

CAREERS

Briefs

Head of England's Supreme Court to address law graduates

Lord Nicholas Phillips, the head of the United Kingdom's Supreme Court, will give the keynote address at the Wake Forest University School of Law's hooding ceremony on Sunday, May 16. The ceremony is not open to the public.



Lord Phillips

Lord Phillips is one of the most famous and important figures in British law. His legal career began in 1962 as a barrister specializing in maritime law.

Lord Phillips was appointed a Judge of the High Court of Justice, Queen's Bench Division, in 1987. He served in this position, making several famous decisions, until 1995, when he was promoted to the Court of Appeal. In 1999, he was made a Lord of Appeal, and the next year he became the Master of the Rolls. He served as Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales from 2005 to 2008.

Beginning in 2008, Lord Phillips briefly served as the Senior Lord of Appeal in Ordinary until taking his present position in October 2009. For centuries, the highest court of the United Kingdom was the House of Lords. And for the past 100 years, a committee of Law Lords has functioned as the country's highest court and all judges have been appointed by a member of the prime minister's cabinet. On Oct. 1, 2009, the former Law Lords became Justices of the new Supreme Court and moved out of the House of Lords section of Parliament to a new separate Supreme Court building.

MEAC adds Quintin Wright

The Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) has announced the hiring of Quintin Wright as its assistant director of Compliance and Championships.

Wright's responsibilities will include assisting with eligibility and interpretations as well as assisting with the coordination of MEAC championships.

A Charleston, S.C. native, Wright comes to the MEAC after serving as an Academic and Membership Affairs Intern with the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

Prior to his internship with the NCAA, Wright served as a graduate assistant for Compliance and an Academic Support Service Mentor at East Tennessee State University (ETSU). His responsibilities included mentoring and monitoring student-athlete academic progress and assisting the Compliance Director with maintaining NCAA, Atlantic Sun Conference, and ETSU policies and standards.

Wright earned a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from The Citadel in 2007 and a master's degree in Kinesiology, Leisure and Sports Sciences from East Tennessee State University in 2009.

UNCF to present honors

The United Negro College Fund (UNCF) will give awards to the late John and Eunice Johnson, JPMorgan Chase, Dr. Donnie Eddins and the Benny Andrews Foundation at its 66th Anniversary Dinner this evening at Sheraton New York Hotel and Towers.

John H. and Eunice Johnson built the Johnson Publishing Company into a media empire with magazines like Ebony and Jet. JPMorgan Chase and the Benny Andrews Foundation are being honored for their support of UNCF and minority education. Eddins, a Merck & Co. scientist and graduate of UNCF member school Talladega College, will receive the "Ones to Watch Award," which pays tribute to recent graduates of UNCF member HBCUs whose careers are marked by both great accomplishment and the potential for decades of further service.

Clendenin promoted to major

Long-time State Highway Patrol spokesman Captain Everett Clendenin is being promoted to the rank of major, effective March 1.

He becomes one of six majors within the Highway Patrol. Major Clendenin will be in charge of the Support Services Section, which includes the Logistics Unit and the Technical Support Unit.

Clendenin, who joined the Highway Patrol in 1988, began working in the Dept. of Crime Control and Public Safety's Public Affairs Office as a sergeant in Dec. 2001. His duties included reporting on travel conditions during inclement weather and promoting the Highway Patrol's enforcement operations.

Clendenin became a lieutenant in 2005 and a captain in 2008. Sgt. Jeff Gordon will assume his duties as spokesperson for the Patrol on March 1.

Clendenin earned his B.A. degree in public relations from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and his M.S. degree in justice administration from the University of Louisville in 2003.

Clendenin lives in Clayton with his wife, Cindy, and their son, William. He is the son of Ray Clendenin and stepson of Shelia Clendenin of Statesville.



State Reps. Womble and Parmon have led the way on the issue.

Sterilization victims a step closer to justice

Foundation started to possibly direct reparation efforts

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Charmaine Fuller Cooper of Durham has been named the executive director of the N.C. Justice for Victims of Sterilization Foundation, a new Division of the N.C. Department of Administration that will attempt to right the wrongs done when the state forcibly sterilized more than 7,600 people between 1929 and 1974.

Cooper was slated to start her new job on March 1. She previously served as executive director of the Carolina Justice Policy Center in Durham, which she first joined as a volunteer coordinator and graduate intern in 2003. Cooper worked with the late Sen. Jeanne Hopkins Lucas as a research assistant/intern at the N.C. General Assembly and at several agencies that assisted low-wealth and disadvantaged communities on criminal justice activities.

