## Harding grad stands by scholarship honor



**Nichols** 

Harding High School graduate Everette
Brondon Nichols earned a
scholarship from the Ben E.
King Stand By Me Foundation
to continue his studies at
Norfolk State University.
At Harding Nichols was a
member of the marching band,
gospel choir, NAACP and the
track and field team.
Northwest Corridor
Community Development Corp. has earned a

Nichols track and field team.

Northwest Corridor
Community Development Corp. has earned a
\$2,150 grant from Foundation For The
Carolinas to underwrite public forums on gentrification

The grant will be used to continue the discussion by bringing
neighborhood stakeholders
together to improve relations
along the northwest corridor
and to empower residents

• Roshod James has been
awarded the 2006-07 American
Meteorological Society 21st
Century Campaign Scholarship
James, a West Charlotte High School gradu-

ate, is pursuing a degree in earth science at N.C. A&T State University in Greensboro. The scholarship is intended to encourage minority students who have been traditionally under-represented in the sciences to pursue careers in atmospheric and related oceanic and hydrolic sciences.

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• R. Douglos Specis Sr. has been elected regional director of the National Pan-Hellenic Council's Southern Region for 2006-2008.

Spears, a life member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, was elected in October at the 10th Southern Region conference held in Miami. He will be responsible for coordinating and chartering councils (chapters) in the region which spans eight southern states, the Bahamas and the Virgin Islands

Spears, a 20-year member of the Pan-Hellenic Council, has served the Southern region as first assistant regional director, treasurer and historian.

Spears serves as a Sixth District (the Carolinas) Membership Selection Chairman for Omega Psi Phi. He is a member of Pi Phi chapter and a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University.

### Racial definition in U.S. is blurring

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"The racial lines will basically be blurred," said
William H. Frey, a demographer with the Brookings
Institution "It's hard to say
what the different classifications will be.... The stark
racial categories now won't
hold."
Mixing and melding will be

hold." Mixing and melding will be the norm for today's children, who by 2048 will be moving into positions of power across society as the last baby boomers close in on 80. "Think of the electoral base," said C. Matthew Snipp, a sociologist and demographer at Stanford University "It seems likely that the power structures will change."

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Demographers say some of today's trends will continue industrial northern cities like Detroit, Pittsburgh and Cleveland will probably keep losing population, though some argue that lower costs of living may attract people who can telecommute to jobs elsewhere.

The fastest emoving states

elsewhere.

The fastest growing states will continue to be Nevada, Arizona in the southwest and Florida in the southeast. Census projections through 2030 show the so-called Sun Belt continuing to gain population.

urbs becoming more densely populated, far-out exurban areas will keep growing which will probably mean longer commutes and more demand for gasoline. Demographers predict costs for gas and water, now relatively inexpensive, will mush-room

Lifesaving drugs and tech-nologies will help Americans stay alive longer than ever -and the nation overall will

and the nation over age.

In 2000, 12.4 percent of Americans were aged 65 and older but that percentage is projected to jump to 20 percent by 2043. More than one in four residents of Florida, New Mexico, North Dakota, Maine, Montana and Wyoming will be over age 65.

Here's another way to think

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Here's another way to think of the senior boom. Between 2000 and 2050, the group of Americans who are 85 and older will nearly quadruple to almost 21 million.

The good news is this will help revitalize rural, retirement-friendly places with lots of natural amenities like the nation's Western mountains and some Great Lakes areas, said Kenneth Johnson of Loyola University-Chicago. "These tourist and retirement destinations are the fastest-growing rural areas," he said, adding that this is

attracting workers – many new immigrants – to build houses and tend hotels.

But a big bubble of elderly Americans also will strain government pension and health care programs for senior citizens, and there will be "big battles" over how to pay for them, Bongaarts said. Demographers repeatedly warned that projections are tentative - things change.

Expected medical breakthroughs may not happen World events - wars, diseases, economic ups and down - can stop or speed up immigration. Americans could stop having enough children to replace themselves, which they're just barely managing now. Things that seemed a lock just a short time ago can be thwarted.

Two years ago for example thwarted

Two years ago, for example, California officials downgraded by 15 percent their predictions for state growth, mainly because Latino families were having far fewer babies than expected. When the U.S. hit 200 million people in 1967, the nation was supposed to reach 300 million before the end of the century. "Nobody really knows for certain where this will go," Snipp said. "All this is premised on many, many assumptions."

#### St. Augustine's College moving in right direction, president proclaims

By Sommer Brokaw

RALEIGH - A few weeks ago, more than 100 students at St. Augustine's College started their own media buzz when they marched to the state capital to protest mold in their dorm rooms, a lack of campus safety and invasion of privacy.

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An anonymous letter with some similar criticisms may have added fuel to the fire, but administrators are determined to stomp out the negative publicity.

"Although student protests generally reflect a negative image on the college, there's a little piece of me that's proud and pleased," St. Aug's President Dianne Boardley Suber said in a released statement "I am a product of the '60s, and I value being heard."

But Suber took a harsher stance at a media day held at the Seby Jones Fine Arts Center.

Center:
Suber said that St. Aug's', founded in 1867 to educate freed slaves, is one of several historically black institutions that face ridicule by those who would like to see them fall, and that is why it's important to emphasize the good things happening on campus.

"St Augustine's College is not alone," Suber said. "It is

part of a number of entities that is under fire. There are those that do not want us to succeed. That is why it's so

important to look at our chal-lenges and successes in a bal-anced way."

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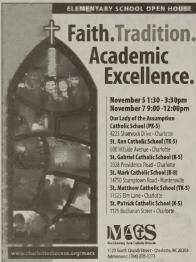




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