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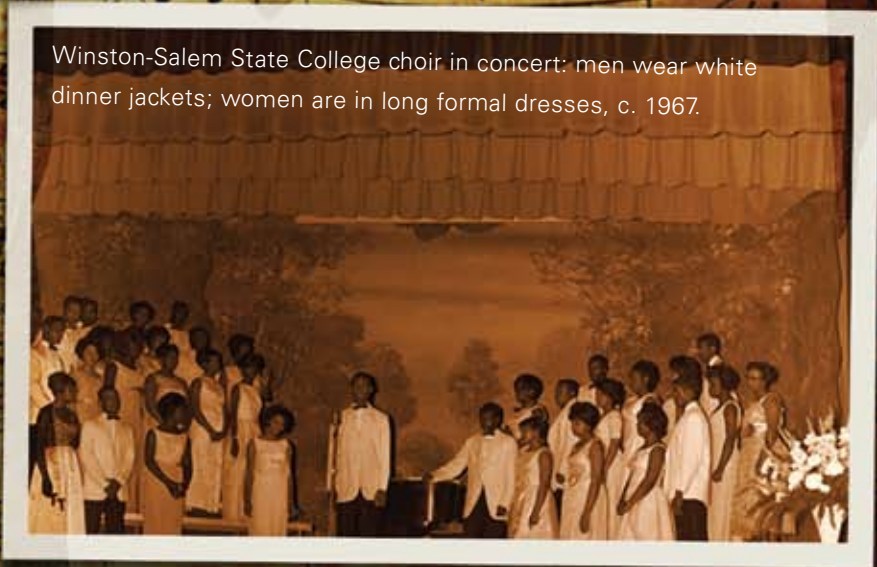
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Winston-Salem State University Choir, c. 1976.

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The WSSU Choir continues to change its look over the years, from formal to colorful. See today's choir on pages 4-5.

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chancellor reflects



Winston-Salem State University graduated its largest class ever this past spring and what a grand time we had. The growth we have seen in our student body is just one of the many changes that the university has been experiencing.

We have heard the line “the winds of change” for many years, but I do not believe we have ever seen change coming at a more rapid pace. We used to believe it was a challenge to prepare our students for the future, but that was when we had a clear idea of what that future might look like. We now live in a world where the future is truly filled with great unknowns.

Look around you. Have you tried to find a phone booth lately? Of course not. You just pull out your cell phone and call anyone anywhere in the world. I remember when the Polaroid camera was the coolest new invention. You could take a picture and see it in just a few minutes. Now, you take a digital photo and see

it immediately and Polaroid no longer manufactures cameras.

This rapid pace of change is also affecting WSSU. We can no longer just teach students what they need to know today, but we must teach them that learning is a life-long exercise. To do that often means offering a richer and more diverse educational experience that combines experiential learning and flexible ways of reaching students. We are striving every day to be sure that is what we are providing.

One recent development that is extremely exciting is our collaboration with Wake Forest University School of Medicine to develop a Human Performance and Biodynamics Laboratory to merge teaching with technology. Through what is called a “gait” lab, our graduate physical therapy students will have access to the latest high-tech equipment and to biomedical engineers and orthopedic surgeons as they work together to conduct research and carry out patient care. Programs such as this are beneficial for both schools involved and for the fields of physical therapy and orthopedics.

In today’s economic environment, we must ensure that our students in all fields are prepared to compete successfully for the available jobs that are requiring a higher and higher level of education and competency.

That is why getting our students into college and helping them stay through graduation is not only important to this

university, but to our collective well-being. As a nation, we need young people who are prepared to be successful. We need young people who can discover the next medical breakthrough or teach the next president of our country.

That is why our top priority is improving retention and graduation rates. We have expanded our University College to provide more structured support for our freshmen and Ramdition 2009 gets that effort off to a great start. Ramdition assists freshmen in quickly learning about WSSU and also in helping to develop school traditions such as the “March through the Arch” they all will take.

WSSU is changing, but some things will always be the same. We want our students to “Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve.” To support that motto will, however, mean that we all must “Be the Change” the school needs to ensure student success which translates into WSSU success.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Reaves', written in a cursive style.

Donald J. Reaves, Ph.D.

money-raising mania

by cortney h. wilson, *archway* editor

As college students everywhere deal with budget cuts and tuition increases, Winston-Salem State University continues to work hard to provide financial aid for students who qualify academically, but fall short financially.