Cooper earned her Bachelor of Arts in political science from N.C. Central University and a Master of Public Administration from N.C. State University. She is the recipient of the 2010 Paul Green Advocacy Award; the Wildacres Leadership Initiative William C. Friday Fellowship for Human Relations (2008-2010); and the 2008 N.C. NAACP State Political Trailblazer Award.

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The \$250,000 is just start-up funds for the Foundation, say state officials. The Legislature approved the initial funding to develop a plan to provide justice and compensate sterilization victims.

"I'm excited about this opportunity and see it as a turning point to bringing justice to so many families and individuals affected by this tragic moment in North Carolina history," said Cooper. "I aim to give them a voice so nothing like this ever happens in state government again."

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IN & OUT

UNCG launches three-year degree program for high school students with transferable college credits

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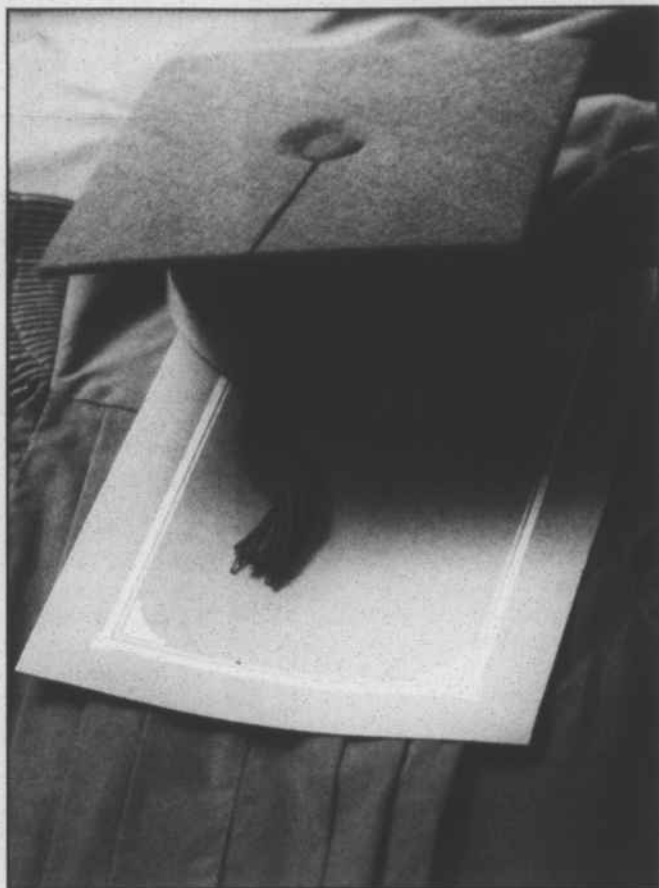
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro is launching UNCG in 3, a new initiative that will allow highly motivated students to graduate in just three years.

The program is designed for the growing number of high school seniors who enter the university with transferable college credit earned through Advanced Placement (AP), UNCG iSchool or other early college programs. Incoming freshmen with 12 or more credit hours will be eligible to participate. It was announced today at a news conference.

"UNCG in 3 is perfect for students who are eager to earn a degree and get on with other life goals," says UNCG Chancellor Linda P. Brady. "They can pursue a graduate degree, get a jump start on a career or even use what they save in tuition to launch their own business."

