

CAREERS

Briefs

Bennett to award honorary degrees

Former U.S. Labor Secretary Alexis M. Herman, State Rep. Alma Adams and former Greensboro Mayor Yvonne Jeffries Johnson will receive honorary degrees at Bennett College's commencement ceremony on Saturday, May 5. The ceremony, which Herman will keynote, will start at 10:30 a.m. on the school's Quad. It is free and open to the public.



Adams

Since 1994, Adams has served in the North Carolina General Assembly. She was first appointed by Governor James B. Hunt. She has been re-elected nine times and recently filed for re-election in January 2012 to run for a tenth term.



Johnson

Past chairperson of the Department of Visual Arts and Humane Studies and former Director of the Humanities Division at Bennett, Adams is the longest tenured professor at Bennett College, having started at the school as an art professor in 1972. The educator plans to retire from Bennett this month.

After serving for 13 years on the City Council, Johnson, a '64 Bennett grad, reserved her space in history when she was elected as Greensboro's first African American mayor in 2007. Losing reelection in 2009, the dedicated professional focused her efforts towards One Step Further, Inc., where she serves as the director for this United Way agency that supports restitution opportunities for adults and juveniles. In 2012, she returned to politics after again being elected to the Greensboro City Council.

Masny promoted

Winston-Salem-based Smith Phillips Building Supply has promoted Petr Masny to manager of the Industrial Cut-to-Size Division (CTS). Prior to his promotion, Petr served as the CTS shop supervisor.

Petr emigrated from Czechoslovakia in 1995 with little more than the clothes on his back and a few hundred dollars in his pocket. The next few months proved to be a tough journey as he worked jobs that took him all over the country. He was ultimately led to Winston-Salem, where he met and married his wife, Beth, bought a house, and settled down. In 2007, Smith Phillips celebrated with Petr as he earned his U.S. citizenship.



Petr Masny

"We are proud to be a part of Petr's American dream and we are grateful to have him as part of the Smith Phillips team," said COO Chris Yenrick. "Masny's hard work and dedication are a sterling example of someone living the American Dream."

Smith Phillips has been serving the Triad area since 1880 with locations in Winston-Salem and Statesville.

Barber, Ballentine to address NCCU graduates

The Rev. William Barber II, president of the North Carolina chapter of the NAACP, will deliver the address at the 119th commencement exercises for North Carolina Central University on Saturday, May 12. He also will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by NCCU Chancellor Charlie Nelms during the graduation ceremony, which starts at 8 a.m. in O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium.

At the commencement ceremony for NCCU's graduate and professional students on Friday, May 11, the speaker will be Warren Ballentine, a noted attorney, motivational speaker and radio talk show host. The ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. in McDougald-McLendon Gymnasium.

NCCU will award more than 400 undergraduate and professional degrees on May 11 and more than 500 bachelor's degrees on May 12.

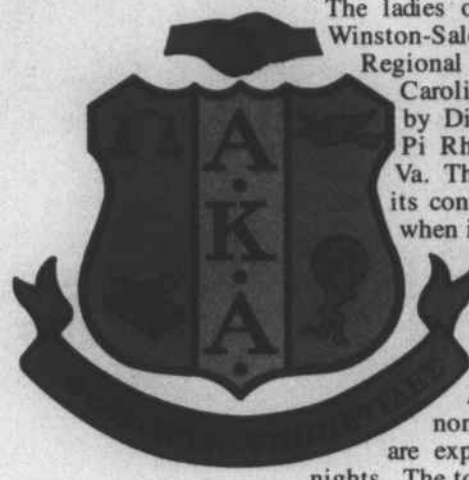
Barber, a 1985 graduate of NCCU who served as student government president during his senior year, is regarded as one of North Carolina's most effective grass-roots leaders. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Duke University and a doctorate from Drew University in New Jersey. He is the pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Goldsboro, and chair of that city's Rebuilding Broken Places Community Development Corp.

Ballentine, a native of Chicago, earned an undergraduate degree from North Carolina A&T State University and a law degree from Pettit College of Law at Ohio Northern University. Described by the New York Times as, "one of black talk radio's new stars," he is the host of "The Warren Ballentine Show," which airs each weekday and engages a wide range of political, legal, education, religious and social issues. It is syndicated in 37 media markets through Radio One.

The AKAs Are Coming

Winston-Salem to host 60th anniversary Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT



The ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. will convene in Winston-Salem next year for the 60th anniversary Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference. The region includes all chapters in North

Carolina and Virginia and is currently led by Director Linda Henry Gilliam of the Pi Rho Omega Chapter in Chesterfield, Va. The Mid-Atlantic Regional last held its conference in Winston-Salem in 2003, when it marked its landmark 50th anniversary.

