – the state's public television network.

The Thrifts received the UNC-TV Producers Circle award during the UNC-TV's annual appreciation dinner on Oct. 15 at the Carolina Inn in Chapel Hill. They were recognized as strong and persuasive advocates on behalf of UNC-TV, including during some of the most trying times in its history.

The Thrifts were also acknowledged for their special gift in support of in-depth coverage of issues pertaining to early childhood health, well-being and education in North Carolina. The gift will fund UNC-TV's Healthy Kids, Healthy Lives initiative, a new "North Carolina Now" series focusing on preschool education and information related to early childhood well-being.

Julianne Thrift served as Salem's president for 15 years before her retirement in 2006. Ashley Thrift specializes in legislative and regulatory issues; administrative and international law; and international business development concentrated on China.

Robb and Susan Teer of Durham also received a UNC-TV Producers Circle award. They were acknowledged for their dedicated support of the project entitled "North Carolina's World War II Experience."

Wachovia, a Wells Fargo Company, was recognized for its 54 years of support with the UNC-TV Corporate Award.

University welcomes Boothe Luce Scholar

LaKausha T. Simpson is the recipient of the Clare Boothe Luce Doctoral Fellowship for four years of Ph.D. study in the College of Engineering at North Carolina A&T State University.

The Clare Boothe Luce Program is the largest private foundation for the funding of women in science (including mathematics) and engineering in the nation and makes its awards strictly on a "merit only" basis. N.C. A&T College of Engineering competed against top colleges of engineering in the nation to win the fellowship.

Simpson, a native of Tallahassee, Fla., is the daughter of Barbara Glenn. She received her B.S. degree in industrial engineering from the University of Florida in May 2007 and her master's of science degree in industrial engineering from A&T in May 2009. She graduated from A&T with a perfect 4.0 and plans to continue her research and scholarship in the healthcare field under the direction of Dr. Xiuli Qu. Qu obtained the very coveted "University Rookie of the Year" research award for her outstanding research in the healthcare field in April of 2009.

Simpson entered the Ph.D. program in A&T's College of Engineering this semester. She plans to pursue a career in academia upon completion of her degree.



Simpson

Spelman launches fund drive

Atlanta's Spelman College has started a \$150 million fundraising effort that aims to actualize the ambitious goals identified in the institution's strategic plan for 2015. This is the largest such venture the college has embarked upon in its 128-year history.

"Young women who are choosing to be at Spelman are ready and willing to put the determination and commitment into their education, so they can solve the problems that wait for them when they graduate," said Spelman President Beverly Daniel Tatum. "Yet, they have to be able to graduate."

Among the key goals of the campaign are to graduate 5,000 young women — many first-generation and economically challenged — over the next decade. To date, the campaign has raised more than \$80 million in leadership gifts during the silent phase, putting Spelman that much closer to achieving this fundamental goal.



Tatum

Report: Black male dropouts suffer greatly

NNPA/LOUISIANA WEEKLY

On any given day, nearly 23 percent of all young Black men ages 16 to 24 who have dropped out of high school are in jail, prison, or a juvenile justice institution in America, according to a new national report on the dire economic and social consequences of not graduating from high school.

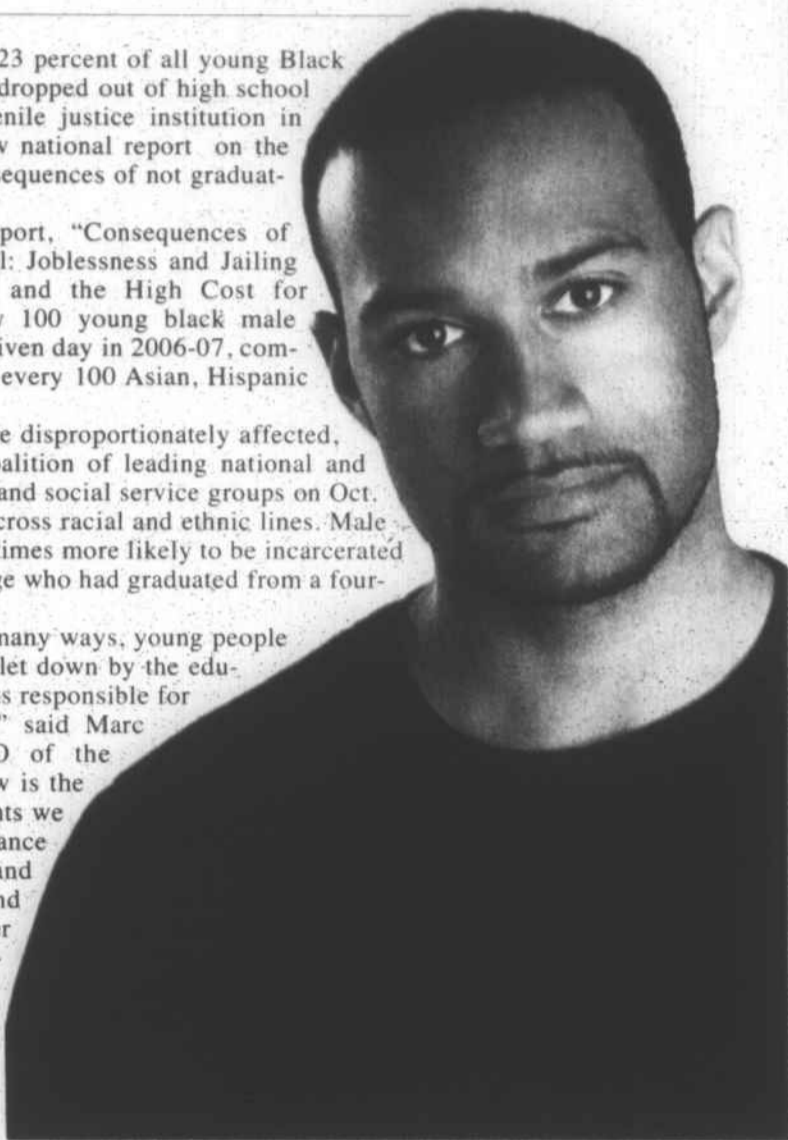
According to the report, "Consequences of Dropping Out of High School: Joblessness and Jail for High School Dropouts and the High Cost for Taxpayers ..." 23 of every 100 young black male dropouts were in jail on any given day in 2006-07, compared to only six to seven of every 100 Asian, Hispanic or white dropouts.

