

CAREERS

Briefs

Greason elected president of Forsyth Tech Foundation Board

Murray C. Greason Jr., an attorney with Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, was elected president of the board of The Foundation of Forsyth Tech. In the election, Penni P. Bradshaw, Managing Member of Constangy Brooks & Smith, was chosen as vice-president. Dr. Ramon Velez, Wake Forest University Health Sciences, was elected member-at-large. Forsyth Tech President Gary M. Green was re-elected as secretary of the Foundation board. And Wendy R. Emerson, vice president for business services at the College, was elected treasurer.



Murray C. Greason Jr.

Five new members were elected to the 30-member board. They are Louis B. Baldwin, Jr., Baldwin Properties; Walton T. Carpenter, R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.; C. Douglas Cross, First Tennessee Bank; David C. Eagan, Commercial Properties, Inc.; and D. Gray Kimel, Vulcan Materials.

Foundation Board members serve two three-year terms and must be re-elected for the second term.

Mercury Toastmasters elect new leaders

Mercury Toastmasters Club, founded in 1958, recently elected new officers for the 2010-11 year.

They are: President, Tom Fleming; Vice-President of Education, Judie Holcomb-Pack; Vice-President of Membership and Marketing, Lois Koufman; Secretary, Melissa Dalton; and Treasurer, Bill Nagel.

Mercury Toastmasters began as a Western Electric Club at a time when the organization was for men only and met at the Western Electric Plant on Reynolda Road. Later, meetings were moved to the now-defunct Robert E. Lee Hotel in downtown Winston-Salem.

The local organization opened its membership to women before Toastmasters International accepted women. Sometime after Western Electric became AT&T, the club opened its membership to the general public and began meeting at other places in Winston-Salem. The club's members have won numerous awards at every level of speech competition in Toastmasters, including competing in the International Speech Contest, the highest honor in Toastmasters.

Mercury Toastmasters Club's membership is open to the public and meets on the second and fourth Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at Mayberry's Restaurant on Miller Street.

Southern Community's Annual Report wins another honor

Southern Community Financial Corporation's 2009 annual report has won a Bronze Vision Award from the League of American Communications Professionals (LACP). This is the eighth consecutive year that the bank's annual report has been a winner in the international competition. All eight annual reports were developed in conjunction with The Bloom Agency of Winston-Salem.

Competition was particularly intense this year, with more than 4,000 entries received from companies in over 25 countries. Additionally, all commercial banks in the Americas were grouped into one awards category, rather than being separated by size.

Titled "The Truth About Banking," the report put an emphasis on business and individual customers of Southern Community Bank and Trust, how they are faring in the current economic climate, and how the bank is addressing the changes wrought by the ongoing recession. The impact of the rapid acceleration of technology and new challenges and opportunities for entrepreneurship were also topics touched upon.

The judges commented on how engaging the report is. "The reader gains a sense of being part of the organization's extended family," one judge noted. "Great job introducing this level of intimacy."

Scott Bauer, Southern Community's Chairman and CEO, said the annual report vividly captures the relationship of trust that the bank values and encourages with all its stakeholders.

"In this economic climate it is crucial that we all be honest with one another, as well as respectful and compassionate," he said. "The annual report takes its title from a series of town meetings that senior management held in six of our markets during 2009. We welcomed the hard questions from customers, investors and members of the public. We must know people's real situations and their genuine concerns so we can respond effectively to their needs."



Scott Bauer

Wake Forest University gets some attention on Wall Street

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Wake Forest University enjoyed a day in the international spotlight as alumni, students, parents and friends converged at the New York Stock Exchange for "Wake Forest on Wall Street" on July 27. The Demon Deacon flag proudly flew outside of the New York Stock Exchange, symbolizing the strong presence and significant contributions of Wake Forest alumni working in the New York area.