Visit Winston-Salem, which works to lure conventions and other events to the city, says the five-day conference - slated from April 3-7, 2013, will be an economic boom. More than 2,000 people are expected to attend; they will generate 2,500 hotel room nights. The total economic impact for the city is estimated to be more than \$2.6 million, according to Visit Winston-Salem.

Founded on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. in 1908, Alpha Kappa Alpha is the oldest Greek organization established for black women. There have been 27 international AKA presidents, including Winston-Salem's own Dr. Barbara K. Phillips, who led the sorority from 1978-1982. The late Dr. Phillips is considered one of the most successful and innovative presidents ever.



Phillips

At Your Service

Livingstone College offering hospitality industry degrees

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

In an effort to capitalize on the booming hospitality industry, Livingstone College has rolled out a hospitality management degree program.

The Salisbury-based school is slated to officially announce the new program, which has already won approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, today. Prospective students can earn a bachelor's of science degree in hospitality management, an associate's degree in culinary arts or certificates in event planning, lodging operations and culinary arts.

The vision to establish a hospitality management program originated with Livingstone College President Dr. Jimmy R. Jenkins Sr.

"At Livingstone College, we strive to offer relevant courses, and forecasts indicate despite this country's economic woes, the hospitality industry will continue thriving," Jenkins said. "In fact, studies show by 2014 the hospitality industry is expected to add 17 percent in wage and salary employment, so it only makes sense for us to offer degrees in hospitality management. We realize a four-year or two-year degree isn't for everyone, so we're also offering certificates in three dis-



ciplines and envision people who may be looking to obtain part-time jobs to supplement their income will find our certificate offerings attractive."



Jenkins

Vivian Ray, who has more than 25 years of experience in the food service industry, has been leading the charge to establish Livingstone's new hospitality management program. Ray has been a professor in the University of Central Florida's Rosen College of Hospitality Management and Purdue University's Hospitality Management Program. The hospitality management programs at UCF and Purdue are widely considered among the nation's

best.

Ray has worked as an executive chef for many organizations, including the Howard Johnson hotel chain, as food service director for Sodexo, Inc., the leading provider of integrated food and facilities management services in the U.S., Canada and Mexico, and she has worked as a catering director for the New Orleans Country Club. Quite notably, Ray revamped a struggling culinary arts program at Indiana Vocational Technical College in Indianapolis in the 90s, transforming it into an internationally acclaimed program. During her six years at Indiana Vocational Technical College, she was instrumental in adding an annual student trip to La Varenne Cooking School in Paris.

HAWS' Durell takes on national duties

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Karen Durell, the vice president of Operations and chief operating officer of the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem, has been appointed the Housing Choice Voucher Track Chair for the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials (NAHRO) National Conference.

NAHRO - which is made up of professionals in the affordable housing and community redevelopment industry - will hold its 2012 national conference from Oct. 28-30 in



Durell

Nashville, Tenn. and a summer conference in San Francisco from July 29-31.

In her role as chair, Durell is responsible for developing and selecting sessions, evaluating session proposal submissions, writing and finalizing session descriptions, identifying moderators and speakers, and attending meetings at the summer and national conferences.

Her combination of experience with the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher and other public housing programs are expected assets to the NAHRO team. She has worked for more than 25 years in the real estate investments and property management fields. As a member of the Housing Authority's executive staff, she develops, directs and manages operations of the Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher Department (HCV) and the Property Management Department. This includes the oversight of more than 4,300 Housing Choice Vouchers, approximately 1,100 public housing units as well as 400 federally-subsidized and market rate properties.

Durell - a graduate of East Carolina University - hopes that she can make a positive impact on how these programs are developed on a local and national level through her work with NAHRO.

Dallas Cowboys exec to keynote fundraiser

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Charlotte Jones Anderson will be the guest speaker at The Salvation Army of Winston-Salem's Boys & Girls Club annual fundraising dinner on Thursday, May 10.

She is executive vice president of Brand Management and president of Charities for the Dallas Cowboys. Anderson became the first ever



Charlotte Jones Anderson joins Dallas Cowboys Owner/GM Jerry Jones, right, and Dallas area Salvation Army Commissioner William Roberts to kickoff a recent Red Kettle fundraising Campaign.

American professional sports. Her vision and direction has guided the Cowboys in the areas of stadium design, entertainment, merchandising, licensed apparel, uniform design, memorabilia, community service and philanthropy.

Selfless Citizens



Photo courtesy of the Office of the Governor

Ethel Belle Sampson, who is known as Mother Moses by the many in Craven County she has helped, received the Governor's Medallion from Bev Perdue on April 19 in Raleigh. Perdue honored Sampson - who feeds, loves and clothes those in need - and 20 others, including Forsyth County's Dr. James Sifford, as the state's Top Volunteers.