

CAREERS

Briefs

Cops honoring ALE official

The Greensboro Police Department is awarding the Greensboro Meritorious Conduct Bar to Alan Fields, assistant director of North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement, during the annual Police Citizens Appreciation dinner May 17.



Fields, who was nominated for the award by Greensboro Police Capt. Richard Whisenant, is being honored for his work in closing a nuisance hotel, the Greensboro Inn of 135 Summit Ave. The establishment was the source of 4,000 calls for service and self-initiated police activity since 1990.

A settlement agreement was reached specifying that the hotel, which operated for more than a quarter of a century, is set to close June 1. A restriction will be recorded against the property that prevents it from being used for residential purposes.

Greensboro police said the hotel has been a haven for a criminal subculture with drug sales and prostitution going unabated by management and staff. When the police department had exhausted its efforts working with the owners and managers, they asked for assistance from the ALE.

Fields has successfully assisted various North Carolina communities in more than 100 nuisance-related investigations, including the closing of a Greensboro nuisance nightclub at 510 Farragut St. in 2010.

NACADA picks two from A&T for award

North Carolina A&T State University associate philosophy professor Karen L. Hornsby and lecturer Juanita Painter have been selected as outstanding advisors by the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA).

Painter and Hornsby were awarded the Outstanding Primary Advisor and Outstanding Faculty Advisor honors, respectively, at the NACADA Region III conference in Charlotte April 12-14.

Painter was named Center for Academic Excellence Advisor of the Year 2011-12 and the New Directions Center Teacher of the Year 2003-04. She is an Academic Advisor within the Student-Athlete Academic Enhancement Program (SAAEP) in the Center for Academic Excellence. She advises new freshmen, transfer and new continuing students for Aggie Football and all students on the men's and women's basketball teams.



Hornsby

Hornsby was named Advisor of the Year for the 2010-11 school year by the Center for Academic Excellence at N.C. A&T. She has also been named a Teagle Assessment Scholar in 2010, which enables her to collaborate with faculty, staff and students to improve student learning. Hornsby has also been published in several scholarly publications and presented at several conferences and colloquia presentations.

Hagan happy with plan to keep post offices open

U.S. Senator Kay R. Hagan is applauding the plan announced last week by United States Postal Service (USPS) that would allow 234 rural post offices in North Carolina to remain open.

"This is great news for rural communities around our state," Hagan said. "I've fought to keep rural post offices open because they provide crucial economic and social benefits to the community. I'm pleased that the voices of residents in these communities have been heard."

Hagan wrote a letter to Postmaster General Patrick Donahue last summer urging him to delay closing post offices until North Carolina residents could voice their concerns.

A 2011 Commerce Department report shows that more than 30 percent of U.S. households did not have broadband Internet access at home. Postal mail remains the one universal service connecting North Carolinians to commerce, government, news and social and civic institutions.

Edney new Club president

Award-winning journalist Hazel Trice Edney, editor-in-chief of the Trice Edney News Wire and President/CEO of Trice Edney Communications LLC, has been elected president of the historic Capital Press Club in Washington, D.C.



Edney

Edney, the former editor-in-chief of the National Newspaper Publishers Association News Service and BlackPressUSA.com, was elected by the CPC board on April 19.

It was 68 years ago that the Capital Press Club was established as the National Press Club refused to accept African-American members. As it approaches its 70th Anniversary in two years, The Capital Press Club exists to unite communications professionals of color through professional development, networking, new business opportunities and entrepreneurship, and issues advocacy.

Several promoted at WSPD

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Police Chief Scott Cunningham has promoted Captains Alonzo Thompson and David C. Clayton to assistant police chief.

Thompson will oversee the Field Services Bureau, which includes department patrol activities. He is a 28-year veteran of the Police Department and has served in the Field Services, Investigative Services and Support Services bureaus and the Office of the Chief of Police. He has a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He is married and has two children.



Alonzo Thompson



David C. Clayton

Clayton will oversee the Support Services Bureau. He is a 28-year veteran of the department and has served in the Field

Services and Investigative Services bureaus. He has a bachelor's degree from John Wesley College. In 1988, he

was selected as Police Officer of the Year, and the Winston-Salem City Employee of the Year in 1998. He is married and has two adult children.

Also, Scott G. Bricker, Mitchell B. Masencup and Wilson S. Weaver were promoted to captains; Christa L. Long, John A. Craig and Steven D. Osborne were promoted to lieutenant; L. Scott Wright, Michael R. Fleming, Matthew J. Mulgrew and Timothy S. Mabe were promoted to sergeant; Tameshia N. Branch, Mariya M. Brewer and Bonnie S. Roberts were promoted to crime scene supervisor; and Marsha K. Higgins was promoted to crime analyst.

