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Word Around Camp



Olympic High School

•Ohmar Land has been chosen to represent Charlotte as an honorary marshal during the inaugural celebration of Gov. Jim Hunt and the Council of State Jan 10-11. Land, who boasts a grade point average of 4.05, is president of the senior class.

Winthrop University

•Charlottean Joanne M.C. Saulsberry was inducted into the Winthrop chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, an academic honor society that recognizes all disciplines. Saulsberry is a senior majoring in elementary education. Also inducted was Virginia native, Lucretia N. Holland. Holland is a junior political science major.



Saulsberry



Holland

Barber Scotia College

•Inauguration Week is Jan. 19-26. Dr. Sammie Potts will be installed as the 14th president of the college. For more information, call 789-2944.

Johnson C. Smith University

•The Charlotte alumni chapter recently awarded it's first scholarship, a \$1,000 per semester tuition grant to freshman Evelyn



Members of the Charlotte alumni chapter pose with scholarship winner Evelyn Hart (center). Hart will receive \$1,000 per semester.

Hart. The scholarship is the result of eight years of fund raising by the Charlotte chapter. The group has raised more than \$100,000 to aid students.

North Carolina Central University

•Latonya Staton of Charlotte recently won the HIV Awareness Essay Contest sponsored by Student Health Services. Staton's paper titled "How to Promote HIV/AIDS Awareness Among NCCU Students," calls for visits by students to facilities that care for people with AIDS as well as presentations by young African Americans who have contracted the disease.

UNC Greensboro

•Bernita Lanette Hawthorne, daughter of John and Barbara Hawthorne of Charlotte, has been named an Outstanding Senior for the fall semester. A human development and family studies major, Hawthorne is on the Dean's list and is a member of the Black Student Nursing Association. She served on the Campus Activities Board and in 1993 won an academic achievement award.



Hawthorne

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Stanford grad fighting hunger

By Jeri Young
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Perry Payne does not like to talk about himself.

Instead the Stanford University graduate prefers to talk about hunger, poverty and his efforts to alleviate them.

Payne is one of 18 young Americans participating in the Mickey Leland Hunger Fellows Program.

"When you think about hunger, you have all of these issues that are related to it," Payne said, pointing to a large chart that depicts hunger's effects. The program takes its name from George Mickey Leland, a six-term congressman and Democratic Party official. Leland was responsible for the Africa Famine Relief and Recovery Act of 1985 that provided much-needed food and medical supplies to African nations affected by drought and warfare in the early '80s.

Raised in a single parent home, Leland overcame poverty and racism to win a seat in the Texas Legislature in 1973.

After his first trip to Africa short after his election, he became a spokesperson for African aid. In 1978, he ran for the congressional seat vacated by Barbara Jordan. His movement heightened his efforts to end world hunger. Leland died in a plane crash while on a relief mission in Ethiopia in 1989 at the age of 45.

The Hunger Fellows program seeks to carry on Leland's work.

Students assemble in Washington for orientation and team building workshops. They are then sent to in teams of two to urban and rural nonprofit organizations for six months. They return to Washington after their internships for a week-long recap.

Payne, a native of Arkansas, is working at Metrolina Food Bank.

"He would form allies with the people that the United States always thought of as sort of threatening," Payne said of Leland. "He cut across all boundaries. That is what we want to do with this program. The purpose of the program is to create people who are going to be leaders in the anti-hunger movement. If we are going to be leaders, we have to recognize that we have to step outside of our little comfort zones."

Payne cites the dismal statistics on hunger in America as reasons people need to embrace the cause. He found out about the program while a student at Stanford. He wanted to take a year off before entering medical school.

"I wanted to take a job and do some public service work," Payne said. "I went out searching for some different public service programs. The unique thing about this program you do the grassroots work and then at the same time you do the policy



Perry and Hima work during busy moment at MFB. The organization helped thousands of local families during the holidays.

work."

Payne says the program provides a good opportunity to not only to serve but to see how programs and policies are created by the federal government to help poor people.

"If you are out working in the soup kitchen all of the time," he said, "you don't get to understand the difficulties of creating policies. That job has challenges."

Payne said people at the grassroots level aren't aware of the difficult decisions made

about programs by Congress.

"We criticize them all the time without getting involved in what's going on," he said. "There needs to be an integration between the two areas of work."

Payne and his partner, Hima Prabhakar, are working together to create a "super pantry," a program that provides life skills training and food to single mothers.

According to Payne, single parents have said that increased self-esteem and self-confidence are needed, too.

Henrietta Marie stirs Wake professor and students

By Felecia McMillian
WINSTON-SALEM CHRONICLE

WINSTON-SALEM - When Alton Pollard stood on the shore outside of St. George's Castle in Ghana, he wept.

He wept for the many Africans who were held in the castle for nine to 12 months before being put on ships for the transatlantic voyage to the Americas.

When Pollard saw "The Door of No Return," he was overcome with emotion for this was their last view of Africa.

Pollard, a Wake Forest University religion professor and minister, made his pilgrimage to Ghana in 1993 with his wife Jessica and son Brooks. However, his memories of the slave castle and the slave ships were jarred when he brought 15 students from his Struggles for Freedom class, a joint religion/history course he teaches along with fellow professor historian Anthony Parent, to Charlotte to view "A Slave Ship Speaks: The Wreck of the Henrietta Marie."