Tom Joyner Foundation School of the Month



To kick off the spring season of giving, the Tom Joyner Foundation named WSSU as its school of the month for March.

With a goal to raise \$125,000 in collaboration with the Tom Joyner Foundation, the university exceeded its goal. By April, \$134,624 in cash donations and pledges have

been raised; the National Alumni Association provided \$25,000 through the Chapter Challenge Initiative.

Though the goal has been exceeded, the number of donations given is substantially lower than when the university was named the Tom Joyner Foundation School of the Month in 1999. An e-mail sent from the university's Office of Alumni Relations reported that in 1999, over 1,000 donations were made. This time around, only 85 donations had been made as of May.

"It's very important that we have the support from our alumni population, and that support is measured in donation activity," said Gregory Hairston ('83), alumni relations director.

call to action: providing a priceless education

by brittani parker, *archway* writer

It's evident that when alumni and friends of the university give to support scholarships, it can change circumstances for talented students who lack the financial means to pay for college.

Take for instance Satira Holiday, a sophomore elementary education major from Philadelphia, Pa.

She didn't know how she was going to fulfill her dream of going to college. Unlike some, her parents didn't have a college fund for her after graduation. Not wanting to take out a loan, a college scholarship was Holiday's only option.

Thanks to WSSU donors, her dream was made a reality, and Holiday received the Chancellor's Scholarship, an internal scholarship supported by donors.

"I truly appreciate (their) gift," Holiday said. "It provided a way for me to come to WSSU and receive a priceless education."

Maintaining a 3.4 GPA, Holiday is able to be actively involved in a host of campus organizations and take full advantage of the college experience, now that she doesn't have to worry about paying for college.

In these tough economic times the need for scholarships is great. Would you like to help a student attend college? You can! Make a student's dream possible; designate your gift today and contribute to any scholarship fund.

Log on to wssu.edu for more information.

feature **story**

changing the wor

by cortney hill wilson, *archway* editor

Posted on the wall of the choir room in the Fine Arts Building are big-lettered words, "Be the Change You Wish to See." Every year that D'Walla Simmons Burke, director of choral and vocal studies at Winston-Salem State University, has been teaching, she's always set goals with her students.

"It began 10 years ago as we were having choir camp to come up with some model phrase that would be a driving statement," said Burke, a nationally recognized choral conductor and founder of several choral groups at WSSU. "Last year, our model statement was *success begins with me*.

This year, the word *change* kept coming up a lot, and that was the key word that stuck."

And it wasn't long before Burke and her choral students would create the phrase *Be the change you wish to see; Success begins with me*.

Sure the first part of that statement is borrowed from Mahatma Gandhi, but it's one of those teachable lessons Burke doesn't mind adding to her syllabus.

"I often encourage my students that if you want to see something different, then you've got to do something, you must change you."

A native of Fort Valley, Ga., and a graduate of Hampton University with a bachelor's degree in music education, Burke recalled the many life lessons she learned during her college years. "They did more than just teach

English, Music, Biology, and History; they related it to the world. We have different types of learners in our classroom, and those who gravitate to the arts are often doers. But if you don't relate it, they won't grasp it," she said. "In my classes, I spend a lot of time teaching life lessons, and helping them to see the many ways to assess a situation and solve issues."

And through music, Burke said her students are a "teaching choir." Case in point, in preparation for their Spring Concert, all of the university choral groups performed with the Winston-Salem Children's Chorus, a 90-member group ranging in ages from 8-18 years old, where only a few are children of color.

"My students will take part in teaching these children some of the selections they will perform together, which will be Negro spirituals and music of South Africa and of different



led through music

languages like Yoruba and music from Zimbabwe," Burke said. "This will teach my students to be sensitive and patient with those who may not be familiar with (this style of music) and the diversity is something of importance, too. I will not allow them to learn just one genre of music, nor do I wish that they go through their college experience without collaborating with other musicians who may not look like them. The goal is to teach the 'whole' student."

It's evident to Burke that music moves people. She knows it from the many praises she's received throughout her career. Some have said that the music her ensembles perform changed their lives!

"I received an e-mail from a couple who heard me being interviewed by Denise Franklin on 88.5 WFDD (a local

NPR station)," she said. "They were traveling through the area, but had taken a break. The husband said they became frustrated because their children were not behaving properly. So in the midst of their frustration, they heard the interviewer play a performance by my choir called 'Hold On.' He said even though he didn't attend the concert, he could feel my passion through my voice and he could hear how much I truly cared (for my students)." That performance, she said, made him change the decision he was going to make about his children.

