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Black Alumni Weekend 2007

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12
5—7 p.m.: Registration/Senior Networking Reception
**7:30 p.m.: BAW Step Show
10 p.m.—2 a.m.: After-party
10 p.m.—12 a.m.: Social at Macado's

SATURDAY OCTOBER 13
9 a.m.—12 p.m.: Registration
9—11 a.m.: Continental Brunch
10 a.m.—11:30 a.m.: "State of the Black Community" Discussion Session
11 a.m.—12 p.m.: Campus Tour
12—6 p.m.: BAW Barbecue and Highlander Festival
**3—5 p.m.: Alumni Basketball Game
5 p.m.: RUBAC Business Meeting
7—10 p.m.: Family Banquet
10 p.m.—1 a.m.: Rock-N-Bowl (Sponsored by Campus Recreation and CAB/BAP)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
11 a.m.—1 p.m.: Farewell Brunch

Reaching Back
and
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This year's theme for Black Alumni Weekend is "Reaching Back and Pushing Forward", to represent the desire of the Radford University Black Alumni Chapter to extend a helping and supportive hand to the current students of Radford University. As alumni, we recognize our responsibility to serve as guides and mentors for those following in our footsteps.

Friday's networking reception will include Radford seniors. Alumni and current students will have the opportunity to meet and greet one another and make contacts for the future. Be sure to have your business cards available.

The BAW Step Show will be bigger and better this year. This year's event to be held in Preston Auditorium, will feature the current members of RU's chapter of the NPHC. The step show will be followed by the traditional after-party in Heth Ballroom. Please plan to be present at these events and support this organization and all its community service efforts.

Saturday morning will begin with a continental brunch in the Office of Multicultural and International Services. Following brunch, our first "State of the Black Community" discussion will be held. This event will allow current students to discuss their experiences on campus and in the classroom with alumni. This event will encourage an open conversation between RU's future and past. It will enable us as alumni to determine what programs or services are needed and how we can accommodate students in their future college years as well as their post-graduate years.

Remembering Tameca Hopson



Tameca Shannon Hopson
(December 1, 1971 - May 9, 2007)

We express our sincere condolences to the family of Tameca Hopson, a 1994 Radford University graduate and member of RUBAC. Tameca passed away on May 9 2007 and her funeral was held on May 14 at Maple Street Baptist Church and she was laid to rest at Williams Memorial Park in Roanoke, VA.

An excerpt from her obituary:

"Tameca Shannon Hopson, 35, of Roanoke, passed away on Wednesday, May 9, 2007. She attended Roanoke City Schools and was a 1994 graduate of Radford University with a B.S. in Social Work. Tameca was a member of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority. She is survived by two beautiful children, daughter, Taylor Simone Hopson and son, Tre Alexander Hopson; parents, Debra (Ron) Bright and Perry (Zelma) Hopson; sisters, Michelle L. Hopson, Stephanie N. Bright, Cheryl R. Hopson, Denyce Hopson and Monique Hopson; stepbrother, Dionne Hilton; grandmother, Vivian Hopson; three nieces; two nephews and one great-nephew; aunts, Alice King, Ava Calloway, Elizabeth McCadden, Meleta Johnson, Melissa Taylor, Ellen (Donald) Strange, Macie (David) Johnson, Shelby Gene (Milton) LeGarde and Rita Hopson; uncles, Vernon Hopson, Terry Hopson, Wayne Taylor, Tony Taylor, Rudy (Brenda) Taylor; and a host of other relatives and friends."

From Hamlar-Curtis Funeral Home

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed." Booker T. Washington (1856—1915).



As we conclude our first complete year as an official chapter of the Alumni Association, it is imperative that we elect leadership for our chapter. We are now accepting nominations for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. Elected individuals will hold office until fall of 2009.

A form has been created to accept these nominations. Please nominate no more than two individuals per office. The individuals with the most nominations will be introduced in the second quarter newsletter along with information about each. Nominations will end on May 1, 2007. Elections will take place during Black Alumni Weekend 2007.

www.radfordblackalumni.com/surveys/survey.php?s_id=5

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We are pleased that this year's BAW will coincide with an RU tradition, the Highlanders Festival. Returning for its 12th year, the Highlanders Festival will feature music and cultural games and exhibits for all ages. The BAW Barbecue will be held at 12 p.m. on Saturday. This is the perfect opportunity for alumni to partake in both events. For more information on the Highlanders Festival, click here for the [official flyer](#).

Another old tradition returns at 3 p.m. on Saturday. Sign up for the alumni basketball game now if you haven't done so already. This is a fun event to watch as our alum attempt to reclaim their youth. Please be there to support everyone who is brave enough to sign up!

Following the basketball game, RUBAC will hold its annual business meeting. Several important items are on the agenda, including the revival of Minority Visitation Weekend and BAW 2008. Most importantly, RUBAC officers will be announced at this meeting. If you have not submitted your nominations for RUBAC officers, please do so immediately. You can find the nomination form at www.radfordblackalumni.com/surveys/survey.php?s_id=5.

This year's banquet will be fun for all. There will be music and games and a casual atmosphere for family members of all ages. The first ever BAW Awards will be awarded at this year's banquet. Please complete the questionnaire at http://www.radfordblackalumni.com/surveys/survey.php?s_id=6 and attend the banquet to see if you're a winner. After the banquet, make your way over to "The Bonnie" for Rock-N-Bowl, sponsored by Campus Recreation and the Campus Activities and Black Awareness Programming Boards.

BAW 2007 will wrap with a Farewell Brunch on Sunday in the Heth Faculty Club. Enjoy a meal and bid friends farewell, until the next RUBAC event.

Please make BAW a priority this year. The attendance for BAW in 2006 was greater than in 2005 and we would like 2007 to be even bigger. Make plans to attend today! We look forward to seeing you in October.

The Highlanders Festival 2007 and will take place on Saturday, October 13 from 9 a.m.—6 p.m. See the official flyer for event locations and additional information.

Other Notes . . .

- ***Once you receive your log-in information for the RUBAC Alumni Directory, please keep it handy. If you have problems logging in, send an e-mail to webmaster@radfordblackalumni.com***
- ***If you are a recent RU graduate, please be sure to update your e-mail address with us when your radford.edu account is no longer active. Many e-mails are being returned because the account has been terminated.***
- ***Don't forget to submit your information to be included in the Alumni Directory, the Newsletter Spotlight, website Profile, and the "On the Move" page. Let's stay informed about our illustrious alumni!***
- ***Check the website often for new surveys and forms. We want to hear from you!***
- ***If you wish to be removed from our mailing list, send an e-mail to webmaster@radfordblackalumni.com with "unsubscribe" in the subject line.***



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The RUBAC News can be sent via U.S. mail if you wish to receive a hardcopy. Please send an e-mail making your wishes known.

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