Pollard called Africans who made it through the Middle Passage, the voyage from Africa to the Americas, phenomenal wonders who are shining examples of the Nguzo Saba, the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

"If our celebration of Kwanzaa does not include these Africans who exhibited all the principles of the Nguzo Saba, then we do not what Kwanzaa is," he said.

The history of the Henrietta

Marie is a crucial part of African American heritage. In 1700, the English slave ship sank off the coast of Key West, Fla., after unloading its human cargo. Discovered in 1972 by Mel Fisher, the ship was recovered by the National Association of Black Scuba Divers in 1993 and has become part of a national



The hold of the slave ship "The Henrietta Marie." The exhibit runs through Jan. 25.

traveling exhibit. Wake Forest professor and author Maya Angelou is the honorary celebrity chair of the exhibit.

Students who went on the exhibit said they experienced an eerie feeling when they walked into the "dark somber setting," said Pollard.

"Here for the first time in their lives, and for most people in this country, they saw the horror of slavery being brought graphically to life in the three-dimensional way," Pollard said.

Even those who saw the movie, "Sankofa," saw the horror on screen and were merely "passive participants," he said. When students walked through the

ship's hold, they were actively involved. They often responded with silence because they couldn't articulate their emotions.

Some just shed tears.

Pollard and Parent, in addition to Struggles for Freedom, teach civil rights and black consciousness. Together they instruct a broad cross-section of students on issues surrounding freedom.

"There is no such thing as freedom for people of African descent without religion," Pollard said. "Many of us have become so enticed with secularism and have forgotten the spirit of the ancestors, but is because of their faith that they endured."

If there was anything that Pollard would add to the exhibit, it would be a replica of the door of no return, he said.

Pollard's trip to Ghana brought home the horror of the dungeons that were holding pens for slaves.

"The more Americans are exposed to the reality of slavery, the better chance there is to awaken this country to the horror of the past and remind it of the triumph of those who overcame in spite of the danger," he said. "The beauty of the door is that it was to be a door of no return, yet some of Africa's children have come back."

Barber-Scotia celebrates first homecoming since probation

By GENA WATKINS
FOR THE CHARLOTTE POST

"There's no place like home!" These words will ring true for Barber-Scotia's students and alumni as they embark upon "A New Era of Distinction"-- this year's homecoming theme. The theme exemplifies the insight, faith, and commitment which have kept Barber-Scotia strong.

In 1994, when faced with overwhelming financial obligations, Barber-Scotia responded positively and effectively to negative press exposure and probation handed down by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. SACS is the accrediting body for schools in the south-

eastern region of the United States. It is commissioned to insure schools operate in compliance with guidelines set by states.

Mable Parker-McLean then returned to the helm as president of what she often refers to as "this old vessel". And it was her insight and unwavering faith and a greater commitment from the faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of Barber-Scotia that guided this vessel to calmer seas.

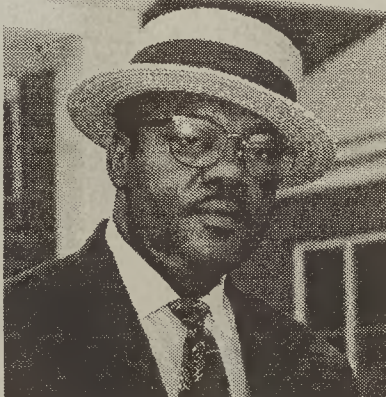
The college has diminished its \$3 million dollar plus debt and returned to fully accredited status. Sammie Potts, Barber-Scotia's current president, credits McLean with laying the

foundation for Barber-Scotia's quick and successful turnaround. This year's homecoming will be a celebration and reflection of their collective efforts.

When asked how it feels to be moving into this homecoming season without the accreditation factor hanging over his head, an elated Dr. Potts remarked, "It feels great not to have this albatross hovering overhead." He was equally excited that alumni could once again return to a fully accredited institution.

Also sharing the spotlight in this celebration is senior Leslie Mayhue, this year's homecoming queen. She is a native of Jackson Springs and the second of four daughters born to Carl and

Pauline Mayhue. She is a biology major and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. She enjoys shopping and volunteer



Potts

services that entail working with children. Mayhue said that her greatest moment at Barber-Scotia was when she learned that she had been elected Ms. Homecoming.

She cherishes the friendships that Barber-Scotia has afforded her. She plans to accept a position researching medicine with Oakridge Laboratory in Nashville, Tenn. Her only wish for homecoming is that everyone have fun.

Students are looking forward to this year's homecoming. Inclement weather postponed last year's homecoming game and seems to have put a damper on the Saber spirit. However, in light of Barber-Scotia's recent

turn of events students anticipate that this will be the best homecoming ever. Senior Lisa Hart said she looks forward to return of alumni. While sophomore Shawntelle Jones eagerly awaits the Homecoming game to be played Friday, Jan. 24, against Allen University of Columbia, S.C. Shawntelle most enjoys the camaraderie and unity displayed during the homecoming game.

The festivities will begin Jan 19 and run through Jan. 26. The week will also include other notable events such as the college's presidential inauguration to be held Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. and Founder's Day Convocation to be held Jan. 26 at 11 a.m.