Burke's choral ensembles are known nationally and internationally for their renditions of Negro Spirituals and music of South Africa. She has traveled extensively with the University Choir throughout the United States and abroad. Her choirs have performed with symphony orchestras such as the

Winston-Salem Symphony (NC); New England Symphony (NY) and the D'Vorak Symphony (Prague, Czech Republic).

A classically trained soprano and conductor, Burke is the founder of The Winston-Salem State University Burke Singers, University Women and University Men. As a soloist, she has performed frequently as a soprano and in such operas as *Treemonisha*, *Lost in the Stars*, *Amahl and the Night Visitors*, and *The Old Maid and the Thief*. She continues to appear as a guest soprano.



Visit www.wssuarchway.com to see Burke's advice on being the change, and hear a special choir rendition of "I Know I've Been Changed!"



letter from the editor

be the change you wish to see!



We all talk a good game about how things, people, and our situations need to change for the better, but when we ask ourselves what we are *really* doing to promote this kind of change, is your list of actions long enough to place on a poster board, or just enough to fit on a sticky note?

Since President Obama, the president of hope, took office, it seems that everyone

has been so willing to make the effort to change, but there's a saying that goes, "actions speak louder than words."

This issue will shine light on the actions of people, organizations and events that exemplify being the change. With so much pessimism surrounding us from the down-turned economy to the rising unemployment rate to homes spiraling into foreclosure, don't you think it's time to begin your journey to rejuvenation? Then begin right here with *Archway*.

D'Walla Burke, director of choral and vocal studies at WSSU, has "Be the Change You Wish to See" on the wall of her choir room so that her students can see it every day. For her and her students, their mission is to inspire change through music. Read Burke's story on pages 4 and 5.

This edition's Student Spotlight will shine on Black Men for Change You Wish to See, a campus organization founded on the principles of invoking a positive light on African-American males, and changing the way black men are viewed. Read their story on page 7.

With many more stories to list, my hope is that this publication can be a positive beacon; one that will evoke the drive in you to be the change you wish to see.

And with change often comes a new direction. And with that, this issue will be my last as editor of *Archway*. I was fortunate enough to help redirect the look and feel of our alumni magazine. From the numerous positive messages I received, I could tell you really embraced the new direction! As life takes me in a new direction and heights, do know that you and this magazine will remain in my heart. It's been a great pleasure serving as editor, and I look forward to the continued success of *Archway*. Still continue sending your information, story ideas, and news to archway@wssu.edu. If you'd still like to connect with me, you may e-mail me at cortneyhwilson@yahoo.com.

In health and happiness (and the spirit of change)!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cortney".

Cortney H. Wilson '01
Editor

songs of change

Music soothes the soul. It also inspires change! What songs inspire you to make a difference?

Members of the *Archway* staff have compiled their favorites.

View the staff's entire list at www.wssuarchway.com.

student spotlight



Black Men for Change members smile for the cameras with Grammy-winning songstress Patti Austin.

BLACK MEN FOR CHANGE

by shirelle everette, *archway* writer (with contributions from grant fulton)

"BMC! We're all we've got!" is the slogan heard across campus from members of the all-male organization Black Men for Change (BMC), founded in 2002 by WSSU students Shaun Andrews, Eric Carpenter, Harold Thompson, and Jonathon Murray (all '04).

BMC strives to empower black males to rise above the negative stereotypes and become assets to their communities. The organization has gone to great lengths to "walk what they talk" by co-sponsoring numerous events and hosting the Black Male Symposium (lecture with Jim Ellis) and the Winter Ball Walter Harley Scholarship gala.

The group also received the "Campus Organization of the Year" award for the 2007-2008 school year.

Cornelius Hector, BMC's president and senior management information systems major, said, "Black Men for Change is here to unify the relationships between black men, black women and the black community through communication and community service, by (positively) impacting college campuses."

Chevara Orrin, advisor for BMC, has made sure to expose the members to several cultural events, such as events put on by the Winston-Salem Symphony, and keep them engaged in activities

that will enhance their intellect and strengthen their character.

"During the two years that I have been involved with this talented and thoughtful group of young men, I have been inspired as BMC continues to serve as an organizational role model on the WSSU campus and as individual examples of positive black males," said Orrin, who is the director of Conferences and Institutes at WSSU in addition to being advisor for BMC.