"Our vision is to increase awareness of the Wake Forest brand in the world of New York finance, and to help students and alumni find internships, find jobs and grow," said WFU alumnus David R. Hanson, an associate at Deutsche Bank Securities, Inc.

Annaly Capital Management, Inc. served as host sponsor of the event. Annaly was represented by Michael Farrell, chairman, Chief Executive Officer and president. Farrell is a member of the Wake Forest University Schools of Business Board of Visitors.

"I support education that promotes accountability and has a moral fiber," said Farrell. "This was a good opportunity to give exposure to Wake Forest University, and for Annaly to co-brand the event to help raise that voice."

Farrell had the honor of ringing the closing bell at the New York Stock Exchange and was joined on the podium



Alumni and supporters of WFU ring the opening bell.

with colleagues from Annaly and Wake Forest University. The ceremony was televised live to a worldwide audience. Video is available on (www.nyse.com).

Following the closing bell ceremony, more than 100 Wake Forest students, alumni, parents and friends filled the New York Stock Exchange Boardroom to listen to the Wake Forest on Wall Street panel discussion: "The Credit Crisis: Where Are We Now, Where Are We Going?"

Fox Business Network Anchor Dagen McDowell, a 1991 Wake Forest grad, served as the panel moderator, engaging highly respected finance industry leaders in a passionate discussion and debate. Other Wake graduates who took part include: Michael Genereux, senior managing director of The Blackstone Group; Loyd Henderson, senior VP of Oaktree Capital; and Jim Woolery, partner at Cravath, Swaine & Moore.

School of Education undergoes big changes

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The School of Education and Human Performance (SEHP) at Winston-Salem State University has established two new departments: the Department of Secondary Education and the Department of Educational Leadership, Counseling and Professional Studies.

The Department of Secondary Education will house undergraduate teacher education programs in English, mathematics, science and physical education.

Dr. Cynthia Williams-Brown, the former chair of the Department of Human Performance and Sports Science, has been named head of this new area.

WSSU says that bringing these programs into one department will create a greater focus on teacher training in addition to the academic subject matter.

The English, Mathematics and Science programs were housed in the College of Arts and Sciences and the Physical Education program was in the Department of Human Performance and Sports Science.

All of the graduate programs in the School of Education and Human Performance will now be housed in the new Department of Educational Leadership, Counseling and Professional Studies.

The department will include the master's degree programs for Elementary Education, Rehabilitation Counseling, teaching, English as a Second Language and Applied Linguistics.

Starting in summer of 2011, it will also include the master's degree in school administration. Dr. Edwin Bell, WSSU professor of Education, will serve as interim chair of the department.

Dr. Manuel Vargas moved from the position of associate dean to interim dean of the School of Education and Human Performance in June, when former Dean Dr. Cynthia Jackson-Hammond left the university to become provost at Coppin State University.

WSSU also announced that Dr. Madu Ireh, an associate professor of education and director of technology in the SEHP, has been named interim chair of the Department of Education, while Dr. Travis Teague, coordinator of the Motorsports Management program, will now serve as interim chair for Human Performance and Sports Science.



Dr. Bell



Dr. Williams-Brown

ALPHAS ANNOUNCE PLANS TO GO GLOBAL

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

More than 50,000 members of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity from the U.S. and around the world will begin implementing new plans to improve local communities.