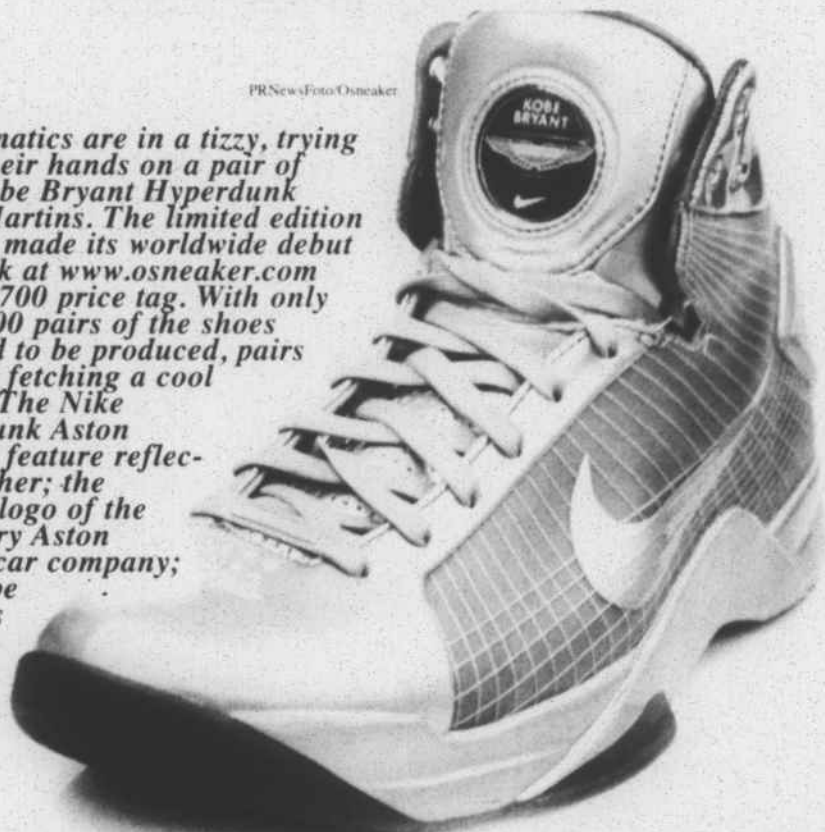
The first UNCG in 3 students will start in fall 2010 with the following degree programs: Accounting, African-American Studies, Business Administration, Communications Studies, Economics, Elementary Education, English, Entrepreneurship, Finance, German, History, Information Systems and Operations Management, Political Science, Psychology, Religious Studies, Romance Languages and Russian.

The university says students enrolled in UNCG in 3 are able to save up to \$8,000 in tuition, fees, room and board. They will earn the same high-quality degree UNCG typically offers, but at an accelerated pace by taking classes year-round. The University will provide both priority advisor support and priority scheduling to ensure that all degree requirements are met.



THE \$2,000 SNEAKER

Shoe fanatics are in a tizzy, trying to get their hands on a pair of Nike Kobe Bryant Hyperdunk Aston Martins. The limited edition sneaker made its worldwide debut last week at www.osneaker.com with a \$700 price tag. With only about 500 pairs of the shoes expected to be produced, pairs are now fetching a cool \$2,000. The Nike Hyperdunk Aston Martins feature reflective leather; the famous logo of the legendary Aston Martin car company; and Kobe Bryant's signature.



Professor pens book about black postal workers

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Phil Rubio, an assistant history professor of university studies at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, will release his upcoming book, "There's Always Work at the Post Office: African American Postal Workers and the Fight for Jobs, Justice and Equality" in May.

The book, which will be published by the University of North Carolina Press, will examine African-American postal workers and their history of labor and social activism. It is based on his Duke University doctoral dissertation -- "There's Always Work at the Post Office": African Americans Fight for Jobs,

Justice, and Equality at the United States Post Office, 1940-1971."

Rubio is a former postal worker. Before becoming an educator, he also worked as a factory worker, hospital employee, labor organizer and a jazz musician.

Rubio's N.C. Central University master's thesis also became a book. "A History of Affirmative Action, 1619-2000" was published by the University Press of Mississippi in 2001 and won the 2002 Outstanding Book Award from the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights in Boston.

Rubio has held teaching positions at Duke, NCCU and N.C. State University.



Rubio

Nationwide gives CIAA Scholarship Fund \$120,000

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Nationwide Insurance donated \$120,000 to the CIAA College Scholarship Fund last week as the conference's annual basketball tournament was being played in Charlotte. Nationwide is the "Official Insurance Provider of the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association."

The company has contributed \$100,000 to the scholarship fund each year for the past two years. Nationwide also holds on-site career fairs at various CIAA universities and works with students on career options and corporate internships. This year, the CIAA recognized Nationwide as 2010 CIAA Corporate Sponsor of the Year.



"We are proud to contribute \$120,000 to the CIAA scholarship fund that helps students pursue the education that is crucial to their future," said Lee Morton, Nationwide Insurance regional vice president. "Our partnership with the CIAA is what being 'On Your Side' is all about."

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The multi-year sponsorship includes support for recruitment efforts, such as providing student summer corporate internship opportunities with Nationwide and on-site job fairs, as well as sponsorships such as CIAA Men's Tourney Clarence "Big House" Gaines Championship Trophy; CIAA Football Championship Game; and all 16 CIAA Conference Championships.