For more information about BMC, contact Orrin at orriincl@wssu.edu.

on the yard

campus news and events

annual golf classic, auction raise over \$29,000 for scholarships



Nearly 200 local business leaders, WSSU administrators, alumni and friends, and former scholarship recipients participated in WSSU's Annual Golf Classic and Auction in April. The event's purpose is to raise money for the university's general scholarship fund.

Thanks to participants, the event was able to contribute over \$29,000 to scholarships. The golf tournament was held at the Winston Lake Golf course, with the auction occurring afterwards at the Albert H. Anderson Conference Center's McNeil Ballroom.

dr. sylvia flack honored

Dr. Sylvia A. Flack '68, executive director of the Center of Excellence for the Elimination of Health Disparities at WSSU, was honored with the prestigious Health Disparities Leadership Award during the Minority Health and Health Disparities Honor Awards Ceremony at National Harbor, Md.

The December 2008 ceremony was part of the National Institutes of Health

(NIH) Summit: "The Science of Eliminating Health Disparities." More than 3,000 attended.

In accepting her award, Flack said, "This award will not serve to remind me of what has been accomplished but, rather, remind me of the work that is yet to be accomplished in eliminating health disparities."



wssu makes president's honor roll for second year

Winston-Salem State University has been designated for the second consecutive year as a member of the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service for its exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth.

"We are proud to have received this recognition for a second straight year," said WSSU Chancellor Donald J. Reaves. "It is a further illustration of WSSU's commitment to serving our community, state, and nation."

Launched in 2006, the Community Service Honor Roll recognizes colleges

and universities nationwide that support innovative and effective community service and service-learning programs. WSSU volunteers impacted 138 agencies in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County area through volunteer efforts. An additional 93 agencies in communities outside of Forsyth County were served by WSSU student volunteers as well.

on the yard

campus news and events

dr. randy mills named avc for financial planning and budget



Dr. Randy W. Mills, assistant provost for Administration and Planning for Academic Affairs, was named associate vice chancellor for Financial Planning and Budget, effective Feb. 1.

In his new role, Mills will be responsible for the overall coordination and effective implementation of university budget planning and execution. Mills' overall primary responsibility as associate vice chancellor will include the development, management, and implementation of the university's operating and capital budgets through the provision of budget planning, research, forecasts and financial analysis. He will work directly with senior university administration developing financial

planning, financial reporting and operational analysis for senior management. Mills will report to the vice chancellor for Finance and Administration, Gerald E. Hunter.

Letitia Cornish, assistant dean for administrative services for the WSSU School of Health Sciences, will serve as the interim assistant provost for Administration and Planning for Academic Affairs, while a search is conducted to fill the position on a permanent basis.

Mills, a native of Yadkinville, N.C., served as assistant provost for Administration and Planning for Academic Affairs at WSSU since August 2004.

dr. brenda allen named new provost

Dr. Brenda A. Allen, a developmental psychologist, seasoned administrator, academic leader, and prolific scholar with almost a quarter century of experience in higher education, has been named provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs. Allen will also be a tenured member of the faculty, holding the title of Professor of Psychology in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Social Work. Prior to her appointment, she was associate provost and director of Institutional Diversity at Brown University in Providence, R.I.

Allen's primary responsibility as provost and chief academic officer will be to provide executive-level leadership for the institution as it pursues its academic mission. Allen will be responsible to the Chancellor for the overall coordination and effective implementation of the university's academic programs, and will exercise leadership in promoting quality instruction, research, and public service.



a lookback

Tom Joyner making the case for HBCU contribution at the MEAC tournament.



Patti Austin sings to help raise scholarship dollars for WSSU.



Wynton Marsalis and the Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra rock the house.



Actor Hill Harper gets up close and personal during Spring 2009 Commencement.



Dr. James A. Forbes, Jr. delivers a James A. Gray lecture.



Author Terry McMillan shares some insights in a lecture delivered during Women's History month.



timeout

RAM SPORTS

SUPPORT THE EFFORT FOR EXCELLENCE

by chris zona, sports information director



The road to excellence is difficult. The challenges are great, the effort is often exhausting. However, with your help and support, this challenging path can be overcome. As a team, we can do it through supporting our teams on the field and on the court.