While young black men are disproportionately affected, the report, released by a coalition of leading national and regional education, advocacy and social service groups on Oct. 9, found that this crisis cuts across racial and ethnic lines. Male dropouts of all races were 47 times more likely to be incarcerated than their peers of a similar age who had graduated from a four-year college or university.

"For too long, and in too many ways, young people across the country have been let down by the education system and by the adults responsible for their care and development," said Marc Morial, president and CEO of the National Urban League. "Now is the time to increase the investments we make in young people, enhance the content, opportunities and supports we provide, and empower them to make better choices about both their individual future and the future of our nation. This report is another important step towards those ends."

Professor Andrew Sum,

See Dropouts on A12



Mack

New BBBS leader picked

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Amy Rogge Mack will take over as president/CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters on Nov. 2, when she succeeds Bert Grisard, who has led the agency for the past 32 years.

For six years, Mack worked for the Corporation for National and Community Service in Washington, D.C., the independent federal agency that oversees AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, and Learn & Serve America.

During her time there, she served in a variety of capacities, including chief of staff, director of public affairs and senior advisor to the CEO. Recently, she worked with the agency's board and CEO on new strategic plan in connection with passage of the Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act, which seeks to expand service opportunities for volunteers of all ages.

"Our board of directors did an excellent job in searching for Amy Mack," said Grisard, who is retiring. "I am pleased and excited about her accepting the appointment, and am confident as I leave the agency that it will continue to serve more children under her leadership."

Mack — who has a four-year-old son with her husband, Dr. David Mack — says she developed her passion for civic engagement and community service while working with Stephen Goldsmith, who was then mayor of her hometown of Indianapolis, Indiana.

"I am honored to be taking over the reins of Big Brothers Big Sisters at a time of historic momentum for the volunteerism and service movement," said Mack, who has a Bachelor of Science in biology and dual Master's in Public Affairs and Environmental Science from Indiana University. "Bert Grisard is a remarkable leader and I look forward to working with the board of directors and the staff to carry on his legacy of serving the young people of our community."



Grisard

ART OF THE SELL



Photo by Kevin Walker

Third-generation Realtor Ginger Baldwin of Leonard Ryden Burr talks to Sikander Ali Soomro about the advantages of owning a condo in the Historic YMCA building in downtown Winston-Salem. Baldwin has sold several units in the building, which is on North Spruce Street.

A&T welcomes Lt. Col. Payne

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE



Lt. Col. Robert Payne Jr.

Lt. Col. Robert Payne Jr., has been named Commander and Professor of Aerospace Studies at Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps (AFROTC) Detachment 605 at North Carolina A&T State University. Detachment 605 recruits, educates, trains, motivates, selects and commissions officer candidates through a comprehensive college program.

It is the only AFROTC Detachment in the Piedmont Triad Area, serving cadets from 10 different colleges and universities.

Payne was commissioned into the USAF in June 1991 via AFROTC Detachment 432A at the University of South Alabama in Mobile, Ala., where he earned a B.S. degree in mathematics.

He has served in a variety of positions during his career. As a master space and missile operator, he has extensive experience in working with the Defense Support Program Satellite System and the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile.

Prior to coming to Detachment 605, Payne was the operations officer for the 741st Missile Squadron at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

Kernersville's Call honored for stellar customer service

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE



i'm lovin' it

An outstanding work ethic and dedication to giving customers five-star quality service every day has earned Robert Call the title of a "McDonald's Five-Star Employee Ambassador."

Call, a six-year employee at the Kernersville McDonald's at 840 S. Main Street, was selected from hundreds of nominees from North and South Carolina restaurants to receive the Five-Star Employee Ambassador recognition.

The McDonald's Five-Star Employee Ambassador initiative honors folks who exemplify the characteristics of five-star spirit and service: Teamwork, Community Involvement, Work Ethic, Leadership and Lovin' the Golden Arches.

Employees are chosen based on the star qualities and dedication that makes them a true Ambassador to their co-workers, customers and community and are recognized through cash awards, radio advertising and promotional materials at their restaurants.



Robert Call

McDonald's Photo