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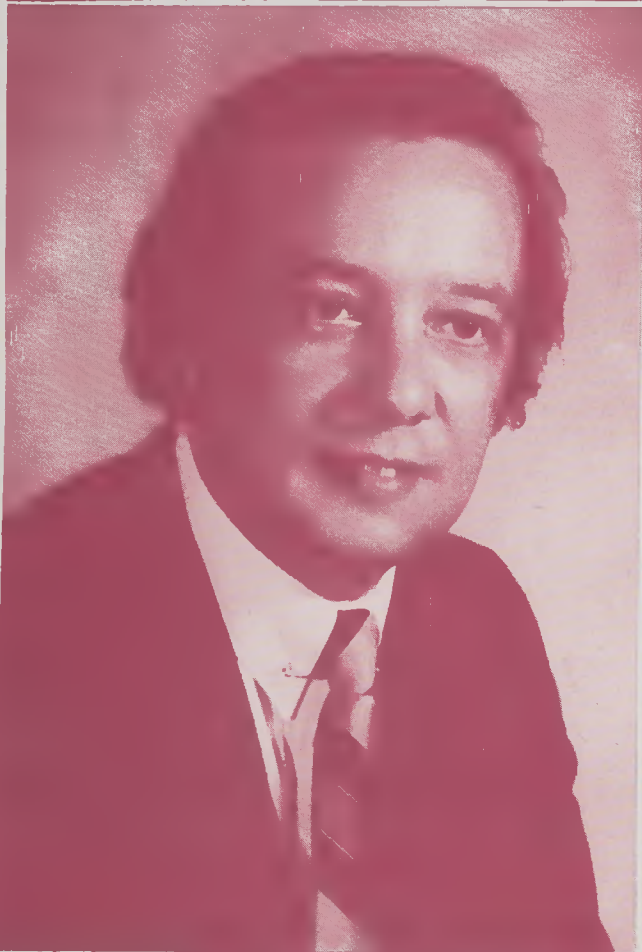
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Above is NCCU alumnus, Dr. S. Dallas Simmons, featured speaker for the Convention's Maroon and Gray Banquet Saturday, July 13, at 8 p.m.

## Russell delivers commencement address

by Reginald Smith

NCCU's 75th Diamond Anniversary Commencement was held Sunday May 12, at 9:00 a.m. at O'Kelly Stadium.

The graduates of the class of 1985 were extra special because their class marked 75 years of Truth and Service.

To mark this special occasion, Attorney Patricia A. Russell, delivered the commencement address.

Russell, who is currently one of the hottest speakers on the national circuit, is also president of Patricia A. Russell Consultants.

But not only does attorney Russell have extra ordinary abilities as a national public speaker—she is a member of the U.S. Supreme Court, the District of Columbia, and the National Bar Association.

In May of 1981, Congressman Louis Stokes of Ohio entered her speech "If Not You—Who?, If Not Now—When?" in the Congressional Records.

Attorney Russell's address to the graduating seniors was most fitting as she constantly reminded them of the challenge ahead.

Three Honorary Degrees were conferred.

Mr. Marshall B. Bass was conferred the Doctor of Laws from NCCU. Mr. Bass is a corporate vice-president at R.J. Reynolds and responsible for the corporate wide administration of federal contract compliance and equal employment opportunity programs. He also develops and implements non-discriminatory personnel policies and practices as well as coordinates R.J. Reynolds minority business enterprise program.

The Doctor of Humanities was conferred to Miss Pauline F. Newton, an alumnae of NCCU.

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## Diamond Anniversary celebration continues

# Durham chapter to host National Alumni Convention

Graduates representing at least 60 of NCCU's 75 years of history are expected to return to Durham for the Diamond Anniversary Alumni Convention beginning July 11.

NCCU opened its doors for a chautauqua on July 10, 1910. Under its founder and first president, the university operated under five different names between 1910 and 1947, when Dr. James E. Shepard died.

There may be no representatives of the National Religious Training School and Chautauqua's classes of 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, or 1915 in attendance. Those classes were small and many of the members have died. The university still has active alumni from the National Training School, 1915-1923, and from the Durham Normal State School, 1923-1925.

In 1925, North Carolina College for Negroes became the first state-supported liberal arts college for black people in the United States.

Before Dr. Shepard's death in 1947, the name of the institution was changed to North Carolina College at Durham. It became North Carolina University in 1969 to reflect the graduate and professional programs.

The Diamond Anniversary Alumni Convention, also the university's tenth annual National Alumni Convention, will overlap by two days with the Diamond Anniversary Chautauqua—five days of lectures and discussions being planned by a committee under Dr. Cecil L. Patterson to examine NCCU's future on its sesquicentennial, 75 years from today.

Most alumni convention activities are scheduled for the Sheraton University Center. They include workshops on July 12 and 13, a luncheon on July 12, and the Maroon and Gray Banquet on July 13.

Speaking at the Friday luncheon will be Dr. Tyrone R. Richmond, Dean of the NCCU

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## Scholarship to honor Ellis

by Quantella Williams

The Durham Chapter of NCCU Alumni has established a scholarship in honor of the late Clarence H. Ellis.

Ellis served the Durham Chapter for many years and held the office of president during the 1983-1984 term.

It was during his tenure as president that the chapter established the "Charitable Giving Through Life Insurance", project.

The funds for the scholarship resulted from the life insurance proceeds of \$31,010.18 which the chapter donated to the NCCU Foundation for administration of scholarships.

The Scholarship Committee of the Durham Chapter is responsible for formulating guidelines for the administration and selection.

The committee has set the following guidelines: the scholarship shall be used primarily for recruiting high school students that the committee feels exemplify Ellis' character and aspirations. Before a final selection is made, individuals will be interviewed by a Committee comprised of key representatives of the association and the university. Once accepted, the recipient will be recognized publicly.

The recipient shall be called, A Clarence Ellis Scholar. He or she will be eligible for the award the entire four year tenure at NCCU, providing that requalification is validated. The first scholarship will be awarded at the beginning of the 1986-1987 academic year. This scholarship is one of the most significant projects implemented by the Durham Chapter. We are therefore motivated to con-

tinue support and fundraising for this worthy cause.

Presently, the chapter has life insurance policies totaling a \$100,000 that will be used to financially uplift scholarship programs at the university. If just a small fraction of Alumni would make the commitment that the Durham chapter and others have made, in time there would be millions of dollars to support the long

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What's a Smile!

Sandra Staton, NCCU alumnae takes time out of her busy schedule to flash a big Eagle smile for the photographer. For more on Staton turn to page 3.