In these trying economic times, we realize it is difficult to give in the same capacity as you have in the past. However, the need has never been greater, and we implore you to continue to support our athletic teams in whatever way you can.

Athletics has always been, and will always be, a source of pride at Winston-Salem State University. From the back-to-back undefeated football seasons in 1977 and 1978, to the 10 conference basketball titles and eight conference football

titles ... and let's not forget the 1967 National Championship basketball team. The accolades are too many to list.

These legendary teams, highlighted by student-athletes that we will never forget, did not accomplish their feats of greatness alone. Cleo Hill, Earl "The Pearl" Monroe, and the winningest African-American coach in NCAA basketball history, Clarence "Big House" Gaines, did not blaze their trails alone. These timeless icons of WSSU Athletics had the benefit of a support structure of students, alumni and fans who tirelessly supported their efforts in the arenas of competition and in the classroom.

For our next steps along the path to greatness, we ask for your help. Our more than 300 WSSU student-athletes depend on the support of people like you who have helped to establish the solid bedrock upon which the foundation of WSSU Athletics' successes of past, present and future are built.

Thank you for helping to keep WSSU fans the best fans in HBCU Athletics. Go Rams!

For more information about giving, call Terry Hines or Valerie Dinkins at WSSU Athletics at (336) 750-2141.



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RAM SPORTS

2009 SEASON SHOULD PROVE EXCITING

Rams to play five home contests and six road games

WSSU football is just around the corner. The 2009 Ram football schedule is available online at WSSURams.com, and the football action this season is sure to be intense. Several highlights of the 11-game slate are WSSU's five home games to take place at Bowman Gray Stadium, the Urban League Classic in East Rutherford, N.J., and a West Coast road trip to Davis, Calif., to face the Aggies of UC Davis.

As we enter our fourth year of a five-year transition to the NCAA Division I level, WSSU will play nine MEAC contests highlighted by MEAC home games against North Carolina A&T in the Battle of I-40 Classic (September 5), Florida A&M (September 10), Hampton for Homecoming 2009 (October 31), and Delaware State (November 7).

Season tickets will go on sale Monday, July 6 at 10 a.m. at the WSSU Ticket Office. Tickets may be purchased in person, or by phone via credit card at (336) 750-3220.

For additional information on WSSU football, contact the WSSU Office of Athletics Media Relations at (336) 750-2143 or log on to the Athletics official Web site at WSSURams.com.

RAMS FOOTBALL			
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
SEPTEMBER 5	NORTH CAROLINA A&T	WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.	6:00 p.m.
SEPTEMBER 10	FLORIDA A&M	WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.	6:00 p.m.
September 19	Morgan State (URBAN LEAGUE CLASSIC)	East Rutherford, N.J.	TBA
September 26	South Carolina State	Orangeburg, S.C.	6:00 p.m.
October 3	Howard	Washington, D.C.	1:00 p.m.
October 17	UC Davis	Davis, Calif.	6:00 p.m.
October 24	Bethune-Cookman	Daytona Beach, Fla.	4:00 p.m.
OCTOBER 31	HAMPTON (HOMECOMING)	WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.	2:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER 7	DELAWARE STATE	WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.	1:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER 14	NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL	WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.	1:00 p.m.
November 21	Norfolk State	Norfolk, Va.	1:00 p.m.

* Home games at Bowman Gray Stadium noted in ALL CAPS

SCHEDULE '09

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

former cheerleading captains

by brittani parker, *archway* writer

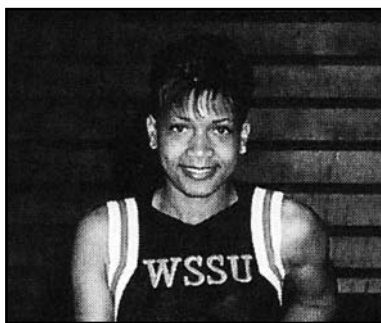
These young ladies were the captains of the infamous varsity squad that kept the crowd on their feet and cheered the team on to victory! The featured captains helped to keep the ole' Ram spirit and tradition alive. It's as if you can still hear their chants filling the stadium. Read on to see what they are up to now...

danyelle parker '95



Cheerleading began very early in this former captain's life. She never imagined the impact it would have when she began the sport in 8th grade. At WSSU, Parker, a business administration major, served as co-captain as a freshman, then captain and an All-CIAA Cheerleader (94-95) as a senior. She was also involved in the University Choir and Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Today, Parker is an assistant principal with Nash-Rocky Mount Public Schools. She resides in Spring Hope, N.C., with her daughter, Jayla, 12.

nesheila curry washington '01



Giving back is something that comes naturally to Washington. The former captain coaches the cheerleading squad at Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem, N.C., and teaches biology. During college, she was involved in HCOP and varsity cheerleading. She was named Miss University Cheerleader and All-CIAA Cheerleader (00-01). During her time as captain, Washington cheered for the Gold Coast Classic in San Diego, Calif., and the Pioneer Bowl in the Georgia Dome. She and her husband, Damone ('02), have three children.

alumninews

change starts in your community, not D.C.



