

PEOPLE OF NOTE

Kennedy joins family business as audit examiner

American Product Distributors has hired Mia Kennedy as the internal audit examiner. Kennedy, the daughter of Ray Kennedy, chief executive and president of APD, earned a degree in business management at Howard University in 2006. After graduation, she spent nearly a year with a family in Puerto Rico to learn Spanish and become more familiar with Latin culture.

Henry Williams and Stephanie Ready have been named to the Charlotte



Ready

Bobcats television broadcast team for the 2007-08 NBA season. Williams, a UNC Charlotte graduate, will begin his first full season as color analyst after splitting time with the radio broadcast team last year. Ready, a Coppin State University graduate, will be the sideline reporter for the fourth straight season. Ready, the first woman to coach a professional men's basketball team, also worked the sidelines for TNT during the NBA playoffs.

Williams and Ready will join play by play announcer Steve Martin, who was named to the position last week.

Charlotte native Charlie Sifford will have a golf award named in his honor.

Sifford, the first African American to compete on the PGA Tour and be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame, will be honored at the eighth annual Original Tee Golf Classic at the Wild Turkey Golf Club in Hamburg, N.J. Organizers will name its highest achievement the Charles Sifford True Original Award.

Proceeds from the classic will go to the American

Hope for homeless

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Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown.

Over the past year, the Guilford County Task Force to End Homelessness, along with numerous community volunteers, have spent hundreds of hours gathering data on homelessness in Guilford County and renewing ten year plans that are currently used in other communities across the nation.

Town hall meetings and focus groups were held, surveys were conducted, and homeless individuals were interviewed throughout the Task Force's process.

According to the Task Force, there are 300 other communities committed to tackling homelessness, including New York, Denver, San Francisco, Portland, Asheville and Raleigh.

The Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in Guilford County "has all of the ingredients of the plans that are making a difference in other cities," Mangan, charismatic speaker of the event, told the Carolina Peacemaker following the program.

Donna Newton, Ed Kitchen and members of the Guilford County Task Force to End Homelessness presented the plan Monday evening to more than 40 community members, volunteers and leaders.

Cancer Society and the Bill Dickey Scholarship Association.

Bretney DaSean Smith has been inducted into Phi Beta Kappa.

Smith, a student at Hampden-Sydney College in Virginia, was recognized by the honor society for academic achievement, moral character, citizenship and

intellectual curiosity.

A Harding University High School graduate, Smith is vice president of the Baptist Student Union and member of the Intercultural Affairs Committee. He studied at the University of Seville in Spain last fall through Hampden-Sydney's study abroad program.

Smith is the son of

Murletta Murcer of Charlotte.

Danielle Suswell, Asia Jani and Alexandra King of Charlotte each are Burger King Scholars.

The students are among 610 high school seniors to earn \$1,000 scholarships in recognition of their academic achievements. Suswell is a West Mecklenburg High

School graduate, while Jani graduated Harding University High and King graduated Hopewell High.

Derrick A. Thompson, Shanita A. Washington and Ying Zhang of Charlotte were among 442 seniors to graduate Davidson College on May 20.

Zhang is the daughter of Joann X. and Grace Zie. She

is a 2003 Harding University High School graduate. Zhang graduated cum laude with a degree in biology and minored in Chinese.

Washington is the daughter of Edward and Terri Baldwin and a graduate of Vance High. She graduated cum laude with a degree in sociology and minor in Spanish.

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