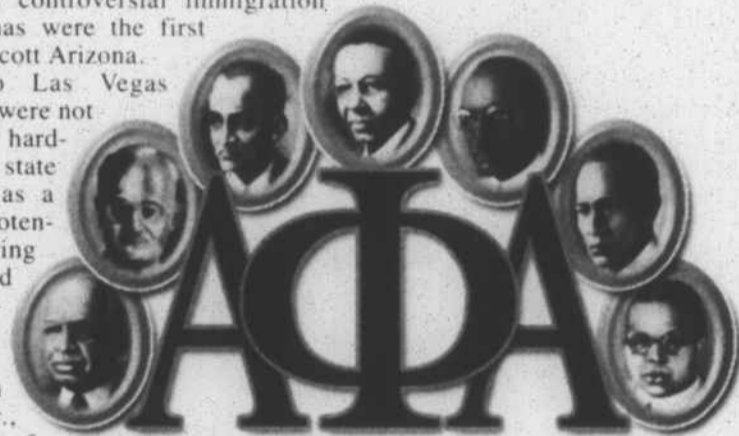
Plans for this effort were hashed out at the fraternity's 104th Anniversary Convention in Las Vegas from Wednesday, July 21 - Sunday, July 25. The Alphas announced months ago that they would move its convention out of Phoenix, Ariz. to protest the state's controversial immigration policies. The Alphas were the first major group to boycott Arizona.

"We came to Las Vegas because we simply were not going to spend our hard-earned dollars in a state that would make as a matter of law, the potential for racial profiling and civil- and human-rights violations of our members and others," said Herman "Skip" Mason Jr., general president of the fraternity.

A major portion of the Las Vegas convention was dedicated to a forum on immigration. The panel discussion included several key members of Alpha Phi Alpha, who were joined by Carlos Famadas, chairman of Phi Iota Alpha Fraternity, the nation's oldest Latino fraternity, founded in 1931.

In other business, Alpha Phi Alpha agreed to build an academy in earthquake-torn Haiti to help educate young people there. The fraternity sent a relief mission to the island in February and issued a follow-up report at the convention. Members also approved plans to "go global," by chartering new chapters in Africa and Europe. The newest outposts for Alpha expansion are in Johannesburg, South Africa and London.

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Professor's Foundation awards scholarships

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The Simmons Memorial Foundation, Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, founded by Wake Forest University School of Law Professor Omari Simmons, has awarded scholarships to two local students.

Since its inception in 1996, the Foundation has provided high-quality educational support programs for students who are members of vulnerable groups. Many talented students from vulnerable backgrounds fail to attend college, are grossly underrepresented at selective colleges, or have limited success rates at four-year institutions. These students' capacities remain underestimated, unnoticed or underdeveloped. SMF seeks to empower vulnerable students to achieve a quality higher education so that they can effectively participate in improving their local and world communities.

Recent Parkland Magnet High School graduate Rafael Alberto Grillo Avila received the Cynthia T. Simmons Memorial Scholarship, which is named for Professor Simmons' late mother. It honors a high school senior who exemplifies the qualities of academic excellence, emotional-intelligence, development,

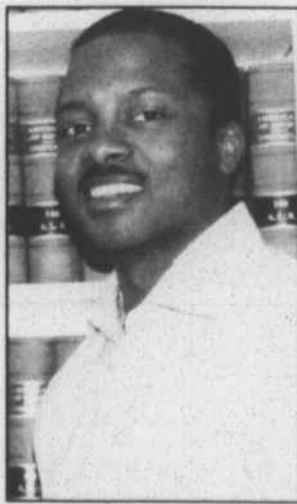
potential, active SMF participation and community commitment. Avila will attend Princeton University in the fall.

The Nathaniel P. Simmons III Memorial Scholarship, named for Simmons' late brother, provides support to a high school senior who has not allowed adverse circumstances to interfere with their dreams of securing a quality college education. In addition, recipients must exemplify academic excellence, development and tremendous potential. Damaris Betsaida Ramirez, also a recent graduate of Parkland Magnet High School, received this scholarship. She will attend Meredith College.

Avila and Ramirez are both active members of their school and local communities; participants in the Potential on the Periphery Pipeline Initiative (3PI); and outstanding students of underrepresented students with enormous potential for success.

SMF has previously granted scholarships to 25 students. SMF aims to continue sharing strategies of success with youth and helping students achieve their dreams through its college mentoring and scholarship program.

For more information, go to www.smffoundation.com.



Omari Simmons