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Lady refs push to make more calls

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Every March, when National Women's History Month is observed, citizens across the nation pay homage to the many accomplishments and contributions women have made to society.

But despite the many strides they have made, there are still some places where female faces are few and far between. The female members of the Northwest Basketball Officials Association can attest to the scarcity of those of the female persuasion when it comes to refereeing. Only 15 women are currently members of the Association, accounting for less than 10 percent of the membership in the organization, which provides officials for a variety of youth basketball programs. Being in the minority is not without its challenges, the women said.

"Most men don't think that we belong on the floor with the stripes on our back," said NBOA member Tina Harrington, a native of Miami, Fla. who also



Officials (from left): Ora Emerson-White, Benita Bowman, Nicole Henry, Charette Guthrie, Kristina Baugh, Tina Harrington and Mia Anthony pose after their initial get together.

officiates college games. "It's kind of a taboo." Female officials often feel they are tested by male players and coaches more than their male counterparts, said Ora

Emerson-White, who joined the NBOA two years ago. "They put you out there. They want to see if you've got it in you," said the mother of three. "Men are going to always be

men, no matter what, but when you stand your ground and sell your call, there's nothing they can say."

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File Photo
Judge Hartsfield addresses supporters at the Forsyth County Hall of Justice in January 2006 after she was sworn in as a District Court judge.

Hartsfield making the best of suspension

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After a yearlong ordeal, District Court Judge Denise Hartsfield is breathing a sigh of relief.

The North Carolina Supreme Court has decided to suspend her from the bench without pay for 75 days. Hartsfield had faced possible dismissal from the bench following charges that she fixed traffic tickets for friends and church members.

Hartsfield said the High Court's decision, which was handed down March 9, delivered her from months of worry and apprehension that she might lose the career she loves.

"I literally felt like a 50-pound weight had come off my shoulders," she said of hearing the news of her suspension. "I feel lighter."

Hartsfield said she plans to use her time away from the bench to give back to a community that has supported her in her time of need. She said she will be volunteering at the food pantry at her church, St. Paul United Methodist, on a weekly basis. She started volunteering at Carter G. Woodson School of Challenge, where she serves as president-elect of the Board of Directors, earlier this week, and plans to visit Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy in the coming weeks to help students craft their entries for the essay contest



Photo by Layla Farmer
Carter G. Woodson's Malcolm Mack

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Marines popular at school's Career Day

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Third graders at Bolton Elementary School learned what it takes to become one of "the few, the proud," during the school's Career Day last week.

The youngsters murmured with excitement as Marine Sergeants Jason Bellamy and Quintin Harris strode into the gymnasium clad in starched dress uniforms and gleaming shoes. For Bellamy, who has known he wanted to join the Armed Forces since he was a boy, visiting an elementary school for the first time as a Marine meant coming full circle in the journey he began many years ago.

"That obviously does not get old - ever," the 24 year-old later commented with a grin. "Having them look up to you like that is just so awesome. It seems like not that long ago that I was a kid myself. These guys know the Marines are the good guys."

Harris, a father of two, led the discussion, probing the students about their knowledge of the Marines, and fielding a variety of enthusiastic questions ranging from the origins of his uniform (Wal-Mart, he quipped) to the meaning



Williams

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Photos by Layla Farmer

Sgt. Quintin Harris shakes hands with students after his talk.

Female MDs discuss challenges

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Five female doctors - all graduates of Wake Forest University School of Medicine - talked about breaking through the medical profession's glass ceiling during an International Women's Day - March 8 - event at their alma mater.

All of the women graduated from medical school more than 40 years ago, before the landmark 1972 Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act, or Title IX, was passed. The Act forbids discrimination by any educational program receiving federal financial assistance.

Female doctors were uncommon at the time and women pursuing medical degrees were sometimes met with hostility and scrutiny.

Panelists described shocking questions asked of them by male medical school

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Photo by Todd Luck

Dr. Joyce Hinson Reynolds hugs her son, Dick, after Friday's panel discussion.

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The Winston-Salem Police Department marked Black History Month in February by honoring three retired African Americans law enforcement officers whose combined service to the city totals more than 60 years. Here, Chief Scott Cunningham stands with esteemed honorees (from left) Frank Holman, Benjamin Johnson and Roscoe Pouncey.



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