Greetings Alumni:

I trust this letter finds you and your family in good health and good cheer. I suspect you, like me, have been in some way impacted by these serious economic conditions that have wrought such havoc on essentially every household in the country.

You Must Be the Change You Want to See! Change doesn't come from Washington. It starts in our communities. We need to step up and support our alma mater like never before. I would like to thank all of you who supported the Tom Joyner School of the Month campaign. We met the Regional Challenge presented to us and secured the matching funds from the Tom Joyner Foundation.

The Special Events Committee welcomes your ideas as we are making plans for Homecoming 2009. Please give your financial support to our candidates for Miss and Mr. Alumni 2009: Ms. Joyce Flowers (Jones-Onslow-Carteret Chapter), Ms. Barbara Williams (Fayetteville Chapter) and Mr. Bo Gilliam (Kimberley Park Chapter). We established a **Half Million Dollar National Alumni Scholarship Endowment** with the WSSU Foundation. It was established to close the gap in access to higher education by providing scholarships to students at WSSU. I encourage you to invest in the future of Winston-Salem State University by giving to help fund our endowment.

I am proud to serve as your national president, and I thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Victor Bruinton". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Victor L. Bruinton '82
National Alumni Association President

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class notes

'80s



'82, Mr. Vincent Crenshaw released an inspirational jazz CD, *Be Quiet*, on March 31 with his group 'Total Silence'. Crenshaw is a guitarist with the band. The CD can be purchased online at Digistation.com. It was recorded and produced by Forrest McFeeters, Ph.D. ('90 & '95), owner and founder of Dynamic Media Services in Kernersville, N.C. Crenshaw has a degree

in music education, and is pursuing his music full time. He lives in Kernersville and is married with three children. McFeeters is married and lives in Winston-Salem, N.C.

'90s

'95, Dr. Raphael C. Heaggans has recently published a new book titled *The 21st Century Hip-Hop Minstrel Show: Are We Continuing the Blackface Tradition*. The book discusses how some elements of hip-hop music have roots in slavery and how some of the negative elements serve as a miseducator to youth by psychologically enslaving them so that they exhibit behaviors and attitudes that contradict their rich history, struggle, and persecution. Such miseducation continues perpetuating "Black stereotypes" enacted by the minstrel shows when racists in "Blackface" would passionately and with cruelty use this entertainment as a means of mocking African-American culture. Listed with Amazon.com.

'97, Mr. William S. Crews graduated from Ross University's School of Medicine in December 2008.

'98, Capt. Vanessa Moses of Pope Air Force Base has received the 2008 Air Force Flight Nurse of the Year Award in the category for lieutenants and captains. The Air Force Nurse Corps

presented the award to Moses, who graduated from Pine Forest High School in 1990 and is assigned to the 43rd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron. As a flight nurse, she takes care of sick and injured patients flying on Air Force transport airplanes from the Middle East to Germany or the United States. She is the daughter of Melvin and Patsy Moses of Fayetteville, N.C. Moses graduated from WSSU with a bachelor's degree in nursing after spending eight years in the Army Reserve as a licensed practical nurse. She began her Air Force career in 2000 as an obstetrics nurse before arriving at Pope in 2006.

'00s

'01, Cortney H. Wilson, fitness specialist, will debut Zumba Fitness at the 2009 National Association of Black Journalists convention in Tampa, Fla., Aug. 5-8. The national convention draws nearly 6,000 journalists of color each year. Wilson has been a member of NABJ since 2001. Visit NABJ.org or FiFElement.com for more information.