Legette earns UNC Award

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Dr. Lee David Legette, professor of music in the Department of Fine Arts at Winston-Salem State University, has been awarded the 2012 UNC Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Each school in the UNC system picks a respected educator for the honor each year. The award, the highest honor for superior teaching offered by the UNC system, was established in 1993 by the UNC Board of Governors.

Legette has been a valued member of the WSSU academic community for more than 21 years, serving as a faculty member, scholar and community servant. He was recognized Saturday during WSSU's graduation exercise by a UNC Board of Governors member, who presented him with an engraved bronze medallion and a stipend check for \$7,500.

Dr. Legette's strengths were summarized, including his immense pedagogical skills, thorough knowledge of instrumental music techniques, knowledge of jazz/wind band music and saxophone performance skills. He has also been described as an individual of great personal and professional integrity, who is loyal to students, the University and the community.

In addition to teaching and advising students, Legette serves on numerous University committees and is well regarded in the Winston-Salem community as a musical performer, composer and arranger with original copyrighted material. He earned his Ph.D. in music education and certificate in computers in music from Florida State University, a M.A. in music education from the University of Iowa, and B.S. in music education from Fayetteville State University.



Lee David Legette



NCCU Photo

Rev. William Barber II speaks.

'Soul of our nation is on trial,' Barber tells NCCU grads

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

North Carolina Central University awarded bachelor's degrees to 536 students on Saturday, May 12 during commencement ceremonies at its O'Kelly-Riddick Stadium.

But before the graduates walked across the stage to collect their diplomas, they were rousing challenged by the Rev. William Barber II to engage in the never-ending fight for social justice. Barber, a 1985 graduate of NCCU and the president of the North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP, brought the crowd to its feet with an address that recalled the messages and the cadences of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

"You live at a turning point in history," Barber said. "These are tough times, troubling times. We see mean and oppressive politics taking us in the wrong direction. Why are you here? Because there's a God who has to raise a counterforce to injustice."

Barber noted that he had recently concluded the statewide "Putting a Face on Poverty Tour," drawing attention to the continuing reality that 1.6 million state residents — including 600,000 children — live below the poverty line.

"We found human beings living under bridges and in the woods," he said. "We have seen poverty that makes you sick and ashamed."

"The soul of our nation is on trial," Barber continued. "If our values are right and our budgets are just, we can build a better society. We can put the poor at the center of our public policy agenda. We can reject hate and division. We can finish the job of being, in word and deed, one nation under God with liberty and justice for all."



Honor grad Alejandro Espitia (center).

NCCU Chancellor Charlie Nelms presented Barber with an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree and citation "in recognition of his tireless service to society as a warrior for justice and social change and a speaker of truth to power."

As has become his custom at commencement ceremonies, Nelms publicly recognized a few of the graduates for their accomplishments and their success in overcoming obstacles.

He praised LaSaundra Maynor, who graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health Education. A mother of three, she was encouraging her eldest daughter to plan for college when her daughter urged her to do the same. So Maynor enrolled at NCCU, taking her classes and completing internships while continuing to work five 12-hour shifts a week as a nursing staff specialist at Durham Regional Hospital.

He also praised Alejandro Espitia as "an exemplar of the phrase student-athlete." Espitia, a native of Bogota, Colombia, graduated

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Thread that Binds



DCCC Photo

Frelove Coleman (left) of Thomasville is pinned by Davidson County Community College English Instructor Susan Scarborough last week during a red thread pinning ceremony on May 4. The pins, Scarborough said, symbolize the thread that will always connect graduates with the college and their instructors. The Lexington-based DCCC graduated 727 students on Saturday, May 12 in front of the Mendenhall Building on the Davidson Campus.

Professor: Emotional bullies cause coworkers undue stress

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

School children aren't the only ones dealing with bullying, according to a noted Triad professor and workplace trends specialist.

Miller Lucky says that tens of millions of adults are dealing with "emotional bullies" at work each day.

Companies are losing millions of dollars each year because the emotional bullies are causing undue mental illness and low productivity among their coworkers. Simply, employees get stressed, avoid going to work, literally developing sicknesses, or are not focused on performing their jobs due to workplace bullying, believes Lucky, a human communications researcher, creative engineer and associate professor at North Carolina A&T State University.

"Like many Americans, I've been a victim of workplace bullying for over 12 of the 20 years since being at my current job. However, I used my experiences as research and development for positive solutions to the



Lucky

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