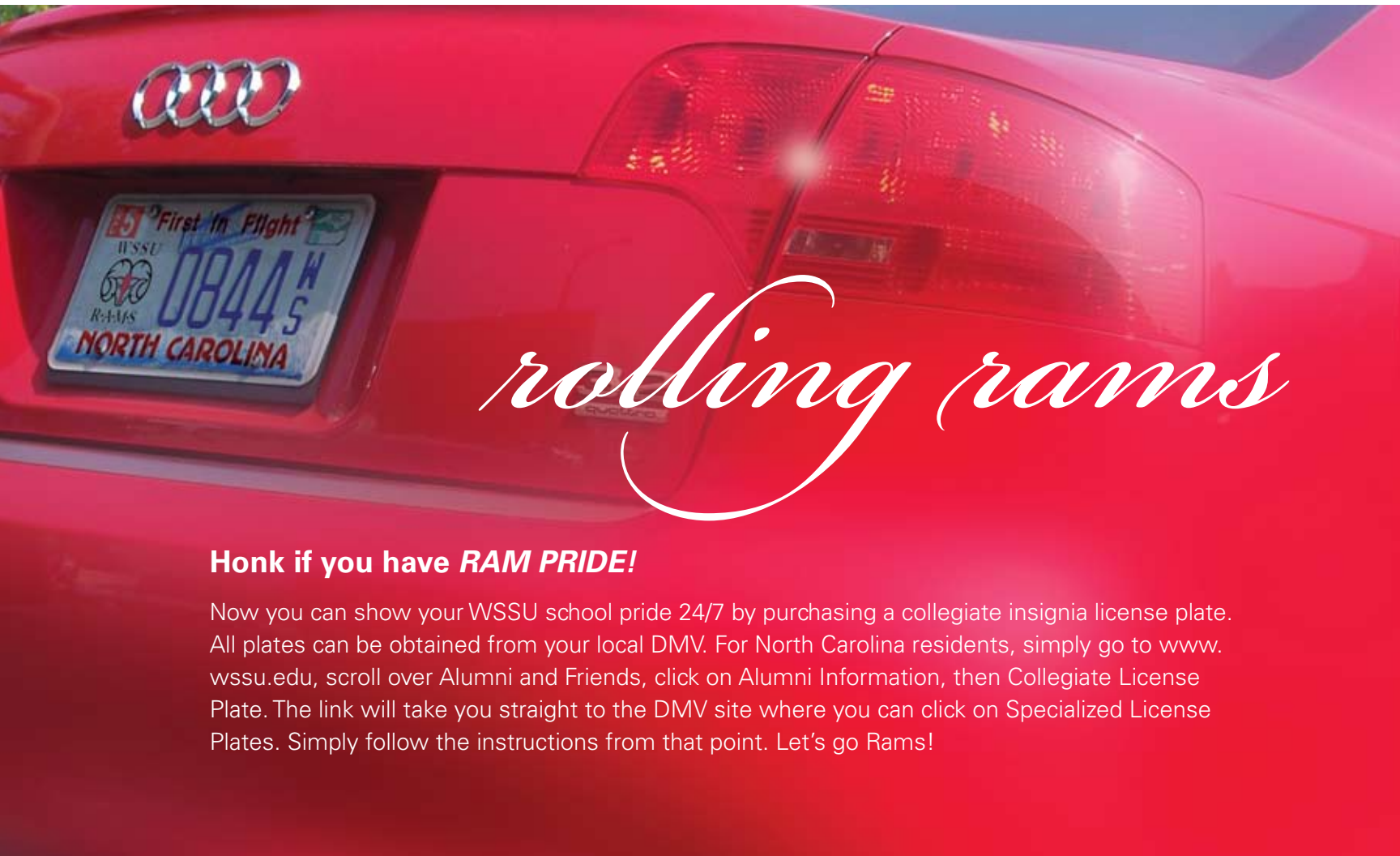
'02, Ms. Alexandra D. Stevens graduated from Ross University's School of Medicine in December 2008.

'06, Ms. Robyn Floyd was recently hired by the T. Howard Foundation as an administrative assistant. Howard has also been selected to participate in NAMIC's L. Patrick Mellon Mentorship Program. Robyn's mentor is Diane Blackwood, regional vice president, customer care of Time Warner Cable in Greensboro, N.C. The L. Patrick Mellon Mentorship Program was developed to facilitate diversity in the communications industry by establishing strategic mentoring partnerships that can provide career guidance and counseling. The relationship with the mentor should enhance industry networking opportunities and job-related skill sets. The L. Patrick Mellon Mentorship Program will last for a term of nine months.

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